**Youth and Education Committee Meeting – 10/13/2024**

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**Overview – Our Mission**

The Christian Education Committee guides the educational ministry of the church by supporting the children’s Sunday School, confirmands, youth group, adult education, and intergenerational activities. The committee provides oversight and leadership around educational opportunities that encourage and nurture the life-long process of faith formation.

Open meeting with expression on how important this committee is and how important this committee needs to seek out additional volunteers for different events. PARENTS need to be a part of their child faith development which means they need to be active participants with their child and or children.

**2024 Quarter 4 – Events and annually youth happenings**

**October**

* 1st Communion – 5th Graders – was on October 6th
* Sunday school kids should sing at church on October 6th – will need to coordinate better with events.
* Wednesday October 23rd – Confirmation Students and youth 7-12th grade are invited to join us in a Pizza, Hayride and fun evening of Ghost in the graveyard.
  + Pizza will be served at the Church starting at 6 PM with Hayride after, then back to the church for Ghost in the Graveyard.
    - Summer Aakre will be purchasing the Pizza’s (Gran ladies have given money for Confirmation meal) she also will line up the hayride.
* Trunk or Treat – October 27th
  + Jess will be organizing - kids will first meet in sanctuary for regular welcome and offering and then we will release them. This giving congregation time to decorate their vehicles.

**November**

* Sunday school Christmas program practice starts – Birttany, Jess, Summer and Pam have taken lead on this – songs were introduced to the kids on Sunday October 13th – have group of kids that are willing to play instruments pre service and for the preschool program.
* Middle School Retreat – Saturday November 23rd and 24th – in Alexandria Luther Crest Bible Camp – was presented to Confirmation Class and email was sent out as well - $150.00 cost – asking them to pay $25.00 to reserve their spot. Any parents that want to attend we will cover 100%. – Currently Holden Leshovsky and one other may be interested.

**December**

* Wednesday December 4th – Confirmation Students and youth grades 7-12th are invited to attend Shopping for the REACH giving tree – Pastor Jim will get names from REACH – group will meet up to eat first (TBD)
* Sunday December 8th – Sunday School will have a full rehearsal of the Christmas Program followed by Pizza and/or Movie/Vikings Game – this is for all youth – older youth will be around to help with the younger ones – this will go till 1:30 PM – if parents choose not to stick around. But all ages are welcome.
  + Summer Aakre is organizing – discussion to purchase a projector – Jess will look into this and purchase.
* Sunday December 15th – Sunday School Program at Rollag Lutheran 9:30 AM service.

**2025 Quarter 1 - Events and annual youth happenings**

**January**

* January 12th or 19th – sledding day – Family
  + Summer Aakre – will be organizing and getting us more information
* January 8th **“**Feed My Starving Children” packing – Confirmation and youth 7th – 12th
  + Summer Aakre will check and try and get registered.

**February – will have another Ed meeting on February 23rd at noon**

**March**

* March 16t**h** – St Patrick’s Day Meal – served by Youth grades 7th – 12th - plan to do a ruben and chips and grilled cheese for kids. All youth 7th – 12th grade will be asked to help serve and also bring a green dessert.
  + Jess and Brittany – would like to have a couple more PARENT helpers to organize and set up

**2025 Quarter 2 – Events and annual youth happenings**

**April**

* April 13th – Sunday School will sing Palm Sunday and **Techer Appreciation**
  + Teacher Appreciation – purchase gifts for teacher and cake is served – who every purchases stuff for this please give receipt to Bea and you will be reimbursed.
    - Kari and Brittney
* April 20th – Easter Breakfast served by youth grades 7th – 12th
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Need someone to lead and organize – 2 or 3 people would be great.
* April 27th – Sunday School wrap up celebration – Bowling and Pizza at Three Finger Bowling in Hawley.
  + Heidi Knutson will follow up with this one

**May**

* May 4th Confirmation – 1st Sunday of May for 9th graders
* Senior Recognition Sunday – usually 3rd Sunday of May

Next meeting: Sunday February 23rd at noon