



**Northern Illinois Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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# Bishop Election



The day is quickly approaching for the Service of Holy Communion and Installation of our Bishop-elect, the Reverend Jeffrey Clements! The service is on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. This is being held at First Lutheran, 225 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Rockford, IL

61104. Congregations of North Conference will be helping to make this day special. A reception will be held after the service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3800 Rural St. Rockford, IL 61107. There will be shuttle service starting at 8:30 a.m. if you would like to park at Our Savior's. The shuttle service will take you to First Lutheran for the service and bring you back to Our Saviors for the reception afterwards.

Grace is being asked to provide five volunteers to help before, during, or after the Service and Reception and for 15 dozen cookies/bars for the reception.

Volunteers for the reception at Our Savior's, please be at the Shepard's Gate building by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24 and volunteers will be helping until the end of the reception.

If you are bringing cookies or bars, they are asking for no pre-packaged varieties, only homemade please. Cookies should be small to medium rather than large. Bar cookies should be cut into 1 ½ - 2 inch squares. Please bring the donations to Grace by Friday, September 23, no later than 12:00 p.m. in a disposable container.

If you have any questions or would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Mary Frykman at 815-633-8075 or email her at [mfrykman@gracelovespark.org](mailto:mfrykman@gracelovespark.org).



## ***Mission Trip St. Louis 2016***

Emani, Amanda Kenney, Joey Leese, Allison Lawrence, Ashley Graves, Josie Foss, Samantha Peterson, Carson Meyer, Riza, Santino, Arthur, JoAnna Patterson, Stacie Leese, Corey Peek, Amanda Wallace, Jon Houy, Logan Barger, Caleb Meyer, Emily Hudak, Nolan Gruner, Jacob Schoenberg, Alex Ortland, and Reed Ortland.

We had an amazing week living and learning on the north side of St. Louis. We built lots of new relationships and participated in serving in many different ways. From gardening and cooking to working with children and doing odd jobs for the elderly, we did a lot! Even though we stayed on the floor of a classroom at a church, and had to drive to the local Y to shower every day, this group kept a positive attitude and was always willing to lend an hand.

We also had an opportunity to see how much we take for granted. There are many challenges people face just because of where they were born and what they look like, but we were able to see that no matter where they were from or what they looked like they were a child of God just like us! We were able to have important conversations about race and privilege, and how that plays out systemically in our society. We got to experience life as never before, and we learned a lot as well as being able to serve! So proud of these people!

## ***Confirmation Camp 2016***

Cole Buelow, Aiden Gruner, Blake Cannell, Parker Scott, Bella Cannell, Kylee Semenchuk, Gracie Foss, Katie Kroos, Joey Leese, Michael Anderson, Caleb Meyer, Hayden Daft, Christopher Patterson, Evan and Evan.

Our kids didn't know each other all that well before we left for camp at Lutherdale. We spent time studying the bible, challenged by low ropes, enjoying the waterslide and playing gaga ball. They built relationships with kids in confirmation from other churches as well as the amazing staff of the camp. But the most wonderful thing to watch was them build relationships with each other. They were gracious and supportive and by the end of the week they were working as a team and surmounting challenges with speed and style!! The above picture is after they completed the challenge of getting everyone through the spider's web, without touching the web, or using the same hole twice! They are an amazing group!

