

Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to Me,
and do not forbid them; for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."



Dear Youth Group Parents and Students,

August 31, 2023

Welcome to a new school year of Youth Group Classes at the Man. Waters Community Church. This year's program will begin on September 20, from 3:45-5:00. We are so excited to share another year with your child/ren. I am also excited to begin my seventh year as Christian Education Director and know that we are fortunate to have our staff returning for this year:

Gr 4K-5K – TBD	Gr 1-2 -- Debby Patterson
Gr 3-4 -- Helyn Woolf	Gr 5-6 – Karl Kleinschmidt
Gr 7-8 – Pastor Terry, Pastor Eric	Gr 4K-8 th Music – Adele Duranso

This year our interim Pastor Terry Muck will join our Youth Group sessions until Pastor Eric Peterson begins his ministry in our church in November. They bring tons of knowledge and enthusiasm to our house of worship. We are excited to work with Pastor Eric, and will appreciate his experience with youth programs, but will certainly miss the expertise and guidance we received from Pastor Terry. We are very fortunate and blessed to have him with us for the past year and a half.

We will have the same transportation in place as last year. Those that ride the North Lakeland bus that passes the church will be dropped off on Wednesdays with the appropriate parent permission note given to the school office. The Camp Jorn van will be available for those needing alternative transportation from North Lakeland to church. **You must send a signed permission note to the school office to ride the van, and return the signed permission form (on your registration form) to me or the church office** for your student to use the van transportation for Wednesday Youth Group classes. Thank you to the families from Mercer and Minocqua that car pool with other families, or drive individually.

Please note the attached calendar with dates for participation in seven (7) Youth Group Sundays, our first being October 22. All students will participate in some capacity with the service, such as choral selections, ushering, greeting, scripture reading and/or helping serve in the fellowship hall after service. The congregation looks forward to the student's participation in the service, and we certainly put a smile on their faces on those Sundays!

This year will re-instate our monthly Youth Group/Senior Congregant home visit program, which we will now call "Angie's Visits", in memory of our beloved Angie Jacobs, who had mentioned that this was her favorite program of our Youth Group. I hope to get the wheels in motion in October, and will send out permission slips prior to each class visit.

The 2023/24 YG registration form is also included in this mailing. We ask you to fill it out and return it by snail mail, scan and email, put it in the offering basket on Sunday or drop it off with Heather in the church office as soon as possible. If you know any 4K or 5K student, or new neighbors that may have children interested in joining, we can send them a registration too, or have them call me or Heather Suffron (715-543-2998) in the church office.

A few reminders to make note of:

- North Lakeland students currently riding the bus that passes the church **must have** a note sent to the school office allowing their child to be dropped off at the church every Wednesday, and remember to notify the school office of any changes for any particular week.
- Call/text/email me or the church office if your child is not able to attend a Wednesday class.
- As in the past, you must pick up your child in the church fellowship hall at 5:00. We will not send children out to your car for traffic safety reasons.
- You are welcome to visit any of the Youth Group classes, and we most definitely would welcome any help with volunteering if you are interested!

I am looking forward to our new year, and hope you feel the excitement in your child/ren when you pick them up! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the church office.

In gratitude,
Adele Duranso, Christian Education Director

Encl: 2023/24 Registration Form
2023/24 Youth Group Calendar
Fun Faith based Meal time conversation cards

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