

## Youth Group News

December 2011/January 2012

Whoa Whoa Whoa – Can it really be Christmas time again? I guess it is! You'll find all the holiday happenings later in this newsletter.

But first, -some highlights to share from the last few months:

### Service Projects:

#1. Youth from Trinity partnered with the teens from Redeemer in Elmhurst and St. Paul Villa Park to raise funds for those affected by the tornado in Joplin last spring. They raised \$400 washing cars and an additional \$600 from flat donations. The high school youth made cards to accompany the donations.

#2. Both jr. high and high school youth very generously set up the tables and chairs, served drinks and assisted in kitchen clean-up for the English District dinner in September.

#3. The confirmation class partnered with the ladies from LWML to hold a food drive that benefitted the food pantry at the Uptown Ministries. The pantry was very grateful for the donations and it was great for the 2 groups to get to know each other. Shelby Kampert rewarded the helpers with taffy apples and then everyone shared lunch at McDonald's.

### Fundraisers:

#1. The Rummage Sale: This was a financial success. We owe a special thank-you to the ladies of Dorcas and Warren Sheridan who donated many volunteer hours. And also to all the moms and dads who worked so hard – thanks for everything.

#2. Italian Dinner and Basket Auction: Youth again set up tables, served & washed those dishes. They'll receive a portion of the proceeds from both the meal and the auction.

#3. Advent Dinners: Candy Richardson and Karen Magnuson are behind the scenes for three weeks of kitchen duty making sure the congregation is fed and the youth profit.

The constant effort of many parents and youth has not only made these events possible, but also profitable. We are especially grateful to Karen Magnuson for coordinating volunteers and for the many hours she has worked at the events, too.

### Good times:

#1. Big House Retreat: This year's retreat was like none other ever done before. Trinity joined with 3 other churches, Redeemer Elmhurst, St. Paul Villa Park, and New Hope Villa Park for a retreat at the Stronghold Castle. This was a great experience that will be repeated in the future.

#2. Moms' Night Out: Moms met in the "Trinity Spa" where they were treated to relaxing neck massages given by Katie Boudro, had time to enjoy each other's company, and enjoyed delicious food, too.

#3. College Night: The college kids and young adults had a chance to help out in the community and also time to share dinner on the night before Thanksgiving. They folded napkins and created decorations at the VFW for the Thanksgiving meal served to Naval Recruits before heading over to Hi-View for a meal of their own.

While the last few months have been fairly typical as far as youth activities are concerned, there have been some fun changes going on behind the scenes. With the expansion of the pre-school came an opportunity for the youth to move to a new, more useable and private space in the old nursery school room in the lower level on the south end of the building. There is some maintenance that has been and will need to be done before the move is official. You'll hear more about the changes as they are made.

And here is the calendar for December/January

**Wednesday, December 14: Confirmation Class/Camp C.H.A.O.S. happenings...**

4:00-5:30 Caroling @ Elmhurst Extended Care

This is a confirmation class requirement. Meet in the confirmation room with the enclosed consent form at 4:00. We'll leave right away for the nursing home to sing and visit with the residents. Those not attending the party can be picked up in the parking lot at the regular dismissal time of 5:30

*DON'T FORGET YOUR CONSENT FORM!!*

5:30-7:00 Camp C.H.A.O.S. Christmas Party

Pizza, games, white elephant gifts, hanging out with your friends. Find something funny, odd, or useless around the house, wrap it up and bring for the White Elephant Gift Game.

7:00 Worship – The last Advent mid-week service

**Friday, December 16 @ 6:00-8:00 Big House Christmas Party @ Katie Boudro's Place**

We've got the Big House Christmas party and we've got a new place to hold it. Katie just moved into her house and she invited us over. All you'll need to bring is your White Elephant gift. I hear there's a pool table in her basement. NICE! See you at Katie's: 429 S Summit, Villa Park. Thanks, Katie

**Wednesday, December 21: NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Stay home. Help your mom wrap & bake**

**Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve worship @ 5:30 & 11:00**

**Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day worship @ 8:00 & 10:30**

Yes, it's Christmas AND it's Sunday. So today there are the 2 regular Sunday services.

### **Wednesday, December 28 @ 1:00 Youth Room Project**

High school seniors who are in the mentor group and college kids- we've got some work to do! In case you haven't heard there's a new youth lounge at Trinity and it needs our help! We'll be sanding the walls and puttin' on the paint. I'll bring work materials, food and drinks, you supply some tunes.

### **Thursday, December 29 @ 9:00-2:08 Train Trip to Geneva – Cost: \$9 for train plus money for lunch and shopping.**

You like eating? Check out the candy stores, popcorn shop, bakery, Geneva Diner for lunch. You like shopping? There is the usual – Wild Roots “hippie store”, the toy store, etc. And there's a new place in town – The Back Alley. It's a teen resale shop that has clothes from A&F, Express, AE, Aeropostale plus jewelry, hair accessories, etc. Hey guys, there's plenty of stuff for you, too. And you can stop at the “pop bar” for a cold drink if you get thirsty.

### **Wednesday, January 4 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House Returns**

Do you know Flora – our new friend from Hungary? She is making authentic Hungarian goulash to add to the dinner Mrs. Doyle is making. *And* she is sharing some fun info about her country tonight.

### **Wednesday, January 11: Youth Night**

Finally - we're back to the old routine!

4:00 Confirmation Class

5:30 Camp C.H.A.O.S

6:15 Dinner with the Batjes family

6:30-8:00 Big House

### **Friday, January 13 @ 6:00 – 11:30**

Put it on your calendars NOW and watch your email & Facebook for details soon.

### **Wednesday, January 18: Youth Night**

4:00 Confirmation Class

5:30 Camp C.H.A.O.S

6:15 Dinner with the Stahlke family

6:30-8:00 Big House

### **Wednesday, January 25: Youth Night**

4:00 Confirmation Class

5:30 Camp C.H.A.O.S

6:15 Dinner with the Barry family

6:30-8:00 Big House

### **Friday, January 27 – Sunday, January 29 Youth Quake “Rooted” @ Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort**

1 speaker, 2 bands, 3 days, 40 hours of amazing worship and YOU! It's not too late to sign up. Chandler, Sam, Haley, Kloe, Noah, Eric, Olivia, Nicole, Austin, Sarah, and David are going. Anyone else want to join us? If you're still interested contact me no later than January 8.

### **Sunday, January 29: Dart Tournament #1:**

High school youth – it's your turn to earn Church Bucks by serving food to the guys during their tournament. You'll be contacted with the details.

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#### **Things to look forward to in February:**

February 4: A Chili Cook-Off/Apple Pie Contest

This event will mark the kick-off of official fundraising for the 2013 National Youth Gathering

February 12: Bowl-A-Rama

Raise money for Lutherbrook

February 17-19: Winter Xtreme for High School

February 19: Dart Tournament #2

Junior High youth work this one