

ONE Youth News & Updates

HS ONE Youth Mission Trip—Anchorage, Alaska, July 12-18, 2025

ONE Youth is excited to announce we have scheduled a High School Mission Trip to Anchorage, Alaska, July 12-18, 2025, for those youth currently in grades 9-12. The registration deadline is Sunday, December 1, 2025. This trip will not only include service work, fun, friendship, faith, games, worship, prayer, serving others, and so much more, but also give us the opportunity to see a different part of our country, grow in our awareness and understanding of how God is working in others parts of our world, and learn how we can play our part in advancing the mission and message of Jesus Christ.

Before you consider registering for this trip, please keep in mind that a trip of this nature requires an awareness of the accommodation and the physical and mental expectations including:

- Lots of walking
- Airport travel & flying (5.5-6 hour flight)
- Potential for construction or hard labor
- Sleeping on the floor (small pad or air mattress must fit in suitcase along with a small blanket)
- Sleeping in large groups (no individual sleeping spaces)

A mission trip like this requires the ability to adapt to different conditions, ones we aren't used to on a regular basis. We want you to be fully prepared with what to expect before registering. If you have any questions before registering, please reach out to Natalie at (701) 730-6760.

Other expectations include:

- Attending mandatory pre-trip gathering meetings. These are extremely important.
- Active participation in fundraising efforts.

Depending on flight costs, **we estimate the cost per person to be around \$1,500-\$1,800.** We will do as much fundraising as possible and invite your ideas and help. However, participants will be responsible for covering the remaining cost of their trip. We won't know the remaining cost until our fundraising is complete. If you are in a financial situation where you are unable to cover the cost, please reach out and we will do whatever we can to make it work.

If you're interested in experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime Alaskan mission trip, we invite you to register. Link is in the QR code. The non-refundable registration fee is \$100/person.

ONE Youth Christmas Drama

ONE youth is leading a Christmas Drama, and all are invited to attend on Wednesday, December 4 at 7 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church. The 7-12 grade youth will be leading us in worship through a narrative Christmas drama filled with wonderful Christmas music, and we hope you'll come and enjoy feeling the warmth and wonder of the Advent season.

Parents of youth in 7-12 grade, the expectation is that your child attend and be a part of this drama. We need their presence to make this drama a success. Please have your child at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hoffman at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 4.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

November—no Faith Formation or HS Youth group on Wednesday, November 27.

December 4

- **HS Morning Prayer**—Anytime between 7:20-8 a.m. at Peace Lutheran for 9-12 grade.
- **Early-Out Service Day.** We will be making Christmas cookies, just like last year, to distribute to the nursing homes and those in our community who help protect and care for us. We will also be decorating a Christmas tree in the Hoffman Square.

- **Christmas Drama** at Messiah Lutheran at 7 p.m., led by the youth in grades 7-12.

December 11

- Faith Formation, 3:30-5 p.m. at Peace Lutheran
- HS Youth Group at 5:45 p.m. at Peace Lutheran

December 18

- Faith Formation, 3:30-5 p.m. at Peace Lutheran
- HS Youth Group at 5:45 p.m. at Peace Lutheran

December 20

- Breakfast Club, 7-8 a.m. at Peace Lutheran

Confirmation is off for the holidays. We will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

HS Suppers

If you and other members are looking for ways to help support ONE Youth, we invite you to find some friends and consider serving a meal to our HS Youth on the Wednesdays they meet, which is usually twice a month. We have on average 20-25 kids. This would be a wonderful way for you to not only get to know more of our amazing youth but also to see what we do during youth group. If you're interested, please contact Natalie at 701-730-6760.