

Greetings from Trinity Youth Group!

Sheep-i-ness

Jesus repeatedly described the people of God as sheep, and for good reason. Sheep are not exactly quick of mind, if you know what I mean. They're...

- Timid, fearful and easily panicked
- Typically gullible
- Vulnerable to fear, frustration, pests, and hunger
- Easily influenced by a strong, calm leader
- Jealous and competitive for dominance
- Stubborn and always insisting on their own ways
- Easily tipped over on their back, and are unable to right themselves
- Bothered by someone who tries to clean or shear their wool
- Needy - they require more care than any other type of livestock



It is hard to type all this, knowing that Jesus compares me to this embarrassing animal—in fact, it's pretty easy to see myself in a lot of these bullet points. But here is an overarching truth about Jesus' relationship with sheep: "When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36-37 NIV). The deepest truth is summed up in a well-known lyric from a children's song: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know ..." He wants to Shepherd us because he loves us. Sheep don't need a better understanding of how to avoid getting eaten by wolves; we need a deeper trust in and obedience to our Shepherd, who will look out for us, defend us, and rescue us.

What are some areas that you are trying to navigate all on your own (trying to be independent) that you should ask the Good Shepherd for some help (dependent)?

Dear God, continue to guide my days. Help me to follow You and your example. Fill me with your love, grace and mercy. Grant me wisdom and strength in all I do to serve you. In Christ. Amen.

Important Dates:

- 10/01 Open Youth Room
- 10/13 Feed My Starving Children
- 10/15 Open Youth Room
- 10/21 Rock Climbing
- 10/29 Open Youth Room

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN—OCTOBER 13

The service opportunity for the month of October is a trip to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. We currently have 25 spots reserved for this event. There is still room for 5 more.

Our scheduled time to pack 8:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

We will meet at the school at 6:00 p.m. and head out. We will have dinner together as a group at a restaurant close to FMSC. The Youth Group will cover the cost of your dinner.

It is customary that you make a donation to the organization while you are there. Our goal is that everyone contributes \$5.00. You can also bring extra money to purchase items from their store, which in return helps their ministry.

Return time back to Trinity should be around 10:00 p.m.

Parents are asked to help transport students and to help pack the meals. The sign up sheets are in the regular spots. Once again, friends are invited to attend. Please add them to the sign up sheet.



MISSION TRIPS 2018

In 2018 the High School students will head to Ripley, Tennessee, a suburb of Memphis. We will leave on Saturday, July 7 and return on July 14. There are a limited number of spots.

There is also a possibility that we will be heading to the Houston area with the high school group instead of Memphis. We are looking into the total cost of this option that will include airline, hotel and rental van. It would be the same week as the Tennessee trip. Please bring your interest to the Open Youth Room on October 15.

Middle School students will be heading to Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 22–27.

The sign up sheets are in the Youth Room and in the Grade 7 Confirmation Classroom.

There will be a need for adult sponsors for both. Contact Mr. Grady for more information.



ROCK CLIMBING—OCTOBER 21

Vertical Endeavors will be our destination once again. Let's meet at Trinity school at 6:15 p.m. Our climbing time will be from 7-9 p.m. Return time to Trinity will be around 9:45 p.m.

You will be required to fill out a waiver form that I will get to you before we leave. Friends are welcome to attend so don't forget to invite them and to sign them up on the sheets in the Youth Room or the Seventh Grade Confirmation Room in the school. Friends will also need to have a waiver form signed.

There is a need for some parents to help drive.

The cost \$20 and will include your Rock Climbing time and some snacks. Please eat dinner before you arrive.



WINTER RETREAT—JANUARY 2-5

The process of planning the Winter Retreat has begun. We are returning to Camp Luther from January 2-5. The camp staff has confirmed this time.

Our retreat will follow the same format as last year with many fun activities, Bible studies, interaction/fellowship time and fun food.

The cost will remain at \$150 and monies can be used from your account to pay for the trip. The sign up sheets are up in the Youth Room and in the Seventh Grade Confirmation Room. Friends are welcome to attend.

Parents are needed to help drive (about 6 hours one way) to and from the camp.

Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and church announcements.

