



Ascension Youth Fellowship News

December, 2018



Christmas Party December 8

Our annual all youth Ascension Youth Fellowship Christmas Party is scheduled for **December 8, 2018!**

>> Schedule for the Evening

6:00pm – **All Youth** arrive
6:15pm – Dinner
6:45pm – Gift Exchange and Games
8:00pm – **Youth Disciples** depart
8:15pm – Movie Starts for **Jr & Sr Youth**
10:15pm - **Jr & Sr Youth** depart

>>Potluck Dinner

A ham and turkey breast will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

>>Gift Exchange

The gift exchange should be limited to around \$15. Have your child bring a gift that matches their gender. The Youth Disciples will exchange with the Youth Disciples. The Jr Youth will exchange with the Jr Youth. And the Sr Youth will play an intense game of Rob Your Neighbor amongst themselves.

>>Toy Collection

Each year we include a toy collection for a local charity. This year we will be supporting Lutheran Family and Children Services. They are asking for athletic balls of all kinds: soccer balls, basketballs, playground balls, footballs, etc. to use as Christmas gifts for the children they supervise in foster care. Please bring a new one and leave it unwrapped.

>>Movie Selection

The movie for the Jr and Sr Youth will be selected by a poll we will conduct via email. The choices are: Elf (popular choice most years); Home Alone (the first one as the sequels just aren't worth it); and How the Grinch Stole Christmas (the live action one featuring Jim Carrey).

As usual, we encourage you to bring a Christmas themed onesie to change into before we watch the movie.

Sr Youth Advent Meal



The Sr Youth are hosting the meal before the December 5th Advent Service. Instead of everyone divvying up the shopping and donating the supplies, we will collect \$10 from each youth and make one shopping trip to stock up.

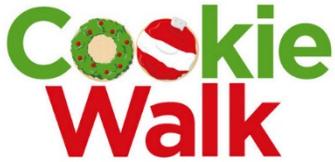
>> Menu

The menu will be the famous Bremer Mac & Cheese recipe with a wide variety of topping variations to pick from.

- > The Oinker: pulled pork and French fried onions
- > The All American: diced hot dogs and cheddar cheese
- > The BMT: bacon and cherry tomatoes
- > The Pizzeria: pepperoni, mozzarella & a dash of tomato sauce
- > The Sampler: for those that just can't decide, pick two of the above

>> Work Schedule

We would appreciate it if you arrived by 5:00 or 5:15 to help with last minute prep and to be prepared to serve as we serve from 5:30 to 7:00pm. The youth will be done by 7:30 or a few minutes before so they can attend worship with their family.



Cookie Walk

This is one of those events that the congregation always looks forward to!

We will be hosting a cookie walk on the weekend of 12/8-9 as a fundraiser for all three youth groups. After the Saturday evening service and between the Sunday morning services we will have the youth room set up as a cookie shop with all the homemade cookies you can supply. They will be sold by at \$5/pound.

And remember, we sell them by the pound so a hefty cookie is better!!

>> Homemade Cookies

We stock the cookie walk with homemade cookies supplied by the youth. What we could use is 3 dozen homemade cookies from each family. This is a great way to get that baker in your family such as a sibling, a parent, a grandparent, or even an aunt or uncle involved in our youth ministry by having them do the baking!

>> Cookie Drop-off

Please bring your donation before the start of the Saturday evening service so we can get the Cookie Walk setup and stocked. The church will open at 4pm on that Saturday. You can also bring them by on Friday during the normal daytime business hours (8am to 3pm).

>> Volunteer Workers

We will need to staff the Cookie Walk. We will need at least three adults for the Saturday night shift as the youth will be at the Christmas Party. We will need one adult and a couple of youth for

each shift on Sunday morning. Your job will be to greet visitors to the Cookie Walk, hand them a container and a food service glove, weigh their container when they are done, and collect their money. Here are the three shifts:

- > After the Saturday service (6-6:45pm)
- > After the first Sunday service (9-10am)
- > Before the second Sunday service (10-11am)

Jr Youth Advent Meal



The Jr Youth are hosting the meal before the December 12th Advent Service. Instead of everyone divvying up the shopping and donating the supplies, we will collect \$10 from each youth and make one shopping trip to stock up.

>> Menu

The menu will include both a traditional red chili and a white chicken chili along with the fixens' such as shredded cheese, crackers, corn bread, celery, etc.

>> Work Schedule

We would appreciate it if you arrived by 5:00 or 5:15 to help with last minute prep and to be prepared to serve as we serve from 5:30 to 7:00pm. The youth will be done by 7:30 or a few minutes before so they can attend worship with their family.

Live Nativity Choir

Last year, the youth added their voices as one of the various groups that sang carols during the live nativity and it was a wondrous sound. It was a great way for all the youth groups to participate in this major outreach effort of the church. We have been asked to do the same this year. Our time slot is 5:30 to 6:00pm. Please arrive at least 20 minutes early and report to the youth room. We will get

into the angel costumes and head out as a group to the live nativity. This is open to all 3 youth groups.

In addition, there are still slots available for the 7pm and 8pm Mary and Joseph shifts that the Sr High Youth can fill. Please get your name on the signup sheet in the church lobby.

Peer Ministry Training



The Sr Youth are invited to consider attending the next session of Peer Ministry Training offered by the Missouri District LCMS.

The dates are February 15-17, 2019 and it will be held at the Sojourn Retreat Center in Dittmer, MO. The cost is \$90 per person and registration is needed by December 16th as this event fills up quickly with folks coming from all over the state.

PMT is not a retreat or lock-in. It is an intense weekend long training event on how to minister to your peers with God's love. You will learn how to reach out to those around you that are in need of comfort through classroom training, role playing and being in the Word.

This event is not for everyone. Prayerfully consider your participation. Ask questions of recent past attendees (Ally Brink, Paul Brock, Elise Crumrine, Julia Crumrine, Emma Hansen, Sophia Labrier & Kayla Loesche). And then get your registration form turned in.

Cupcake War

At the November Youth Sunday, the Sr Youth had a Christmas themed cupcake decorating challenge. Each was given 2 jumbo sized cupcakes to decorate for judging by our guest celebrity judges. Thanks to Trevor, Matt & Adam for their fine discernment of the winner and congratulations to Kayla Loesche for her winning entry of Christmas trees.



Sr Youth 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 December dates: due to all the stuff in December, we are meeting only on December 16th.

Upcoming Important Dates

- 1/13: Youth Sunday
- 2/3: Youth Sunday
- 2/15-17: Peer Ministry Training for Sr Youth
- 2/22: Cosmic Bowling for Sr Youth
- 3/3: Youth Sunday
- 3/6: Lent Meal for Sr Youth
- 3/27: Lent Meal for Youth Disciples

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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2019 LCMS

National Youth Gathering



>> MO District Event

We have heard about the special event that the Missouri District will be hosting at the Gathering. On July 11, we will be heading over to Concordia University in St. Paul for the Minnesota Lumberjack

Experience. We will keep you informed of more details as they become available.

>> Upcoming Important Dates

- > 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

>> Attendees List

We now have 20 youth attending. Here is that list:

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| Noah Boeyink (from Epiphany) | Kayla Loesche |
| Ally Brink | Nathanael Mays |
| Henry Brink | Kate Moffat |
| Paul Brock | Mackenzie Moore |
| Noah Clark | Anna Muhlke |
| Elise Crumrine | Luke Schave |
| Julia Crumrine | Gavin Schulz |
| Emma Hansen | Jaylee Schulz |
| Jordan Ingrham | Keerstin Wiederhold |
| Sophia Labrier | Josiah Zeigler (from Epiphany) |

>> 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.

**** \$1,205.00 ****