
YOUTH MINISTRY

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September was a great start to our after-school programs! We have over 70 pre-k to 12th grade students who started the year with outside time, a cookout, and time together. Our second week featured an amazing presentation by Ed Laarman about Monarch butterflies, which perfectly tied into starting out our year talking about the story of creation in Genesis. God really has made a big, beautiful world all around us, and our lesson from Ed reminded us to take time to see the wonder in it all, big and small.

We, along with The Cure and other local churches, hosted Mangia - a dinner, game, and devotional time for teens and young adults. In Fellowship Hall we enjoyed a delicious (and gluten free!) dinner, then moved outside for fun games in the field, a devotional led by Pastor Matt Ruesch from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, and an amazing smores bar provided by Maranatha. We had over 40 teens, young adults, and adults for the evening and plan to make it an annual event.

October 7th brings our annual **FALL FEST**, which is open to the whole congregation. Come and join us for a delicious dinner, fun games and crafts, and some special surprises this year. Our pie/sweets auction, Seroogy candy bar sale, and bake sale also take place during **FALL FEST**, with the proceeds going toward *Lifest* and other youth events. We are looking for candy donations and volunteers to help in the kitchen, so please check the sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room or check in with me.

Something New! A Girl's Bible Study Beginning Sunday, October 4th, from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

All girls 7th thru 12th grades are invited to a Girls Bible Study every Sunday from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. beginning on October 4th. We will dive into the Book of Romans with great conversations and snacks! Michelle Copley will be leading this study. If anyone is interested in providing snacks for a night or even sharing a book of the Bible with our youth that you are passionate about, please let me know.

Finally, we will participate in the Downtown Iron Mountain Pumpkin Walk Trunk or Treat on Saturday, the 24th. Every year our town features a fun family event that attracts over 2,000 people, including 700-900 children. We will pass out candy, mini Jesus's, and love! If you would like to contribute any of those items, or to be part of the event on the day of, please let me know!



*** * * FREE MONDAY NIGHT MEALS RESUME * * ***

Monday, October 5th - 5:00p.m.-5:30p.m.

It will be served as a drive-thru every Monday.

On the last Monday of the month it will also be served in Fellowship Hall
so mark your calendar for **October 26th** and come and share a meal with our community!
