

Youth Group News

October/November 2011

Summer: It seems so long ago now. But what great things we did! We sent high school youth to Iowa to serve, visited animals in the zoo, fished, and took the train to Oak Park. July was a workin' month – helping at VBS and participating in the July 4 parade. In August Dino taught us how to make pecan crusted chicken and herbed potatoes (yummm) *and* we glowed while we golfed.

Personally, my favorite part of the summer was having a shower to welcome adorable little Micah Lyn Ticaric! Her mom and dad are training her well. She's already been to 2 youth board meetings and is a regular at Big House and high school Bible study. Good job Mike and Lisa. She's a beautiful addition to our church family and we love sharing her with you.

Fall: The September 14 Parent Meeting provided a lot of great information about youth ministry at Trinity, news about upcoming events such as servant events, trips, and fundraisers, and an invitation for all parents to be actively involved along with their children. There are a variety of opportunities for adults to be included whether it's participating in a week-end or week-long trip, contributing with a project that can be done at home, working at a one-time event, or taking on a more committed position. Ask Mike Ticaric, Pastor Rogers, or me to help you find the perfect fit. AND - if you were not able to attend you will find copies all that info in your church mailbox.

Wednesday youth dinners: The weekly meals allow opportunities for the kids who don't have a geographical commonality to become friends and helps foster relationships across the different age groups, including adults. It can be a lot of work to provide a meal and the kids may not always seem grateful, but being able to eat together strengthens our youth ministry in immeasurable ways. Lisa will be contacting all of you to invite you to be part of feeding of the youth family. Please grasp this opportunity and choose just one week over the next 12 months to serve a meal. This year the youth budget will cover the cost of paper goods and drinks. Thanks to Jonathan Stahlke, you'll find a full supply of these items in the kitchen.

Acolytes: Kristen Scofield has agreed once again this year to coordinate the acolyte schedule. She is faced with a particularly challenging task because of the low number of confirmation youth. Since there will only be 1 acolyte most weeks, make sure to attend when you are scheduled or find a substitute ahead of time. Also – everyone should have received an acolyte info sheet. If yours hasn't been turned in to the Scofield mailbox by the time Kristen makes out the next schedule she will need to put your name on the calendar wherever it fits. Make it easier for Kristen to make it easy for you! Turn in your info sheet.

Youth Ministry Costs: Youth ministry at Trinity can be costly for families, especially if you have multiple children in the group. We don't want the expense of sending your child on a trip to deter them from participating! If you are not able to pay the full amount or to make the deadlines for fees please contact me or Pastor Rogers to make arrangements that will not stress your family's finances. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

The Calendar:

Sunday, October 2:

\$100 High School Retreat fee due (see October 21-23 date for retreat info)

If you didn't get your retreat flyer at the parent meeting, check your mailbox at church or let me know so I can email you the info. There is also an optional retreat hoodie designed by Jen Gore available. If you'd like to order one, include an additional \$25 (adjusted cost from precious publicity) with your payment & indicate your size.

9:15 – 10:15: High School Bible Study with the Ticarics in the Youth Lounge

Wednesday, October 5: Youth Night

4:00 Confirmation Class

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

6:15 All Youth Dinner – We have no one to feed us tonight. Could it be YOU? Contact Lisa.

6:30 – 8:00 Big House

Sunday, October 9:

\$50 Junior High Youth Quake "Rooted" registration due

This year's Youth Quake, "Rooted" will be in Oak Brook on January 27-29. The total cost will be \$152. If we register early we can save \$15 per person. The savings are used to purchase food for the weekend – so help us out by registering now. If you can't make the commitment to attend at this time there will be another opportunity to sign-up without the discount.

9:15-10:15 High School Bible study with the Ticarics

Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15: Rummage Sale

This is a HUGE fundraiser for the youth group. Ways for you to help? Send your rummage our way or sign up to help. Contact Marna Rundgren or Karen Magnuson if you have questions.

Wednesday, October 12: Youth Night

4:00 Confirmation Class

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

6:15 All Youth Dinner – It's pizza night – thanks to the Batjes family!

6:30 – 8:00 Big House

Sunday, October 16: @ 9:15 – 10:15 H.S. Bible Study with the Ticarics

Wednesday, October 19: Youth Night

4:00 Confirmation Class

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

6:15 All Youth Dinner – Contact Lisa if you can serve dinner tonight

6:30 – 8:00 Big House

Friday, October 21: Sunday, October 23: High School Multi-Group Retreat at THE CASTLE

Trinity will join with 3 other churches and Young Liife for this retreat at Stronghold Conference Center in Oregon IL. The facility is an amazing, real castle. Cost is \$100 for lodging, food, transportation, and all materials. With leaders from 5 groups planning together it promises to be a fabulous weekend. Look forward to castle tours, a live Clue game, an old fashioned scary movie night, Bible studies led by Pastor Stiegemeier from Redeemer, Saturday night worship with Pastor Rogers, great games and food provided by each group. Trinity's youth mentors are planning dinner for Saturday night and some games, too. **There will be no high school Bible study this week. Those who don't attend the retreat may like to join Pastor Pittelko's class.**

Wednesday, October 26: Youth Night

4:00 Confirmation **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME TODAY.** We have a special project so we'll need to take care of some official confirmation business then get ready to leave for our mission:

4:30 Project with LWML Part 1

Confirmation youth will partner with members of the ladies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. You'll travel to various locations in Villa Park to distribute flyers regarding a food drive. Residents will be asked to place items on their front steps on Saturday, October 9 for us to pick up. You will need to *bring a copy of the enclosed consent form* and be ready to walk a few blocks to hand out the flyers.

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

6:15 All youth dinner – We're hungry. Contact Lisa if you can help!

6:30-8:00 Big House

Saturday, October 29: @ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (approximately) LWML Service Project Part 2

This service project is for ALL youth. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 AM. We will drive through Villa Park to pick up the food that has been put out as requested on the flyer handed out on October 26. The items will be delivered to the Uptown food pantry and we'll also help stock the shelves. Lunch will be provided. **Contact me no later than October 16 if you can attend so that we can make sure there will be enough drivers.**

Sunday, October 30 @ 9:15-10:15 H.S. Bible Study with the Ticarics

Wednesday, November 2 Youth Night

4:00 Confirmation Class

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

6:15 All Youth Dinner – Thanks to the Rundgren family for feeding us tonight!

6:30 – 8:00 Big House

Friday, November 4: Girls Event – Underground Church for Girls and Whine Tasting for Moms

All girls and women are invited to attend this fun event. High school girls will challenge the middle schoolers in their favorite game – Underground Church. Moms (of both guys and girls) are invited to the youth lounge to get to know one another, whine about the challenges of being a parent, and of course, to eat some *delicious* food.

Sunday, November 6 @ 9:15-10:15 H.S. Bible Study with the Ticarics

Wednesday, November 9 Youth Night

4:00 Confirmation Class

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

6:15 All Youth Dinner – Dinner anyone???? Call Lisa!

6:30 – 8:00 Big House

Saturday, November 12 @ 6:00: Anniversary Dinner and Gift Basket Auction

This is a fundraiser for the youth. You will be contacted to sign up for a shift.

Junior high – arrive at 5:45 to serve drinks

High school – arrive @ 6:30 to clean tables and wash dishes

As more information becomes available updates will be emailed to you.

Sunday, November 13 @ 9:15-10:15 H.S. Bible Study with the Ticarics

Wednesday, November 16 Youth Night

4:00 Confirmation Class

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

6:15 All Youth Dinner – Last one before Christmas break. We need your help!

6:30 – 8:00 Big House

Sunday, November 20 @ 9:15-10:15 H.S. Bible Study with the Ticarics

Wednesday, November 23: Thanksgiving Eve – NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Stay home and help your mom bake the pies!

Thursday, November 24 @ 10:00 AM: Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 27 @ 9:15-10:15 H.S. Bible Study with the Ticarics

Wednesday, November 30:

4:00 - 5:30 Confirmation Class

NO CAMP C.H.A.O.S. OR BIG HOUSE

6:00 Congregational Advent Dinner

7:00 Worship

8:00 Hanging of the Greens (Decorating the church)

Youth are invited to participate in serving the meal, then worship and decorate the church with their families.

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Youth Facebook Page: Trinity Youth of Villa Park

Parents' Facebook Page: Parents of Trinity VP Youth

More information regarding items in this newsletter is available at:

Youth Encounter: www.youthencounter.org

Chicago Uptown Ministry: <http://www.lcfs.org/page.aspx?pid=1173>

Lutheran Women's Missionary League: www.lwml.org

Stronghold Conference Center: www.strongholdcenter.org