

# Youth Group News

## November and December 2021

### Thankfulness

**The Projects Volunteers** The Projects junior high after-school ministry is entirely run by Trinity Volunteers. They donate their time and talents to provide fun, meaningful opportunities for junior high kids in the Villa Park community to learn a variety of life skills. We are thankful for all they do to make this ministry a success: Maggie Myers, Paul Varno, Lori Varno, Cindy Meier, Marilyn Felz, Gary Buehre, Jim Long, Dave Bruschuk, Heather Pavlovsky, Tony Pavlovsky, and Pastor Rogers.

**Blessing Bags** The participants of The Projects would like to thank all who contributed to their Blessing Bags for homeless teens through Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley. They were able to fill 20 bags with generous donations and help from: The Projects volunteers, Flying Hooks & Needles, Dorcas, Trinity Christian Nursery School, UCP Seguin coloring group, The Friday Group, and several private donors. Visit "The Projects at Trinity" Facebook page for pictures.

**Sandi Sullivan, Peter, Aliyah and her friends Shannon & Tabitha** Thanks for cleaning up and packing up the leftovers at the Anniversary/Italian Dinner. All your efforts were appreciated by the people involved in the dinner. And a great big THANKS to the Stewardship Board for donating a portion of the proceeds to the youth for the 2022 National Youth Gathering! And while I'm mentioning thankfulness – I need to include **Peter** for the beautiful painting that he donated for the silent auction.

**Gloria Marchewka** We are thankful for all the work done to organize the American Flag Pallet painting project. From getting a donation of paint from Lombard Ace Hardware and the pallets from her relative, to all the time she spent and blisters she got preparing the pallets, she helped create a successful and fun fundraising event. The youth had a great time painting them. So far we've earned \$215 from sales.

**Pastor Rogers** Trinity is blessed to have a pastor that puts so much importance on the education and growth of the faith of our youth. Someone recently told me how fortunate I was that he just clears the way for me so that I can do my job and have fun with it. They were right.

**Mary Stahlke** God has given us a music director/Kantor who has amazing creativity and gifts to share with our youth. I love the ways that she teaches them the meanings and importance of music and liturgy.

**The Youth Board** Our youth board are our #1 supporters. Paul Varno, Katie Wendorf, Chris Gore, and Gloria Marchewka are an incredibly hard-working, caring group who share their gifts for the love of the youth at Trinity. I seriously couldn't do this without them!

**Parents** Thank you for all the support that you give us as we minister to your children.

**Upcoming** All activities are for youth in both junior high and high school.

Don't forget that Pastor Rogers is teaching Sunday School. We are studying events leading up to the Exodus. So far we've learned about Joseph and his forgiveness of his brothers and are now hearing the stories of Moses. Lessons that shouldn't be missed!

December is going to be a very busy time where a lot of help will be needed. Once we get through the hectic weeks we can relax and celebrate with some fun activities. We're blessed with so many ways to serve and be served at Trinity.

Coming up in December are Advent dinners. The congregation donates food and the youth serve it. This year we're also doing meals to go. Of course, this is not possible without a lot of hands to help. Please contact me to sign-up to prepare food, help in the kitchen from 5:00 – 6:30 or sell to-go meals after the 7:00 worship.

**Wednesday, November 24 @ Noon - Santa's Helpers Visit Villa Park.** Santa has let us borrow his reindeer and elf costumes to promote our Breakfast with Santa event on December 11. Today we'll put on the costumes and hand out flyers around town. Join us! There's no school. You get to walk around town in a costume. It's just fun.

**Wednesday, November 24 NO CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**Wednesday, November 24 @ 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve worship.** Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for the food pantry.

**Sunday, November 28: Winter Xtreme \$25 Deposit Due** Last call to sign up. We need to reserve our spots! What's Winter Xtreme? A weekend for middle & high school at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, WI on **March 4-6, 2022**. They provide lodging, meals, snacks, worship, and awesome winter activities. There's tubing, tobogganing, a broom ball tournament and more. *Total cost is \$155 with the balance due on February 6.* Got questions? I've got answers, so ask me.

**Wednesday, December 1 Advent Dinner @ 5:00 – 6:30 #1 Chili**

The youth board would love to have your help.

**Wednesday, December 8 Advent Dinner #2 - Sloppy Joe Dinner & Santa Breakfast Set-Up**

Lots to do tonight. In addition to serving dinner, we're also setting up tables for the Santa Breakfast. Save us – come help out. Please.

**Friday, December 10 @ 7:00 Santa Breakfast Prep** How can you help? Set up Santa's backdrops, set the tables for breakfast, organize tables for the craft market, cut and package fruit cups, and...

**Saturday, December 11 @ 9:00 – 11:00: Santa Breakfast AND 11:30 – 12:30 Santa Paws**

Join the youth attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston as they raise funds for the trip. On the menu is Pastor Rogers' famous pancakes, sausage, fruit cups, juice, coffee & hot chocolate. Santa and his helpers will be available for photos, there will be a craft market with items to sell from The Projects, the youth, and other Trinity groups, along with a bake sale (bakers needed) and Katie will be giving massages! Contact me for details if you are able to volunteer! Thrivent Financial is sponsoring the event, so we will share a portion of the proceeds with the coffee shop knitting group, who are also collecting worsted weight yarn for their charity projects.

**Wednesday, December 15 @ 5:00 Advent Dinner #3 – Pulled Chicken Sandwiches**

**Friday, December 17 @ 6:30 Youth Group Christmas Party at Judy's house**

Dinner. White Elephant Gift Exchange - you know, wrap up something you have around your house that you don't want anymore. Crazy wrapping is encouraged. Cookie Decorating Contest, Games, & Other Stuff.

**Wednesday, December 22 NO COFIRMATION CLASS. WE'LL SEE YOU ON JANUARY 12, 2022.**

**Friday, December 24 @ Noon, 5:30 & 11:00 Christmas Eve Worship**

**Saturday, December 25 @ 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship**

**Thursday, December 30 @ 10:00 AM – 3:01 PM Train Trip to Geneva** Cost \$13.50 Train Fare plus money for lunch and shopping. IF YOU BRING YOUR STUDENT ID YOU GET A GREAT DISCOUNT. BUT – YOU HAVE TO BRING YOUR ID!! Meet at the VP train station at 10:00 to take the train to Geneva for a fun day of lunch, shopping, and just hanging out together. Pick up at the train station at 3:01. Bring your consent form!

## 2022

January 12: Confirmation Resumes

January 14: Guys Night – Pizza and video games on the big screen. *Dads are invited!* If your dad can't come, bring an uncle, grandpa, brother, or friend. Or - just come!

January 29: Trivia Fundraiser for NYG

February 11: Girls Night – BUNCO! Moms are invited – or bring your aunt, sister, grandma, or a friend.



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