

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Hey, SJL Youth Parents!

God's grace and peace to you today. You and your students are in my prayers as the new school year begins! I'm excited to share the following overview of youth ministry programming for 2024-25. Can't wait to see what God has in store through these opportunities to **"gather** with peers and mentors, **grow** in relationship with Jesus and one another, and **go** into the world as the hands and feet of Jesus with the good news of the Gospel."

Sunday Bible Study

Who: 7th-12th grade students & friends, led by Josh Burkhard and Jeff Fauver

When: Sundays, 9:30-10:30am

Where: Meet in Sanctuary for Sunday School opening, then head to BRICK as a group

What: A weekly opportunity to study God's Word between worship services

Sr. High Youth Nights

Who: 9th-12th grade students & friends, led by Anna Kruger and Josh Burkhard

When: Sundays, 6:00-7:30pm

Where: The BRICK

What: A weekly opportunity to be in fellowship and apply God's Word to everyday life. Youth Nights feature a mix of large group games, topical Bible studies, prayer, and (of course!) snacks. Off-site outings, special events, and service projects are planned throughout the year, about once a month.

*Our first Youth Night will be an introductory meeting for sr. high students AND parents on **Sunday, September 8**. Come check out the BRICK, meet the youth leaders, learn about some fun things we have on the calendar (including the 2025 National Youth Gathering!), and join us in prayer over the upcoming year. Pizza will be provided.*

Senior Seminar

Who: 12th grade students & friends, led by Anna and Josh

When: Sundays, 5:15-6:00pm

Where: The BRICK

What: Seniors are invited to come early to Youth Nights to study *Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose* by Pastor Jeff Leininger, participate in the planning/leading of Youth Night games/studies, and take time to pray for underclassmen.

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Girls Small Group

Who: 8th-12th grade girls & friends, led by Anna

When: Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30pm

Where: Coffee Chaos

What: A casual afternoon with sisters in Christ, God's Word, and a great cup of coffee. Participants are welcome to bring homework to work on, stay the whole time, or drop by when they can. A time of devotion and prayer starts around 4:00pm.

Youth Sundays

Who: 7th-12th grade students

When: Sundays throughout the school year, about every other month

Where: 8:00 and 10:45am worship services

What: Students will serve during worship services by reading Scripture and prayers, ushering, greeting, singing with the Joyful Praise band, and/or wherever else needed.

Travel

Winter Whiteout Weekend

Petoskey, MI

Friday (after school)- Sunday in Early March

National Youth Gathering

New Orleans, Louisiana

Saturday, July 19- Wednesday, July 23

Appalachian Servant Event

Asheville, North Carolina

Friday, July 11- Wednesday, July 23

We'll kick off the year after Labor Day weekend with Girls Small Group on Wednesday, September 4 and Bible Study and Youth Night (again, this will be an introductory meeting for students AND parents) on Sunday, September 8.

Keep up with our group by following us on Instagram (@sjl.youth), checking the Youth page on our website (QR code below), and reading monthly email newsletters. If you have any questions or prayer requests, please reach out any time by phone or email.

I look forward to partnering in ministry with you this year!

In Christ,

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