



# Ascension Youth Fellowship News

October, 2018



## Youth Sunday October 7

### Schedule for the Day

- 12:30pm – **Youth Disciples** arrive for lunch
- 1:00pm – **Youth Disciples** activities start
- 3:00pm – **Youth Disciples** depart; **Jr Youth** arrive
- 4:30pm – **Sr Youth** arrive
- 4:45pm – **Jr & Sr Youth** dinner
- 5:30pm - **Jr Youth** depart
- 8:00pm – **Sr Youth** depart

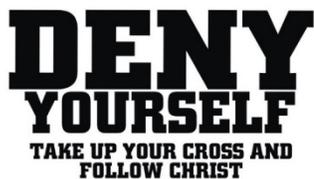
### What to Bring

- Brown bag lunch for Youth Disciples
- Your favorite Pasta for Jr & Sr Youth

### Youth Disciples

(1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The Youth Disciples will be playing a Halloween themed round of “Minute To Win It”. We will also continue to explore some of the great stories from the Bible.

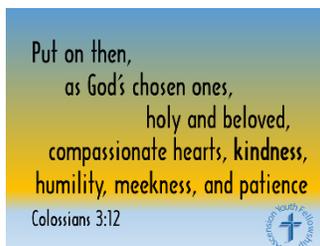


### Junior Youth

(5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The Jr. Youth will be focusing on Luke 9:23-27 and what it means

to follow Jesus by denying yourself and taking up your cross. We will spend time in study of these verses and also games and activities to reinforce this message.



### Senior Youth

(9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The Sr. Youth will be experiencing a “Kindness Crawl” by spreading out into the

neighborhood and doing acts of kindness for those that they find.

### Jr & Sr Youth Dinner Theme – Your

**Favorite Pasta:** Is your favorite Pasta defined more by the shape of the pasta or what you put with it? Many people think only Italian when it comes to pasta but you can find pasta in dishes from all over the world. From Mac n Cheese, to Fettuccini Alfredo, to Lasagna, Asian noodle bowls, Chicken tetrazzini, tortellini, pasta salad, and that traditional favorite of spaghetti with meat balls. We could also use some salad supplies and crusty bread if you are so inclined.

### Donation Opportunities

The fridge in the youth room could use some restocking. It is really amazing how much we go through in one Youth Sunday! We would be happy to take donations to restock. Please consider donating age appropriately based upon your youth. The younger ones seem to focus on consuming the juice packets and water while the older ones focus on the soda and water.

What is needed is as follows:

- Juice packs
- water bottles
- canned soda (no Mountain Dew, please)

### Sr High Small Group

The Senior High Youth and their friends are invited to a small group bible study that meets on most

Sunday evenings in the youth room, from 7pm till 8:30pm. Our time together is focused on studying a book of the bible followed by time in worship and prayer. We are presently exploring Acts. Here are the October dates: October 14, October 21 & October 28.



No better way to celebrate the Reformation than with pancakes! The Men's Group will be serving breakfast on Sunday morning, October 28. It would be great to

have a mass showing from the Youth Ministry at 9:30am and for us all to eat together – from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a free will offering event so please bring some with you. Let's show our support for a group that regularly supports the youth ministry at Ascension!



## MO District Jr High Retreat, October 19-21

Our annual trip to the MO District Jr

High Retreat is coming up quickly. The theme this year will be **"One"** and will focus on the Sacrament of the Altar based upon 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 "We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

It looks like the following will be attending with Ascension:

- Bella Bracken
- Anna Clark
- Alyssa Hansen
- Tyler Kern
- Grant Maxfield
- Will Maxfield
- George Morris
- Jayvyn Sawyer
- Tessa Smith

## Sr High Six Flags Fright Fest, Saturday,



**October 27,  
2pm to 10pm.**

Sr Youth, join us for a frightful day at Six Flags. We will meet at the Six Flags entrance

security checkpoint at 2pm and enter the park together. We will have dinner in the park. Departure will be at 10pm. This is a great "bring a friend" event!

## Reformation Breakfast



## MO District Sr High Retreat, November 16-18

Our annual trip to the MO District Sr High

Retreat is being planned for November.

Information is available on the lobby bulletin board and was emailed out.

The theme this year will be **"I AM"** and will be based upon Exodus 3:6 "I AM the God of your Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob".

The cost is \$165 plus an estimated \$30-60 transportation fee that will be based upon the quantity of attendees. The registration form and an \$80 deposit are due in the Sr Youth mailbox by October 28. The additional forms (health, liability, photo release, etc.) are due in the Sr Youth mailbox by November 11.

## Sunday School Opportunities

All youth meet in the church at 9:45am for a group opening followed by class time in age appropriate groups. And yes, Sr High Youth, a Sunday morning bible study has returned so no reason to not see you there!

## Upcoming Important Dates

- 11/4: Youth Sunday
- 11/16-18: MO District Sr Youth Retreat
- 12/5: Sr Youth Advent Meal
- 12/8: Christmas Party
- 12/8-9: Cookie Walk

12/12: Jr Youth Advent Meal  
12/15: Live Nativity  
1/13: Youth Sunday  
2/15/17: Peer Ministry Training for Sr Youth

## Questions?

If you have any questions about the youth ministry at Ascension, please contact us and we will do our best to provide an answer.

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If you do not get emails on youth activities and would like to, please send your email address to [ayflcms@outlook.com](mailto:ayflcms@outlook.com) to be added to the list.

Find us on facebook by searching for "Ascension Youth Fellowship".

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## 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering



## Trivia Night – Saturday, September 9

Our annual big fundraiser to support our trip has come and gone. And wow! It worked out better than expected. For those that participated, your dollar amount will be transferring into your account soon from both the 2017 and 2018 Trivia Nights.

## Upcoming Important Dates

- October 14, 2018 - \$450 must be in your account for trip

- January 13, 2019 - \$600 must be in your account for trip
- February, 2019 – Choir, Dance Ensemble and Orchestra Applications Opens
- March 17, 2019 - \$900 must be in your account for trip
- May 19, 2019 - \$1200 must be in your account for trip
- June 16, 2019 – Trip must be paid in full based upon final estimate
- June 29, 2019 – Gathering Prep Retreat
- July 8, 2019 – Commissioning at Services
- July 10, 2019 – Depart for the Gathering
- July 16, 2019 – Return from the Gathering

## MO District Event

We have found out that the special event being hosted for us by the Missouri District will be The Lumberjack Experience. Are you ready for wood chopping, axe throwing & log rolling? The event will be held on the Campus of Concordia University, St. Paul. More details will be coming from the district as they are available.

## Transportation Sharing

We will be chartering a 56 passenger luxury coach to get us there and back. With chaperones, there is 27 going from Ascension leaving us with 29 open seats. We have been developing a plan to share the bus with other groups in the area that are going. That plan appears to be finalized with Timothy Lutheran being our trip partner. They have a total of 22 they are taking. Of the 7 remaining seats, many of those will be used by the Ascension YAVs on the return trip. They fly up there a few days in advance for training but are released from duty at the moment the Gathering ends and have traditionally rode back with us in the bus.

## Attendees List

We now have 22 youth attending plus 5 chaperones. Here is the list of youth:

Noah Boeyink (from Epiphany)	Sophia Labrier
Ally Brink	Kayla Loesche
	Nathanael Mays

Henry Brink  
Paul Brock  
Noah Clark  
Elise Crumrine  
Julia Crumrine  
Emma Hansen  
Jordan Ingrham  
Annika Krapf  
Jakob Krapf

Kate Moffat  
Mackenzie Moore  
Anna Muhlke  
Luke Schave  
Gavin Schulz  
Jaylee Schulz  
Keerstin Wiederhold  
Josiah Zeigler (from  
Epiphany)

Keep in mind that a few names on that list may be new to you. Some very recent transfers to Ascension and two friends from Epiphany will be joining us.

We also have numerous AYF graduates who are considering applying to be Young Adult Volunteers:

Jacob Bremer  
Olivia Lopez  
Emily Thies

Katlyne Thies  
Tyler Wiederhold

### **Trip Cost Estimate**

Our estimated per youth cost for the trip will continuously change as more information becomes available, planning becomes more developed, and the attendee list evolves. Our initial estimate back in July '18 was \$1,385.00. Here is the estimated cost based upon the present plan and numbers.

**\*\* \$1,200.00 \*\***