# **ONE Youth News & Updates**

Faith Formation (confirmation), which meets after school from 3:30-5:15 PM on Wednesdays is now meeting for supper and Lenten worship on Wednesdays, now through April 9. The meals will begin at 5:30 PM with a Lenten worship immediately following at 6:30 PM. As we did last year, each faith formation small group will be leading one Lenten worship service. The schedule is below. The expectation for each youth is to attend all the Lenten worship services with their family. Last year, we enjoyed worshipping as a large community of faith as we brought our congregations together for six weeks of Lent. We look forward to another Lenten season filled with connection and relationship.

### **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

April 2—Lenten Meal & Service at United

- Meal at 5:30 PM
- Service at 6:30 PM
- \_\_\_\_\_ small group is leading the worship

April 9—Easter Drama, Dinner, & Silent Auction

- Meal at 5:30 PM
- Easter Drama/Service at 7 PM
- Fundraiser for the youth going on the Alaskan Mission Trip
- Raffle Prize Drawing at 8 PM

April 16—NO CONFIRMATION—Holy Week

April 17—Maundy Thursday Worship

April 18—Good Friday Worship

April 23—Confirmation resumes at Peace Lutheran Church, 3:30-5:15 PM.

### ONE Youth Fundraiser — "God is Greater than the Highs & Lows" T-Shirt & Sweatshirt

If you missed your chance at Christmas, our "God is Greater than the Highs and Lows" merchandise is back by popular demand for a limited time only. All T-shirts are \$23; Sweatshirts youth sizes are \$30 and adult sizes are \$35. The order deadline is Wednesday, April 30. All orders go to support the ministry of ONE Youth! Here is the link to order the shirts:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-9wzQ8SscyxP1Ux51SdRGeN3xDNJDYZR8uqL\_CsHxsmDxRw/viewform?usp=header





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

We have 21 youth, currently in grades 9-12, who are registered to go on our mission trip to Alaska this summer. In addition, we have two junior chaperones (alumni from previous trips) as well as five adult chaperones attending this trip for a total of 28 people.

**RAFFLE FUNDRAISIER**—Our current fundraiser is a Prize Money Raffle. Alaskan Mission Trip Youth will be selling raffle tickets for \$10/ticket until April 1. The prizes are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place is \$1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> place is \$500, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners will each receive \$250. The drawings will take place at United Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 9, in conjunction with another fundraiser that evening.

**ONE YOUTH PASSION PLAY (Easter Drama), DINNER, & SILENT AUCTION**—The Alaskan Mission Trip Youth, as a way to pay for the expenses of this trip as well as give back to their church communities, will be performing an Passion Play at United Lutheran Church on <u>Wednesday, April 9 at 7 PM</u>.

### **ASKING FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS**

In conjunction with the ONE Youth dinner and Passion Play presented on Wednesday, April 9 at United by the youth going to Alaska, we are doing a full fundraising night including a silent auction. We are asking members to donate silent auction items to our silent auction. There are no rules around donations. We simply ask for donations you know others would be interested in bidding on to help us raise money for the trip.

Donation items may be dropped off at any of the three churches by Sunday, April 6. At the time of donation, we simply ask you to fill out a "Silent Auction Form." Liza Long from Messiah is our contact. She has offered to pick up any donations, if that is helpful. Please reach out to her with any questions at 320-815-6651.

## Interested in Helping?

If you're interested in being involved in and supporting ONE Youth ministry, here are some ways you can help:

- Snacks for Faith Formation: Every week at Faith Formation, the youth come hungry, so we feed them! We spend the first fifteen minutes having snack and chatting, which is a great way to connect and build relationship. We have received monetary donations specifically for snacks, which we greatly appreciate. However, we are always looking for volunteers to bring snacks or come and serve. It's a great way to get to know the kids and see what we are doing at ONE Youth on Wednesdays!
- **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.
- Share Your Testimony—One of the most powerful ways to help build and encourage faith is through personal testimonies. If anyone feels moved or inspired to attend Faith Formation or HS Youth Group to share his/her faith testimony, please reach out to Natalie. We'd love to hear your story.
- **Prayer**—As we continue to navigate what our youth ministry looks like among our three churches, please continue to pray for all those involved and in leadership at the three churches as we seek to do God's will in this place.