

Youth Group News

Spring 2024

We made it! SIX weeks of Soup Suppers and a Dart Tournament were a success. Thanks to Gloria, Kate, Sandi, and all the youth who worked so hard to make it happen. The Trinity congregation came through with pots of delicious soup and awesome desserts. The money raised from the dinners will be used for future youth trips.

God's blessings to Hank and Lorelai who were confirmed on Palm Sunday. We're so excited that they are now part of the high school youth group!

Welcome to the incoming 6th graders, Cruz, Aiden, Garrett, and Lucas. They're now considered members of the junior high youth group and are invited to join THE PROJECTS in May and to come along on our Thursday Summer Trip Days.

Wednesday Youth Dinners – High school parents, volunteers are needed to make dinner for the youth group on Wednesday nights. Not only does it help the church budget to have parents help out, it lets me focus on being with the youth instead of in the kitchen.

Things to put on your calendars while we work out the details:

Thursdays, in June and July: Summer Trip Days. In addition to providing many hours of fun and entertainment, the trips offer opportunities to build relationships with others in our youth groups and for Pastor and me to get to know you better. The complete schedule will be available soon.

Some things to remember for trip days:

WE LOVE YOUR FRIENDS! BRING THEM TO EVERYTHING!!

WE LOVE IT WHEN YOU REMEMBER TO BRING YOU CONSENT FORMS. BRING THEM TO EVERYTHING!! MAKE SURE YOUR FRIENDS BRING THEM, TOO.

Sunday, August 4-Tuesday, August 5: Confirmation Retreat

The confirmation class will take part in their yearly retreat to get a head start on next year's curriculum and to build relationships with some fun activities. All students are expected to participate.



The 2025 National Youth Gathering (or NYG), ENDURE, will be in New Orleans! All youth currently in grades 7-12 are invited to attend. The Gathering is held by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod every 3 years and is an event that makes a huge impact on the youth.

Because there is so much information available about this event we are featuring it at our spring Family Dinner on Wednesday, April 24. Pastor Rogers has been teaching about the theme, "ENDURE" featuring Bible verses from Hebrews on Wednesday nights.

Now, for your calendars:

Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

High school youth group returns to our regular schedule. Dinner at 6:00, then Bible study, and games.

Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

The confirmation Class will help strip the altar at the end of worship.

Friday, March 29 @ Noon & 7:00 Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

8:00 Worship

9:00 – 10:30 Breakfast

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt – Anyone want to help hide Easter Eggs at 9:15? Extra hand are needed!

10:30 Worship

Wednesday, April 3 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

Sunday, April 14 @ 1:00 Dart Tournament

We're selling concessions to the dart guys! Funds raised at the Dart Tournament will help you get to New Orleans for the 2025 National Youth Gathering. Let me know who can help Gloria and me in the kitchen.

Hopefully we won't involve the fire department this year.

Wednesday, April 17 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

Wednesday, April 24 @ 6:00 Family Dinner

Join us for dinner and to learn what is planned for the spring and summer. Special focus will be on the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Registration begins in the fall, so we want you to have all the information you'll need to plan for the trip.

Wednesday, May 1 NO BIG HOUSE

Pastor and I are both out of town, so we're taking the week off. See you on May 8!

Tuesday, May 7 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

After-school for junior high kids. 5th graders are invited to participate in the spring session of THE PROJECTS!

Our schedule for THE PROJECTS:

3:30 – 4:00 Snack & supervised free time

4:00 – 5:30 Projects

Opportunities to work in the kitchen, the workshop, and the craft room are offered each week. Projects are led by volunteer mentors.

This week's projects will include a special take-home gift for mom. Other projects this month will be a picnic table for the front lawn at Trinity, plus making shoelaces and soap for homeless teens.

Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

Tuesday, May 14 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

Today, The Projects will partner with Soapy Roads of Lombard to make travel sized soaps to donate to homeless teens. Please let me know who's coming so they can bring enough supplies for everyone.

Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

Tuesday, May 21 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

Wednesday, May 22 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

Tuesday, May 28 @ 3:30 – 5:30 THE PROJECTS

Wednesday, May 29 @ 6:00 – 8:00 Big House

Friday, May 31 @ 7:00 Parents Night Out

Parents – this one is for you! Being a parent and maintaining a household can definitely hinder your social life. Between meal planning, drawn-out bedtime routines, school commitments or your day job, it's hard finding time to spend with each other — or other adults for that matter. Join Pastor Rogers and me for heavy appetizers, beer, wine and some time to socialize and get to know the other parents.

Sunday, June 9 @ 8:00 or 10:30 Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to Noah Brockie, Elle Bruschuk, and Emilia Serna on their high school graduations. They will be recognized today with a gift from the congregation.

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