

Youth Group News

Fall 2022

National Youth Gathering Wrap-up

We DID IT! Seventeen of us made it to the National Youth Gathering in Houston. We had a great faith growing experience through Bible studies, speakers, & amazing music. We met new friends, had fun at Galveston Beach, helped others, and survived the heat. None of it could have happened without the fabulous adults chaperones. Many thanks to Pastor Rogers, Tony Pavlovsky, Bert Dale, and Bonnie Dale who not only endured TWO 20 hour drives but survived a week of life with 20,000 teenagers.

Looking forward to the next Gathering? It will be in New Orleans in 2025. Those currently in grades 6-11 will be eligible.

Winter Xtreme

What's Winter Xtreme? A weekend for middle & high school youth at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, WI on **March 3-5, 2023**. The camp provides lodging, meals, snacks, worship, and awesome winter activities. A \$25 deposit will reserve your spot. Don't miss out– the deadline to register is October 9.

Advent Dinners

Youth families serve meals to the congregation during the 3 Wednesdays in Advent. Volunteers provide the food. This is an important way to serve at Trinity and we also receive generous donations. You can sign up at the Parent Meeting on September 25.

Fundraising

The fall and early winter are full of fundraising opportunities. Money raised is put into our youth account for use in events like Winter Xtreme or the National Youth Gatherings. Because of the hard work done by families over the years we were able to send 12 youth to this year's Gathering with each person only having to pay the \$150 registration fee. Let's work together to keep making these important events affordable for our youth.

Not only are these events a great way to earn funds, they provide opportunities for youth and families to build meaningful relationships. Lastly, our church needs our help. So – sign up to help out whenever you are able. Please.

And now - Here is your fall/winter 2022 youth group calendar:

Sundays, Beginning September 18 @ 9:15 AM Bible Study with Pastor Rogers for grade 6-adult

I'm so excited for parents to have a chance to attend a class with their kids. The lessons and discussions will be based on video clips from the vintage television show, "Andy Griffith". Meet in The Trinity Center.

Tuesday, September 20 @ 6:30 – 7:30 THE PROJECTS Open House

THE PROJECTS is an after-school program for kids in junior high. It meets in 4 week sessions 3—4 times a year. THE PROJECTS is run by volunteers who understand the importance of building relationships with youth.

Join us at the open house to:

- See what a day at THE PROJECTS is all about.
- Meet the mentors
- Participate in some sample projects in the kitchen, craft room, and workshop
- Learn how to be a participant in the upcoming Fall Session
- Find out about volunteer opportunities.

Sunday, September 25 @ 11:30 – Youth Family Meeting

Parents and youth are invited to meet with Pastor Rogers, Mary, and me to learn what's about what's coming up this year. Meet in the youth lounge after the late service. (There will be snacks).

Sunday, October 9 Winter Xtreme \$25 Deposit is DUE

Last year we waited too long to register and the event was full. Don't miss out this year! *Total cost is \$155 with the balance due on February 5.* Fundraising proceeds can be used to offset the cost.

Wednesday, October 19 @ 4:00 Confirmation Class Begins

I'm there by 3:30 for those who would like to come straight from school. Snacks are available until class starts at 4:00. The confirmation class is invited to join the high school youth for dinner at 6:00.

Tuesday, October 18 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

Friday, October 21 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Halloween Happenings

Villa Park Rec is holding a Halloween event at the Iowa Community Center for organizations from the community to hand out treats and information. We're participating as THE PROJECTS & Trinity youth. Want to be involved? Help will be needed in preparing decorations and treats and at the event on October 21. It wouldn't be a youth booth without youth, so kids, it would be great to have you there.

Tuesday, October 25 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

Tuesday, November 1 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

Tuesday, November 8 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

Saturday, November 12 Anniversary/Italian Dinner

The guys on the B Dart Team are cooking up a delicious dinner and we're helping them clean up. You can sign up at the Parent Meeting.

Sunday, November 20 @ 10:30 – Confirmation Class performs in worship

Arrive at 9:30 to warm up. Mary will tell us more about what she has planned when she speaks at the parent meeting.

Wednesday, November 23 @ 7:00 Thanksgiving Worship

NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES – stay home and help your mom make dinner. And go to worship!

Wednesday, November 30 @ 5:30 Advent Dinner

Wednesday, December 7 @ 5:30 Advent Dinner

Saturday, December 10 @ 9:00 – 11:00 Breakfast with Santa

11:30 – 12:30 Santa Paws (Pictures with pets)

Santa's coming to Trinity! This is one of the most fun and profitable fundraisers we have. Youth AND parents, we need your help – in the kitchen, selling tickets, and as Santa helpers. Will David reprise his role as Rudolph? You won't want to miss this one. Tell your friends and neighbors to come.

Wednesday, December 14 Confirmation Christmas Party & 5:30 Advent Dinner

Party after class! We'll play some holiday style games and have snacks. Bring a White Elephant gift (something from home that you don't use anymore). Extra points for crazy wrapping. After the party we're having dinner together.

Friday, December 16 @ 7:00 High School Christmas Party at Judy's

Party at Judy's! There will be snacks, hot chocolate, games, and maybe even cookie decorating. Don't forget your White Elephant gift!!

Saturday, December 24 @ Noon & 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship

Please note the NEW TIMES for worship this year.

Sunday, December 25 @ 10:00 AM – Christmas Day Worship

A little humor to brighten your day.

New Excuse: I was on my way to church and was almost there when I looked at my phone. It said, "NO SERVICE"... so I turned around and went home.

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