



# No Name News

## Who Am I?

I graduated from college a little over two months ago. I already find myself missing school. I knew it would feel strange come fall when others would be heading back to school. After all, I have been in school for the past 19 years. But who misses school in the middle of the summer? Maybe I miss school because now that I am done, I feel like I am missing a fundamental part of my identity. 19 years remember? That is a long time when you are only 22. So, like the nerd that I am, I started going back through old course syllabuses from some of my favorite classes. I came across a poem that I thought appropriate to share. The poem is written by one of my favorite theologians, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran living during World War II. He was part of a resistance movement against the Nazis and was imprisoned for the role he played in an assassination plot against Hitler. He was executed just days before his camp was liberated. He wrote this poem from his prison cell.

Who Am I?  
 Who am I? They often tell me I would step from my cell's confinement  
 calmly, cheerfully, firmly, like a squire from his country-house.  
 Who am I? They often tell me I would talk to my warders  
 freely and friendly and clearly, as though it were mine to command.  
 Who am I? They also tell me I would bear the days of misfortune  
 equably, smilingly, proudly, like one accustomed to win.  
 Am I then really all that which other men tell of?  
 or am I only what I know of myself,  
 restless and longing and sick, like a bird in a cage,  
 struggling for breath, as though hands were compressing  
 my throat,  
 yearning for colors, for flowers, for the voices of birds,  
 thirsting for words of kindness, for neighborliness,  
 trembling with anger at despotisms and petty humiliation,  
 tossing in expectation of great events,  
 powerlessly trembling for friends at an infinite distance,  
 weary and empty at praying, at thinking, at making,  
 faint, and ready to say farewell to it all?

Who am I? This or the other?  
 Am I one person today, and tomorrow another?  
 Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others,  
 and before myself a contemptibly woebegone weakling?  
 Or is something within me still like a beaten army,  
 fleeing in disorder from a victory already achieved?

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.  
 Whoever I am, thou knowest, O God, I am thine.

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906-1945)

As youth and even young adults, we spend a lot of time trying to figure out who we are, trying to become our own people. We have several identities – students, musicians, friends, sons and daughters, nerds, jocks, the list can go on and on. Sometimes how we see ourselves is different even from how other people think of us. So as we go through our middle school years, high school years, and even head off to college, searching and discovering little by little who we are, rest assured, be confident and rejoice that when we wake up each morning and at the end of each day, we are God's.

End of Summer  
 Lock Ins  
 7pm–9am

### August 20-21

M/S Youth (includes youth entering 6th grade thru entering 9th grade)

### August 27–28

S/H Youth (includes youth entering 9th grade thru entering 13th grade)



If you read this correctly you will see that the 9th graders can attend both lock ins :)

## Arts Festival August 2-6

## 9am–noon

One last reminder for the Arts Festival.

This year the Arts Festival will include:

- General Crafts
- Stained Glass
- Advanced Art

- Beginner Cooking
- And Plays Well with Others...
- Along with games and snack time.

Where do you fit in?

Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please sing up ASAP

to help out with this year's program.



### Special points of interest:

- 8/02 Arts Festival
- 8/13 Girls Retreat
- 8/20 M/S Lock in
- 8/27 S/H Lock in
- 9/17 S/H Gathering

## Did you know...



Nick's team took 3rd place in the Chelan Man race... Marit jumped into a milkshake... Ross M. is very ready for senior year... Andrea & Aubryn have been AWOL this summer (miss you) ... Isaiah, Hailey, Abbey, Noah, Nicole and Madison are moving up to M/S youth group... Woot! Woot!... Alexis has been working for her uncle... Kieran has been taking a lot of hikes... Leinie, Lexi and



Marina can shove unusual amounts of bubble gum in their mouths... Michael has been spending time on the water and

in the ball field... Nate has his driver's license... Kristen has been doing the cherry thing... Caroline and Emily are chillin' in Montana... Molly is doing some bike riding... Carrie is spending a lot of time in the sun... Brady is playing pickleball... Grady has been hanging with a younger crowd... Brita = work... Sonja is excited about camp... Hannah has been a social butterfly this summer... Stephanie is doing great in her skating competitions... Cole is a great guardian of crazy high school students... If you need a ceiling fan put in, contact Brady



and Lexi... Tanner spent some time in Pullman... Annie & Gabe are mourning the loss of their g'pa—hugs to you!... Collin has been hanging out on facebook... I'm looking forward to seeing Matt, Katrina & Josh... Daria is perfecting her prank pulling... Cassandra knows how to sneak up on people standing by the pool... Tristan has been out of town... Ross G. takes awesome roller coaster pictures... Where's Shilo?... That's all folks!



## 7-12 Grade Girls Weekend Retreat August 13-15

Join Rachel Kurtz, Christian musician and all around amazing woman for:

- Fun
- Music
- Food
- Reflection
- Friends

This is a chance to address some of the junk we each face in our lives. Various college and post-college girls will add to the discussions with their own knowledge and experiences. Besides all that there will be time for playing and

hanging out with one another. The cost is \$20 and includes all activities and meals for the weekend. Sign up by August 6.



## S/H Youth Gathering

## Other stuff to know about...

**"THE ROAD"**  
**September 17-19, 2010**  
**Lutherhaven**  
**Musician—Rachel Kurtz**  
**\$135 per person includes all meals**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

Youth Quake...  
 November 19-21, 2010  
 Middle School Youth  
 At a Quake you will have a weekend full of Christian music, amazing speakers and opportunities to put your faith in action.  
 \$129 per person



**We put our hope in the Lord.**  
**He is our help and our shield.**  
**- Psalm 33:20**