

ELCA Youth of Birmingham – July 14 2016

As previously mentioned, this month BR3T has volunteer groups from all over this nation assisting us this month. This week, we have two churches from Birmingham Alabama in town and working on a home in Wimberley. This team of 11 youth and 3 adults are members of Shades Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). While they are here, they are staying at the First Presbyterian Church in Seguin.

The team is also a mix of experience with mission trips. For a few of the youth this was their first trip, for others this was the third or fourth. Julia, one of the adults serving on the team served as a youth member on two trips and now is back as an adult leader. Marsha, another of the adult leaders is on her fifteenth mission trip. John Boettner, the third adult leader also serves as the Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Coordinator for the Southeastern Synod of ELCA. This team is honestly dedicated to serving others.



The home they are working on in Wimberley was flooded during the All Saints storm and repairs have been financed by Barnabas Connection. This crew has been working on finishing work on a new deck, building stairs, replacing damaged siding and painting.



A comment that was made by one of the youth was that he liked these mission trips as it provided an opportunity to work together to benefit the community and an opportunity to teach and share skills with each other. He recognizes the fact that a good team works together to make the whole greater than just the sum of its parts.