



# Youth on Wednesday



## 2011-2012 Schedule

### September

- 7 7:15 pm—YOW Fun Night & Parent Information Meeting  
14 7:15 pm—YOW  
21 7:15 pm—YOW  
28 7:15 pm—YOW

### October

- 5 7:15 pm—YOW  
12 7:15 pm—YOW  
19 7:15 pm—YOW  
26 7:15 pm—YOW

### November

- 2 7:15 pm—YOW  
9 7:15 pm—YOW  
16 5:00 - 9:00 pm—YOW to ELCA Confirmation Extravaganza at Alliant Energy Center  
23 No YOW  
30 7:15 pm—YOW

### December

- 7 7:15 pm—YOW  
14 7:15 pm—YOW  
21 7:15 pm—YOW - Christmas Party & Caroling  
28 No YOW

### January

- 4 7:15 pm—YOW  
11 7:15 pm—YOW  
8 7:15 pm—YOW  
25 7:15 pm—YOW

### February

- 1 7:15 pm—YOW  
8 7:15 pm—YOW  
15 5:00 pm—YOW Chili Supper (prior to church service)  
22 7:15 pm—YOW  
29 7:15 pm—YOW

### March

- 7 7:15 pm—YOW  
14 7:15 pm—YOW  
21 7:15 pm—YOW  
8 7:15 pm—YOW

### April

- 4 No YOW  
11 7:15 pm—YOW - Food Drive for Lake Mills Food Pantry  
18 7:15 pm—YOW - Faith Statements presented at 6:15 pm service)  
25 7:15 pm—YOW  
29 (Sunday) 10:30 am—Confirmation

NOTE: If school is cancelled due to weather, YOW will also be cancelled.

## Meet The Leaders

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## YOW Mission & Vision

Trinity Lutheran Church's Youth on Wednesday (YOW) Program, along with the Sunday School Program, is committed to helping our youth develop a lifelong relationship with God.

The mission of our YOW Program is to provide a safe and caring place:

- where we teach youth to pray and study Scripture,
- where youth can build caring relationships with other youth and adults,
- where youth build a strong faith foundation and are involved in our congregation.

Our vision is that our youth will apply faith to their daily decisions throughout their lives.

## YOW Chili Supper



YOW holds an annual Chili Supper prior to a Wednesday evening service. This year's Chili Supper will be February 15, 2012. This is a fundraiser for the YOW program which helps fund the program and also a portion goes to their mission project for the year. YOW students and families are asked to sell tickets and serve at the meal. This is a fun event for everyone! Plan to bring your family and friends and join us for Chili and church service.

## YOW Service Projects

Service projects are a way for our youth to experience Trinity's Mission of "Growing in Faith and Sharing Christ's Love" first hand. Over the years, these service projects have fed the needy, gave comfort, and shared the spirit of the holidays. Thank you for sharing our ministry with your children and supporting these projects through your donations and time. Below is a listing of this year's projects.



### 2011-2012 YOW Service Projects

Trinity Christmas Tree Sale

Christmas Caroling

Trinity Chili Supper

Trinity Holiday Luncheon

Scavenger Hunt for Lake Mills Food Pantry

Blankets

End of Year Donation to Mission Project

## 8th Grade Confirmation Requirements



The goal of YOW is to help young people make a positive, life-changing connection with Jesus Christ. As eighth grade students prepare to officially claim their faith through confirmation we ask them to do a number of things to help connect more closely. We ask them to learn about Jesus by attending YOW at least 18 Wednesday evenings. We ask them to focus on their relationship with God by taking 12 sermon notes and serving as worship volunteer 4 times. We ask them to love their neighbor by undertaking 8 hours of community service. And we ask them to share their faith by writing a faith statement at the end of the year.

## Faith Statements

Every year, our 8th grade Confirmation students are required to complete and read a Faith Statement (essay). These Faith Statements are generally read aloud during the Wednesday evening church service just prior to Confirmation in the spring.

Faith Statements are meant to be a statement of who you are and your relationship with the church and God. They are generally one to two pages and should take approximately 3 to 5 minutes to read aloud. A few examples of Faith Statements will be read to the group. In addition, Pastor Mark and Abby Hale will work individually with the students on this project.

This project is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn more about their faith and what being a Christian means to them.