



"Can I Use Your Article?"

It appears that you can find almost anything on the internet - including an article I wrote for a past Newsletter about Rally Day. Someone from a church in Tennessee emailed and asked if they could use it - with a few tweaks (I'm assuming they'll need to toss in "y'all" a few times :)) Anyway, since Rally Day is just over a month away, I thought I might as well print it again too. Here it is:

"What is Rally Day? It's just for kids isn't it?"

Taking the last question first: No, Rally Day isn't just for kids. It is for everyone in the church.

Now, I'll answer the first question, so you can see why it is for everyone.

Webster's Dictionary defines "rally" as:

1) a verb "to draw or call together for a common purpose"

2) a noun meaning "a renewal of energy in joint action"

During the summer, our many activities and vacations and events continually draw congregation members away from each other - especially on weekends.

Summer can also be a spiritually draining time. You start the summer with the good intentions of sticking to your Bible-reading schedules. Good intentions of worshiping regularly. Good intentions of listening to the Daily Devotion. But the reality is that summer's hectic schedules can easily derail us from those good intentions. By the end of summer, we need "a renewal of energy" when it comes to spiritual matters.

It's hard to renew your energy on your own. It's MUCH easier in a group. That's why we set aside one special day at the end of the summer to "rally" - to "draw together for a common purpose" - seeking the Holy Spirit's power to "renew our energy" for worship, for digging into God's Word, for praying, for serving, and for witnessing.

On Sunday, September 7, we will be "drawing together, renewing our energy for the common purpose" of growing in our trust in and obedience to Jesus Christ. We have special "rally" activities planned for both kids and adults starting during the Christian growth hour at 9:00. (And remember, the worship service goes back to 10:00 a.m. on Rally Sunday.)

Thanks for asking
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Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Editor's note... Yes, over 15 years of "Questions for Pastor" can be found on our website at <https://www.livingwordlutheran.net/questions.htm>

