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Dear Youth Group Families,

Greetings! For those who don't know me, my name is Heidi Albertson and I currently serve Trinity as the Director of Family Ministry. As you may know, our wonderful Youth Director, Emma McCleary, has graduated from WMU and is pursuing a career in her field of study. This means that we are searching for a new Youth Director. While we search for a new director to lead our amazing youth, I have offered to step in as an Interim Youth Director for this school year (or until we find a new director). I know that we'll work together to make this a wonderful, fun, and faith-filled year for our youth.

Beginning **Sunday, September 11th**, all 6th-8th graders are encouraged to attend Confirmation classes led by our pastors on Sunday mornings from 9:45am-10:45am in the new Confirmation classroom on the 3rd floor. Also beginning Sept. 11, all 9th-12th graders will have Sunday school from 9:45am-10:45am in the youth room on the 3rd floor, which will be led by Jason Grubaugh.

Youth Group is for youth who are in 6th grade through 12th grade. Most of our activities will be together, however there may be a few that are age-specific.

To prepare for this year, we are having a Youth Group Planning Meeting for parents and youth on **Sunday, September 18th from 12:30pm-2pm in the Fellowship Hall**. We'll have a light lunch, play a little get-to-know-ya game, and share our ideas for activities. Your input is very important, so please plan on joining us. If you can't make it, then please email me if you have any special requests/suggestions for things to do. On the back of this page are a few suggestions to help get your ideas percolating!

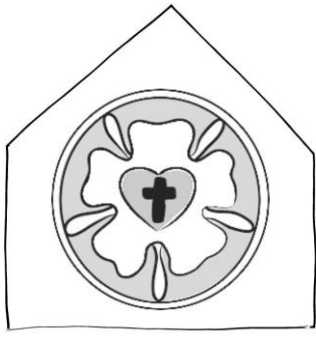
Our first Youth Group event will be on **Sunday, October 16th**. This meeting will be from noon-2pm and we'll meet in the youth room. This year we are going to explore our Spiritual Gifts and talk about how we can use and share our gifts. This year, we'll invite some church member friends to share their gifts with us.

Can't wait to see you all soon!!

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Fun Event Suggestions:

-Which fun events do you like? What else should we do?

*Regular youth group meetings

-Can we meet monthly? Does meeting after late service work, or a different time?

-Parents, is it easier to meet on the same days as Family Ministry meetings or does it not matter?

*Charge weekend retreat for middle and high school youth—Nov. 4-6 at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City; **need to sign up by Sept. 18th if you want to go!**

*Progressive Dinner (tentative date of Saturday, Dec. 17th)

-at church or at people's homes?

*Climb Kalamazoo

*Airway Lanes

*Escape Rooms

*Roller World

*Movie Night

*Game Night

*River tubing

*Sledding

*Ice skating

*Making crafts/painting pictures

*Family weekend retreat at Double JJ Ranch at the waterpark

Service Project Suggestions:

*Leaf raking—usually in November; do you want to do as a group or as individual families?

*Help the quilters

*Help in the pantry

*Clean in the church

*Neighborhood service project

*Babysitting event for kids at Trinity (Parent Afternoon Out)

*Summer 2023 mission trip for senior high

What other ideas do you have??