

# St. Paul's Youth Ministry

St. Paul's Youth Ministry is designed for students in grades 6-12. We plan and develop all of our youth ministry activities based on these three end goals: Youth would

1. Be **Confident in Christ**
2. **Connect to others**
3. **Contribute to the Body**

Our goal is that each youth we encounter would grow to be **confident** that they have a God who loves them, and know they are forgiven and made whole by Jesus Christ. Through Bible study and activities, the youth are able to **connect** to other youth and adults who also show God's love to them. With confident faith and relationships, the youth are able to look beyond themselves and seek opportunities to give to others as they **contribute** to the Church at large through service to others at church, at home, and in the community – all as a response to God's love toward them.

## **Covid-19 Adaptations:**

In a typical year, our youth ministry connections would include the various opportunities listed below. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are trying to meet with youth once a month in an outdoor setting. Some smaller groups may be able to get started later this fall.

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*In a non-Covid year, these are some of the events we offer to further Christ connections among our middle school students. We pray that we can get back to these Christ-focused connections and gatherings soon.*

**Impact (6th-8th):** This is a once a month, two-hour event for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. We have fellowship time, Bible study, and group games.

**Impactful small groups (6th-8th):** We have a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' group and a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' group led by adult volunteers. These are opportunities for more in depth discussion and Bible study as well as projects, games, and activities.

**Service Projects (All):** Throughout the year we look for ways for the youth to serve St. Paul's and the community. In the past we have raked people's yards, sang Christmas Carols, made care packages, painted, sorted donated clothes, and cleaned up around the church building. If you have ideas of how you'd like to see us serve or help in our community, please contact me.

**Outings and Trips (All):** Some of the ways we like to strengthen the fellowship of our youth are different trips and bigger events on and off campus. Some of our annual events are the Impact Extravaganza, Jr. and Sr. High Youth Rally.

If you are not receiving emails informing you of our monthly events, please let me know so I can fix that and keep you informed. You can also contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

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In God's love,  
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