St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Children & Youth Ministry Newsletter
October 27, 2026



Project Remix: More Than a Room Makeover

As we look ahead to November, I am excited to share a special project that our youth ministry will be working on. We are planning to repaint and refresh our youth rooms on November 21st, 2026.

This project is more than improving our rooms. One of the lessons I hope our students learn is that mission and discipleship begin where we are. So often, we think mission work is all about going somewhere else, but ministry starts at home, in our church, and in our own community. By working together to improve the spaces where we gather, our students will have the opportunity to practice service, stewardship, and teamwork in a meaningful way.

Our goal is to create spaces that are warm, welcoming, fun, and inviting. We want our youth rooms to be places where students are excited to come, where friendships are formed, faith is nurtured, and lasting memories are made. I encourage all middle school and high school families to have their students join us for this fun and meaningful project.

On November 22nd during Sunday school hour, all parents are invited to come and tour the youth rooms and enjoy fellowship time together. This will be a great opporunity for me to meet you all.

As I continue to develop the vision for this ministry, an important part of that vision is creating an inclusive environment for all children and youth. Every child learns differently. Some are visual learners, some learn best through listening, and others through hands-on experiences. My hope is that we can incorporate a multi-sensory approach to teaching so that every student has the opportunity to engage, learn, and grow in their faith.

To help us achieve this goal, one of the items on our ministry wish list are televisions for our learning spaces. Ideally, we would love to have a smart TV in each of the elementary, middle school, and high school classrooms. These would help us incorporate visual learning, display curriculum materials, play music, show videos, and create a more engaging learning experience for our students.

If you have a television you would be willing to donate, I would love to hear from you. Your generosity would help us create learning environments that better serve all of our students and support a variety of learning styles.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement, as we build a youth ministry where every student feels welcomed, valued, and encouraged to grow in their relationship with Christ.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Project Remix (Painting Youth Rooms):
Nov 21st / 8:30am

Open house fellowship:
Nov 22nd / 9:45am / Youth room

Family Advent Activity
Dec 6th / 11am / Fellowship hall

Family Christmas Party (Elementary & Youth)
Dec 19th / hosted by the Archer family

Looking Ahead

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering Registration Now Open!!

Early Registration is now open for the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, taking place **June 28-July 2, 2027**. Parents if your high school student is interested in attending, please contact Tatenda Juma, Youth Minister, for more information.

REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORMS

As we continue to grow our ministry and plan activities for the year, registration and consent forms will be sent out in the coming weeks. These forms help us keep accurate information for each student, ensure we have emergency contact details on file and obtain the necessary permissions for participation in youth events and activities.
I kindly ask that all parents and guardians complete and return the forms as soon as possible once they are received. Having updated information allows us to better care for and serve your children throughout the year.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Deuteronomy 6:6-7
These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.