

FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Hi everyone! Your friendly neighborhood Director of Youth and Children's Ministry here.

How is it already November? Wasn't it just August?

So far this year we have welcomed the return of in-person youth group and Sunday School, as well as other events like a Communion Instruction class and Bible 101. While it's been a frustrating season at times, we are glad we have been able to safely do ministry together in person for several months now.

Gratitude Moment

I am grateful for the faithful, consistent work of our Sunday School teachers. They are patient, kind, and really love getting to see the kids in their classes each week.

I'm also grateful for the work of the Faith Formation committee, Jen Roberts and Wayne Higbe, for their input and commitment to the education ministries of St. Andrew. That committee is led by Jeana Butler, who does an incredible job keeping Faith Formation activities on track and generally being passionate about the life of this congregation. We're thrilled she and baby Jacob Cole Butler, born October 12, are healthy and happy!

Youth Group Calendar for November and December

Nov. 7 STAKK 5th & 6th: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Nov. 14 SLY 7th-12th: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Nov. 21 Confirmation 7th- 9th: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Nov. 28 Thanksgiving break, NO youth group

Dec. 5 STAKK 5th & 6th: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Dec. 12 SLY 7th – 12th: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Dec. 19 Confirmation 7th- 9th: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Dec. 26 Winter Break, No Youth

Sunday School

Sunday School continues to be a delight! All are welcome to join classes for PreK through 12th grade each Sunday.

Sunday November 21 will be an exciting day during the Sunday School hour! We'll be assembling Fuel Bags, making Family Advent Wreaths, and rehearsing for our children's Advent Program.

Advent Program

Advent is nearly upon us! Katherine Mansouri, our children's choir director, will be leading our youngest members in an Advent program that will take place on Sunday, December 19 during the education hour between our Lessons and Carols services.

We will have opportunities for in-person, virtual, and musical participation!

Rehearsals for the Advent program: Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12. A dress rehearsal will take place on December 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation

The pastors and I have been enjoying our once-a-month Confirmation classes. In September, parents and students met to learn about one another and about the ways we will approach the Confirmation program going forward. Parents will be invited to Confirmation class again in January - students only until then!

This month our class is on Sunday, November 21.

The Rite of Confirmation is currently planned for the Easter Vigil in Spring of 2022.

Et Cetera

As always, if you need to contact me, my information is below!

Be well,
Be safe,
Be kind,

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