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*Our goals of for the Youth committee are to help our youth grow into their faith through Discipleship, by partnering with them through events to encourage faith growth, and to provide them with opportunities for fellowship with one another.*

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## **Youth Committee Activities**

### **5th/6th Grade FYG**

The youth committee is in charge of planning events for our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth, which is something that was just started in 2014. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade youth meet four times throughout the year, with a variety of activities. They have a pizza party in the winter, movie night in the spring, an activity in the Community in the summer, and Bible study in the fall.

### **Confirmation Activities**

The youth committee is in charge of sponsoring three activities for the confirmation students. The first is an October outing that takes them to a Haunted House/Corn Maize. The second is the Mystery Dinner, which is held during confirmation time. The third is a ski trip, which alternates every year between Sun Down located in Dubuque, IA and Ski Snowstar in Andalusia, IL.

### **High School Youth**

Our youth group currently meets twice a year in the fall and spring. Our High school students are invited on a retreat that takes them outside of Eldridge. At the fall retreat we talk about what it means to be involved and helping a neighbor, and in the Spring youth help put what they've learned into action.

### **Faith Youth Group (8th—12th Grade)**

We are constantly looking at ways for our youth to be active in the community. In the past, these activities have included Trick or Treat for the North Scott Food Pantry, sponsoring two children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree, and sponsoring an item drive for King's Harvest, located in Davenport, IA. We've also participated in a Lock Out with Ignite, a local Iowa/Illinois Lutheran churches in the Quad Cities.

### **Mission Trips**

We have a yearly mission trip that 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to attend. We partner with Youthworks Inc. out of Minneapolis, MN for our mission sites. Past mission trips included work in Alaska, Vermont, Cass Lake, MN, with Kansas City, KS in 2013. In 2014 our High school youth will be heading to Denver, CO.

### **National Youth Gatherings**

Every 3 years, our youth are given an opportunity to attend the ELCA's National Youth Gathering. Faith Lutheran has had youth attend in many years past, and locations have ranged from San Antonio, TX to New Orleans, LA. Youth aged 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend the gatherings with us.

### **Back To School Kick Off**

Every September we have a back to school kick off for both our junior high and high school youth. We have water games, food, and prizes for our youth. It's a great time of fellowship and fun to kick off the back to school year.

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**How can you help?**

- Serve on the Youth Committee.
- Volunteer with events.
- Help plan events.
- Chaperone Mission Trips
- Chaperone National Youth Gathering Trips

**We are always looking for help with events. If you have any questions, or would like to help partner with our youth:**

- Call the church office (285-4501).
- Email Katie Hare at [katiehare@netins.net](mailto:katiehare@netins.net).
- Email the church office. [faitheldridge@netins.net](mailto:faitheldridge@netins.net)
- Fill out your Time and Talent Sheet.

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Faith-Lifted  
Called to  
Share,  
Seek,  
And Serve  
Christ*

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**Youth  
Committee**

***We are a church that helps our youth  
become disciples of Christ.***

***“And Jesus came and said to them,  
‘All authority in heaven and on  
earth has been given to me. Go  
therefore and make disciples of all  
nations, baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit, and teaching them  
to obey everything that I have  
commanded you. And remember, I  
am with you always, to the end of  
the age.’”***

***-Matthew 28:18-20***

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