



## **OUTREACH PARTNERS WITH GSE & YMCA FOR BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY**

No matter what form school will take this fall—in-person instruction, online only, or a combination of both—children will need supplies. Patti Meacham and Candy Simms have taken the lead in planning this year's **Back to School Rally Event to be August 15th from 9am-1pm**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's rally will look very different. Parents will register online and then receive their children's backpacks at a drive through site, where volunteers, wearing masks and gloves, will check registrations and distribute the backpacks of school supplies. Gethsemane & Garden Springs Elementary volunteers will join with Cardinal Valley Elementary at their school site. Unfortunately, there will be no activities held for the children, as we have done in the past, in order to not risk spread of the virus with such a large gathering.

**The YMCA already has good news and praise to share.** The need for rally volunteers was met quickly and wholeheartedly, and no more volunteers are needed at this time. Also, the YMCA met their fundraising goal of \$40,000 in only a matter of weeks!

**You can still help! Monetary donations to cover the cost of extra supplies** are still being accepted in the church office through August 5. Make checks payable to *Gethsemane Lutheran Church* and designate all donations as Outreach: Back to School Event.

**Pray for the success of this event.** The Back to School Event has been a favorite Outreach project each year. Although we are unable to have the joy of interacting with the families, we can still show God's love with our generosity of donations to get these children the supplies they need for a successful year in school.

Please contact Outreach chairperson, Karen Sorrell [kesorrell@gmail.com](mailto:kesorrell@gmail.com) with question or comments about this event. THANKS!

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