



Pilgrimage to Israel & Istanbul
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To the congregation of Vernon Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The purpose of this communication is to see who would be interested in joining us on a Pilgrimage to Israel & Istanbul in the fall of 2024. A few months ago, Pastor John and Shari Higgins met with Chris Manke and Yair & Amos Mazur (brothers) that are the tour guides for this pilgrimage.

This communication is the first of many steps in this process. Chris Manke from our Synod office will join us for some of these early meetings (The first being May 21st @ noon) to provide pertinent information and to answer questions. He has gone on many pilgrimages with Yair and Amos and has said the experiences were amazing. He will be able to give us general pricing in those meetings, however, final pricing will not be confirmed until we are 11 months out from the trip. The more people that join us, the lower the cost!

Parents: We need your help! All youth that have been a part of our Youth Ministry over the years are invited to go. Past and present. Because we do not have contact information for all of our past youth we are asking the parents to please share this information with them.

After we find out how many youth want to go, we will let them know if there is any cost for them. Our youth have been the core of our Church for many years. Due to their hard work in fundraising over the years, we have funds in our youth account that may be used for this trip.

If you are interested in learning more about the trip please join, us on Sunday, May 21st @ noon. Chris Manke will be joining us to answer any questions you have.

Blessing to you all,

Any questions please see Shari Higgins or Pastor John.