

St. Jude 8th-12th Grade

YOUTH GROUP

combined w/Sts. Peter & Paul kids

Dear Parents,

Thank you for encouraging your teenagers to come to youth group. We have already been meeting a few weeks and I wanted to touch base with you and give you a little bit of an idea of how youth group works as well as opportunities to help us out etc.

How we do Youth Ministry -Our youth group is mostly peer led. This means that we have a Core Team of High School volunteers who prepare our nights and run our small groups, games, prayer etc. The team is prepared by me, Irene, and we meet 30mins before and after every youth group, as well as once a month for a longer planning meeting. I say this so you understand that we are making sure that what is done is all pre planned and revised ahead of time!

A typical Sunday night will go as follows -

6:30pm -Welcome, sign in on tablet, chill time, (Christian music playing in background) chat with friends, get comfy etc.

6:40pm (ish)- Pray opening prayer, bless food, Share a meal together.

6:50pm (ish)- Either head to gym or play in same building. Some kind of large group game.

7:30pm -Gather back together, return to youth room and break out into small groups. Discuss Highs and lows of the week as well as Jesus moments etc.

7:50pm - Return to youth room- make announcements (upcoming events etc)

Closing prayer.

As our year goes forward we may add to this format occasionally and include on some nights, either prayer services, adoration or star gazing, teen talks, meditations, bible study etc. (all still peer led)

Communications: Most of our communication will be done via our Groupme app. I strongly recommend that all our teenagers download this app and make sure they say something when they are added to the group (the app will drop you off the group if there is no activity from you) The app is used mainly for the teens and although you as parents are more than welcome to join, please understand that they may sometimes be simply texting silly memes or other 'funny' things to each other too and it can get a little overwhelming!

I have had quite a few of you call me and offer to help as needed. I am very grateful to you for that and would like to put out a few weeks of our calendar so you can both know when we meet and perhaps sign up for providing a meal for us on one of the Sunday nights. Please note the meals should be for around 45 people.

Here is a short term calendar, please note that this is always subject to change and we may only communicate changes via our groupme chat. We will update this calendar as we get closer to the dates.

Sun Sept 25	NO YOUTH GROUP - RETREAT 'THE CALLING'
Sun Oct 02	NO YOUTH GROUP - SEARCH RETREAT
Sun Oct 09	6:30pm to 8pm - Meal not yet covered
Sun Oct 16	6:30pm to 8pm - Meal not yet covered
Sun Oct 23	6:30pm to 8pm - Meal not yet covered
Sun Oct 30	6:30pm to 8pm - Meal provided by Nancy
Sun Nov 6	6:30pm to 8pm - Meal not yet covered
Sun Nov 13	6:30pm to 8pm - Meal not yet covered
Sun Nov 20	NO YOUTH GROUP- SEARCH RETREAT
Sun Nov 27	6:30pm to 8pm - Meal not yet covered

If you would like to cover a meal please contact Irene Scoggins at 423 596 0053 or irenescoggins@gmail.com to let me know which week and what you hope to provide.

Thanks so much! Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or anything else you may need.

Yours in Christ - Irene