

Youth Group News

Summer 2024

This newsletter contains information (and there's a LOT!) about the summer. Some of it's very simple. Some of it's a little complicated. There will be a variety of things to do, some road trips and also activities around Villa Park. We're ending our summer with 2 volunteer service opportunities. I'll send out reminders and helpful information each week.

A couple of notes before the summer schedule:

THE PROJECTS

During the Spring Session some great things were accomplished to benefit homeless teens and various groups at Trinity. We're especially grateful for the high school youth who helped out. Jessica, Mariella, Roy, David, Aliyah, Travis, and Jordyn - you saved the day!

I also need to express a great deal of thanks to Tony Pavlovsky for all the time, thought, and effort he put into our Turquoise Table that is now on Trinity's front lawn. He designed, shopped for and prepared the materials then used the utmost patience in teaching a bunch of junior high kids how to paint and assemble the table! We also appreciate the high school youth who helped with the painting. If you haven't heard the story of The Turquoise Table and how it's designed to build community check out the book by Kristin Schell. You can borrow my copy if you'd like.

The next session of The Projects will take place in September. Dates TBA.



ENDURE

2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Registration for the Gathering is due on October 1, 2024. If you were unable to attend the meeting in May and would like to have the information that was given out, please contact me.

A reminder for all those currently in grades 8-12 who plan to attend the Gathering next summer: The \$200 deposit will be due on October 1. If you need assistance in making the deposit let me know so we can help you find ways to make the payment. Also, remember that bringing \$10 a week, \$25 a month, or making payments of your choice will make it more affordable.

Fundraising for the remainder of the trip has begun! Information about upcoming events is included in a separate document at the end of this newsletter.

Now, let the summer begin! A group of 16 youth & adults already had a great start to our summer schedule with a train trip to Geneva. We ate lunch at a great new chicken place and had our fill of candy and gelato. We know you're excited to hear about the rest of the trips!

Big House in the Summer: High school youth will continue to meet all summer. Volunteers are needed to cook dinner. Anyone willing to feed about 15 – 20 hungry teens & adults should contact me. Pastor Rogers is continuing the study of Hebrews so we can learn about the theme for the Gathering next summer.

The Summer Trips: Summer Thursday trips are for ALL youth in grades 6-12. We highly recommend that all youth attend the summer activities. It's a great way for the incoming confirmation students to get to know each other before we go off on our retreat in August and a bonding experience between all youth and adults.

Some things to remember:

*We want EVERYONE to enjoy them, so if a trip costs more than you have in your budget, please let me know. There's a scholarship fund available to offset costs for kids who need a little help.

*Friends – We LOVE your friends! Invite them to everything.

*Parents – if you'd like to join us on our adventures, we'd love to have you.

*Consent forms: Don't leave home without them. A form is attached to the email.

***Let me know if you are coming! Please RSVP by the Monday before an event so I know how many drivers are needed.** If you say you're coming & end up not being able to attend please let me know so we don't wait for around for you.

Thursday, June 13

NO TRIP TODAY! See you next week!

Thursday, June 20 @ 10:00 – 3:00 Makin' Pizza & Lunch

We're making Pastor Roger's famous gourmet pizzas to sell to offset the cost of NYG. It takes several hours to prepare the crust and homemade sauce. Meet us in the main kitchen to get cooking. While the dough is rising and the sauce is bubbling, we'll have lunch and do some other activities. If you can't be there for the entire time join us when you're able. Just let me know your schedule.

Thursday, June 27 @ 5:00 – 10:00 (Estimated return) Chicago Dogs Baseball Game & Fireworks

Cost: \$9 for bleacher seats plus money for concessions. We'll buy tickets at the game. Meet at Trinity at 5:00 (with your consent form). We'll contact you when we're on the way home. NOTE: Impact Field is now a CASHLESS venue. Suggestions if your child doesn't have a way to pay? You could give them a Visa gift card or can give me the money and I'll purchase tickets and food.

FRIDAY, July 5 @ 10:00 – 2:00 Rustic Road Farm in Elburn

Notice that this trip is on a FRIDAY due to the 4th of July. Meet at church at 10:00 to begin our adventure! There is NO CHARGE for the farm. They sell eggs, produce, jars of honey, etc. if anyone wants to bring money to shop. Here's a little bit of information about the farm:

If you travel west on Highway 38 just a few minutes down the road from the bustling west suburb of Geneva, you'll escape the busy pace of the suburbs to a quiet, peaceful farm where chickens roam free, baby goat romp in the grass, pigs wallow in the mud and honey bees gather pollen from the vegetable plants swaying in the wind.

Thursday, July 11 @ 7:30 – 9:00 Bonfire at Judy's! 146 S Michigan

Roast some hot dogs and make some s'mores, hang out, sing songs around the campfire...

Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00 Lemonade Stand & Chalk Party

Every 3rd Thursday in the summer Trinity hosts a get-together on the front lawn. We're going to join them this month with a lemonade stand to raise money for the Youth Gathering next summer and a chalk party. Meet at 6:00 to prepare the lemonade and set up the stand.

Thursday, July 25 @ 10:00 – 2:00 Phil's Friends Volunteer Opportunity

Meet us at church at 9:30. We'll be volunteering at the care center in Addison. Phil's Friends provides Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer by sending care packages. Find a link below to learn more. Here is description of what we may be doing.

Volunteer activities include:

- stenciling & coloring the outside of the care package box
- completing cards of hope, which are mailed monthly
- packing care packages, which are shipped weekly

In addition to volunteering we'll also be collecting items for the care packages. If you'd like to contribute, there is a list of suggested donations attached to the email. Their most needed items are women's journals and lip balm.

Thursday, August 1 @ 10:30 – 2:00 Volunteer at the Outreach House in Lombard

Meet at Trinity @ 10:00. The Outreach House helps people with urgent needs in DuPage County. We're heading over there to assist in whatever ways they need. Participants need to sign up for this online. Follow the link in the email to register. Volunteers, do not bring valuables as there is nowhere secure to keep them and make sure to wear work appropriate attire, including closed toed and closed back shoes.

Sunday, August 4 – Tuesday, August 6 Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Emmaus

You'll receive more information about this trip later this summer. Confirmation students are expected to attend. Please contact Pastor Rogers or me with any questions about the retreat.

[Rustic Road Farm – Chef/Farmer Marc Bernard](#)

[The Chicago Dogs--Chicago's Independent Professional Baseball Team](#)

[Cancer is strong. Hope is stronger. - Phil's Friends \(philsfriends.org\)](#)

www.theoutreachhouse.org

[Camp Emmaus](#)

Coming This Fall

Wednesday, October 2: Fall Family Dinner

Wednesday, October 9: Confirmation Begins

Saturday, October 12: Trivia Night Fundraiser

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July 19-23, 2025; New Orleans, LA

This portion of the newsletter contains information about fundraising for the Gathering in New Orleans in July 2025. The money raised is used for the Gathering but ALL youth are invited to help out. Please remember that ALL youth who plan to attend the Gathering are expected to be there for ALL fundraisers, so please try to arrange your schedules as much as possible to help out.

PARENTS – WE NEED YOU TO BE INVOLVED IN THESE EVENTS. PLEASE READ THROUGH THEM AND LET ME KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Cookie Baking: This is an ongoing project. We started off by baking cookies on Sunday, June 9. Aliyah and Travis got there by 8:00 to start baking and selling cookies. We are grateful for all who donated enough to raise \$175 for our first effort. Caroline, David, and Mariella are scheduled for June 16. Please contact me to get on the Sunday Cookie Baking Schedule.

Pizza Sales: Pastor is going to lead the group in creating home-made pizza to sell. Here's the schedule:

Thursday, June 20 @ 10:00 - 3:00 Pizza making in the main kitchen

Sunday, June 23 @ 9:00 & 11:30 Pizza Sales We'll be selling pizza after each church service. Let me know which shift you'd like to help at.

Lemonade Stand Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00

Meet in the kitchen to make the lemonade to be sold on the front lawn.

Additional dates to sell lemonade will be on Wednesday nights in July during Big House. The village hosts concerts across the street from church at the Gazebo so we'll be selling lemonade for the concert goers.

Car Washes Car Wash Adult Supervisor Needed!

The kids want to do Car Washes but we need a parent to plan and lead them before we can move forward. Please contact me ASAP so we can get this organized.

Placemats Ads Sell advertising space to local businesses or to friends and family. The placemats will be used at all Trinity events for an entire year. The advertisement can be a business card, coupon for a discount on products or services, or specific artwork. Additionally, personal notes of encouragement for specific participants can be included. Letters are available for you to use, so just let me know how many you need.

Trivia Night on Saturday, October 12 This is a great "fun"draiser. Katie Ilcken will use her trivia hosting skills to help us out. More information will be coming your way soon, but mark the date on your calendar now.

Breakfast with Santa on December 7 Save the date!