

Youth Group News

Spring 2021

It's been a challenging year for sure, but adjustments were made that allowed us to carry on with a few special youth activities. Here's a wrap up of what's been going on.

Virtual Quake – While we were unable to do the in person Quake or Winter Xtreme this year, the Quake staff did an outstanding job of bringing the event to us. It was great to hear some of our favorite speakers and bands and “attend” a couple of workshops. The group was able to virtually connect with kids from across the country for an escape room. We were well fed thanks to Jenny Swensen who delivered pizza on Friday. Sandi and Gloria provided snacks to keep us going all weekend. And many thanks to Dan Manteufel and Chris Gore for running the technical part. We would have been lost without them there to get us connected.

Soup to Go – Soup suppers have a different look this year. Instead of our typical meals, the youth have been making soup and packaging it up along with soups donated by the congregation. We miss the social interactions (maybe not washing the dishes) but have had a lot of fun with this very successful fundraiser.

Youth Worship – For the last few months Mary Stahlke led the confirmation class in planning a youth led worship service. They prepared a slide show to present during the sermon and chose the songs and instruments. On Sunday, March 12 they put it all into action during the 10:30 worship service. You can watch the service on the Trinity Lutheran Villa Park Facebook page.

Welcome to our newest youth group member: Hank Pavlosky

Here is the calendar for the next few months:

Wednesday, March 17 @ 4:00 LAST Confirmation Class

The class is finishing up their studies on the Sacraments. If any confirmation parents who were not able to send their child to in-person class this year have questions about the new confirmation plans, please contact Pastor Rogers or me.

Wednesday, March 23 @ 4:00 – 6:30 Confirmation Wrap-Up

There's no class today, but we're getting together to cook soup for the last week of “Soup to Go”, make plans for the future, play some games, and eat dinner together.

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 1 @ 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 2 @ Noon & 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 4 @ 8:00 & 10:30 Easter Worship

Sunday, April 4 @ 9:00 – 10:30 Easter Breakfast

There are TWO ways to enjoy Easter Breakfast this year! In person or To-Go. Reservations are required for in person and pre-orders are needed for pick up. Payment will be taken at the door. \$10 per person, \$5 for kids 10 & under, under 3 -FREE. Contact the church office if you will be attending Easter Breakfast; margaret@trinityvp.com or 630-834-3440 and include names of all people you will be sitting with.

Wednesday, April 7 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

We'll reconnect with our regular schedule this week before Pastor and I both take a few weeks off. ***Junior high youth are invited to Big House!***

Saturday, April 10 @ 8:00 – 8:00 Youth Group Service Day at Trinity

This week-end was on the calendar for our yearly trip to Chicago with the Center for Student Missions. CSM shut down its Chicago location, so this year's mission will be held at Trinity, serving Villa Park and the surrounding communities. Here are the details:

Who: All youth in middle school and high school

Cost: \$0

What: The event includes breakfast & lunch, Bible study, making meals for people in need, a prayer tour of the VP area, dinner at a local family owned, ethnic restaurant and more!

Wednesday, April 14 & 21 NO BIG HOUSE

Wednesday, April 28 Big House IS BACK! FINALLY!!

Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 3:30 – 5:00 The Projects RETURN!

Our after-school ministry for middle school youth, The Projects, will return for a new session in May. So that we have enough space for everyone to keep apart the number of participants will be limited. Please let me know by the Monday prior which weeks your child will attend.

The Projects schedule includes a snack with supervised free time, devotions with Pastor Rogers, and choice of one of the various projects offered each week. Project options include building in the shop, cooking, crafts, or coding. Those choosing the coding option should bring a lap top or chrome book.

Many of the items created during this session will be donated to Youth Outreach Services, a Chicago area agency that offers services to teens who are facing homelessness, juvenile justice issues, substance abuse, or family issues. We'll participate in the "Adopt a Room" project in their Melrose Park office. This a way for us to help make the rooms they use for counseling sessions more inviting and appealing.

Sunday, May 23 @ 9:15 National Youth Gathering Family Meeting in The Youth Lounge



The 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, TX on July 9-13. We're a little late in getting the Gathering process started, so let's get together and do it! Learn about the purpose of the Gathering, what happens at a gathering, how much it costs, when to sign up, travel plans, the chaperones, and fundraising ideas. Oh – and there will be coffee. And food. ***Who will be eligible to attend the 2022 NYG? All youth CURRENTLY in grades 7-12.***