



Greetings from the Trinity Youth Group!

“You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

In the United States, Christmas involves lots of money. During the 2019 Christmas season, \$22.7 billion was spent in retail department sales. Nearly 50 million Christmas trees were sold, including 27.4 million real ones and 21 million fake ones. And, the average American family spent nearly \$800 on gifts during Christmas.

It is clear that we can easily forget the true reason for the season! Christmas is first and foremost about Jesus. He came not to usher in a heartwarming holiday, but to save us from our sins. In the words of Paul: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

There is no better way for us to begin this Christmas season than to thank God for His gift of redemption through His Son. As Peter proclaimed: “Salvation is found in no one else” (Acts 4:12).

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Winter Ski Retreat 2020

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and church insurance policy, the Winter Retreat has to be cancelled. We are not allowed to have a high number of family households in an enclosed facility. There were 18 different households signed up for the retreat.

In its place we will have a ski day on Monday, December 28. We will leave Trinity at 6:30 a.m. and should return around 8:00 p.m. The plan is to ski from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. This is a ski day only. We will plan a separate tubing day in January. Also, there will only be a limited number of lessons available.

The one day cost out of your account will be \$75. You will need to pack a lunch and some snacks for the ride. Also, bring \$10 for dinner.

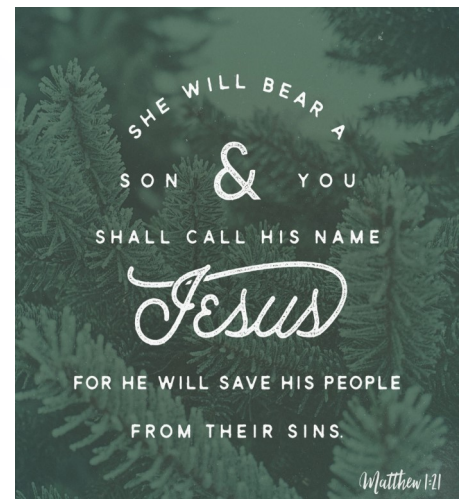
Sign up deadline is December 12. Friends are invited to attend. Waivers will be available after you sign up.

Open Youth Room Schedule

Open Youth Rooms for December will be on December 6 from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. and December 20 from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. All youth Grades 6-12 are invited. We will have some special treats on the December 20.

Clothing Drive

Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect clothes, bedding, shoes, belts and other soft material items (No stuffed animals). Our next drop-off will be at the end of February.



Important Information:

Youth Bible Class and Sunday School continue. Hope to see you in attendance each week at 9:30 a.m.

Remember to invite a friend (Grade 6-12) to our Youth Events.



Summer Mission Trip Information

All students in Grades 8-12 have an opportunity this summer to join about 400 youth and chaperones in Elkview, West Virginia to help repair homes. We will leave on Saturday, July 24 and return the following Saturday, July 31. There are currently 19 spots being held in our name. You can sign up in the Youth Room or School Art Room. The cost for this trip is \$650. This money can come out of your personal account.

Students in Grades 6-7 will be heading to Kenosha for our Week of Hope. We will leave Sunday, July 11 and return on July 16. Community service will be the major work this week including working in food distribution, day camps and nursing homes. We are in the process of registering for this trip.

The theme for this year's trips is WORTH IT.

There will be monthly updates for these trips. Look for them to get important information. Since we will be sleeping in schools for these trips, it is important that you start looking for an inflatable mattress. The self-inflating ones are the best. They can be found on Amazon. They need to be twin size.

If you have questions you can go to groupmissiontrips.com for information or contact Mr. Grady.

December Activity

Right now we are scheduled to work at the Chicago Food Depository on Saturday, December 19, from 1:00–3:45 p.m. Meet at the school at 12:00 noon. Make sure you eat lunch before you arrive. We should be back by 4:30 p.m. The current number of participants we can bring is 12 youth and 2 adults.

January Activities

As stated earlier, plans are being made for a tubing day at Wilmot Mountain. We are looking at tubing for two hours on Saturday, January 16. Right now there is not a cost for this event. The sign-up sheet is in the school classroom where we meet. Look for more information in the near future.

Our Pizza Sale has begun. You should have received a form for you to sell with all the details on how to do it. Remember that those forms, along with the money are due by January 14. If you did not receive a form, please contact Mr. Grady.

We are looking into a return trip to Feed My Starving Children in the near future. There was a number of people on the waiting list or were unable to attend because a conflict in their schedule.