

# Youth Group News

## Fall 2024

As we move into the fall schedule here's a quick recap of our summer. We had a great time hanging out together and visiting places in the area for a variety of activities!

### **For Fun**

Train to Geneva

We had an outdoor lunch at a new place for us, Atlas Chicken Shack. It was so good. Then we explored the town of Geneva and did some shopping.

Chicago Dogs Baseball Game

Summer & baseball... AND the Dogs won!

Rustic Road Farm in Elburn

What can be more fun than visiting goats & chickens and having pizza on the way home?

Bonfire at Judy's

Yeah, there were S'mores!

### **Fundraisers**

Homemade Pizza Day

We learned a LOT about making pizza and not all of it the easy way. There was also lunch with the Thursday Men's Group where David used his amazing chef skills to make a charcuterie board.

Lemonade Stands

The high school group made homemade lemonade and bead bracelets to sell during a concert on the Prairie Path and at Trinity's Third Thursday gathering.

Cookie Sales

The NYG youth sold fresh-baked cookies after the Sunday Services.

### **Service Projects**

On our visit to **Phil's Friends** in Addison we decorated boxes that are used to ship care packages to cancer patients. A \$100 donation from our youth account was given to the organization. Phil's Friends sent us a book written by Phil, a cancer survivor and founder of the charity. If you'd like to read it, please let me know.

At **The Outreach House** in Lombard, where people in need get assistance, our group helped stock shelves, did some cleaning, and assisted patrons that came to shop.

### **For Learning**

Confirmation Retreat

The confirmation class attended a retreat at Camp Emmaus in Mt. Morris where they got a start on this year's curriculum about the 10 Commandments.

High School

In preparation for upcoming 2025 National Youth Gathering Pastor Rogers has been teaching the high school youth about the theme "Endure" through the book of Hebrews on Wednesday nights.

A couple of notes before we get into the upcoming fall schedule.

### **Sundays @ 9:15 AM Sunday School for Grades 6-12**

Ms. Kate, an experienced teacher, former youth group member, and mom is prepared to teach on Sunday mornings. Let us know if your child is interested in attending!

### **2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans**

For all currently in grades 8-12 who are interested in attending the Gathering, there is information included at the end of the newsletter.

### **High School Retreat for grades 8-12**

January 2-4

The retreat is pending while we find out if there is enough interest for us to book the camp. Please respond if your child would like to attend so that we can move forward with plans. The cost is TBD and would be partially covered by the Wednesday Advent Dinners, but will be affordable for all.

### **Winter Xtreme**

February 21-23

November 6 **\$25 Deposit Due**

**Total Cost \$75** The Camp Timber-lee fee is \$170. Partial proceeds from Santa Breakfast and money from the youth savings account will be used to reduce the cost to \$75. All attendees are expected to help out with the breakfast to make it a success.

For those of you who haven't experienced Winter Xtreme, it's a weekend of winter fun at Camp Timber-lee in Eat Troy, WI. For more info: [winterXtreme 2025 \(timber-lee.com\)](http://winterXtreme2025.timber-lee.com)

### **Acolytes**

You should have gotten the new Acolyte Schedule from Margaret this week. Those who are unable to acolyte on the scheduled date, please ask someone to substitute. You can ask me for contact information if needed.

### **Wednesday Dinners**

Your help is needed in providing a dinner for the youth. Eating dinner together on Wednesday nights has been a tradition with our youth for the last 30 years. I'm amazed at the long-lasting friendships that have formed because of this tradition. Eating together helps break down the barriers for kids who don't go to the same schools, live in the same towns, or don't usually connect in other places. A sign up will be available at the Family Dinner on October 9 or contact me for more information.

### **THE PROJECTS After-school for Junior High**

THE PROJECTS will return in November. We're working out the exact dates and will get those to you as soon as they are confirmed.

THE PROJECTS offers a safe place in the afterschool hours for junior high youth to engage in a variety of activities that meet adolescent needs. Options include cooking, crafts, and shop projects. For more information about THE PROJECTS check out our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/TheProjectsAtTrinity](http://www.facebook.com/TheProjectsAtTrinity)

**Now what you've all been waiting for! Here are the dates for upcoming youth activities.**

**Wednesdays (unless noted)**

**4:00 – 6:30 Confirmation Class & Dinner**

**6:00 – 7:30 Big House High School Youth Group**

**Wednesday, October 9 @ 6:00 Fall Family Dinner**

High school youth are cooking and the Confirmation Class will be serving the food! Parents and siblings, join us for dinner and hear about what's in store for Trinity youth in the upcoming year. I'll need to know by October 1 how many from your family will attend. After dinner everyone can help set up for Trivia Night!

**Saturday, October 12 @ 5:30 Trivia Night**

NO - You DON'T have to be good at Trivia questions to play. Just come, have fun, and support our youth.

**Wednesday, October 16 NO YOUTH**

Pastor will be doing sermon prep and I'll be taking the week off before we start our busy fall schedule.

**Wednesday, October 23 @ 4:00 Confirmation Class Begins**

**Classes are held every Wednesday unless noted**

A lot of pieces fit together to make Confirmation Class. Each one is important to the whole of what the confirmation students learn. It can be hard to fit Confirmation Class into your busy schedules with homework and sports, but please consider the value of your children's education in the most important area of their lives, and how it helps them form strong bonds with the church and the people they connect with there. It WILL make a difference in their faith lives.

Here's the schedule:

(3:30 I'm there early for those who would like to come straight from school.)

**4:00** Snack & youth group time

**4:15** Worship

**4:30** Music with Mary Stahlke. Mary has planned several performances throughout the confirmation year.

Through their participation she does an amazing job teaching the students about the worship service and the important components of it. We're very fortunate to have Mary use her knowledge and talents this way.

**5:00** Lessons with Pastor Rogers.

**6:00** Dinner Junior high and high school youth have dinner together

**November 6 \$25 Winter Xtreme Deposit Due**

To ensure your spot on the trip, please turn in your deposit today!

**Sunday, November 17 @ 10:30 Confirmation Class performs in worship**

**Wednesday, November 27 NO YOUTH – Thanksgiving Worship @ 7:00**

**Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18 @ 5:30 Advent Dinners**

Youth serve meals to the congregation before mid-week worship services. More details coming.



The registration deadlines is quickly approaching!

For those who don't know about the National Youth Gathering:

Every 3 years since 1980 the Lutheran church does an awesome thing. They hold a gathering for youth from across the country & around the world. In 2025 the Gathering will be held in New Orleans. Those entering grades 8-12 in 2024 are eligible.

[2025 LCMS Youth Gathering \(lcmsgathering.com\)](https://lcmsgathering.com)

### **2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans**

Gathering Dates – July 19-23

Travel Date – July 17-25

**Wednesday, October 9:** The \$200 deposit and the Participant Worksheet are due. This is the date for the Youth Family Dinner. Forms will be available to fill out at the dinner. If you are unable to attend please let me know so I can forward the forms to you to fill out at home ahead of this date.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The fees increase for registrations received after October 31.

Registrations submitted in October 2024 require a \$395 fee. (Your \$200 deposit is applied to the fee)

Registrations submitted between November 2024 and March 1, 2025 require a \$425 fee. The additional \$30 will be added to the \$200 required deposit.

Our goal is to cover the remaining \$1400 costs with fundraising. Fundraising involves all the youth and families. If your child is planning to attend the Gathering please ensure that there is participation in all upcoming events. Parent's we need your help, too!

### **Upcoming Fundraisers & Help Needed:**

#### **Saturday, October 12 @ 5:00 - Trivia Night**

Next up on our schedule is Trivia Night. It's one of our most fun and successful events. Information and a registration form are attached.

Youth who plan to attend the Gathering are needed to hand out the registration forms after the Saturday services and on Sunday after both the 8:00 & 10:30 services.

Set up will be on October 9 at the Family Dinner

Attendance at the event on October 12 is also strongly encourage.

Get a team together! Invite extended family and friends to play.

#### **Saturday, December 7 Breakfast with Santa**

## Friday, December 6 @ 6:00 Pizza & Set Up

Proceeds from Breakfast with Santa will be split between the Gathering and Winter Xtreme in February 2025. This event can't take place without full participation! More details will be available in the coming months, but please mark these days on your calendars NOW!

## Placemat Ads

Advertisement space will be sold to put on placemats that will be used at all Trinity events for one year. Your help is needed to sell the ads to local businesses. Also – personal ads can be placed for those who'd like to give special comments to the Gathering participants, such as "God Bless Joey" or "Have a great trip, Nancy". Letters are available for you to take to the businesses. The goal is to complete the placemats for use at the Anniversary dinner on November 9, so try to get all your paperwork turned in no later than October 15. Let me know which local places you will be contacting so that we don't duplicate our request.

## The NYG Piggy Bank:

One of the suggestions from the youth was to collect spare change to use toward the \$200 required deposits. Aliyah decorated a piggy bank with the "Endure" theme for the coins. Make sure to bring your spare change on Wednesday nights to fill the bank! We also put it out on Sunday mornings.

## January 2025 Bingo!

The youth will be calling the numbers for this fabulous fundraiser! The date and details will be given out at the Family Dinner Meeting.

## Other Dates:

December 4, 11, 18 Advent Dinners

February 16 & April 27 Dart Tournaments

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2,9 Lent Soup Suppers