



## Youth News

### **Sponsor-a-Youth or Sponsor-an-Adult Chaperone to New Orleans**

We have 17 youth and 4 adults heading to New Orleans this summer for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. We are looking for people to serve as their sponsors. What does this involve?

- ★ You will be prayer partners. Please pray for them between now and the youth gathering in July, and they will be instructed to pray for you.
- ★ Your name, along with your youth will be publicized on our youth board and in the Echo so the congregation will be able to pray for you and whoever you are sponsoring.
- ★ We will bring pieces of our youth gathering back for you. This is a fun and mysterious part of this relationship – we will bring back some of what we experience for you.
- ★ We will have a post youth gathering event, and you will have a special place at that event as people who made extra effort to help us to get there.

The cost to be a youth sponsor is \$100. You can split this up and two people can sponsor one person, or you can choose to sponsor one person yourself. All these funds will be used simply to help us raise money to make this adventure possible. Thank you for considering helping us. If you sponsor someone you do not know, we will make sure and introduce you to them!

### **Youth Gathering Rummage Sale**

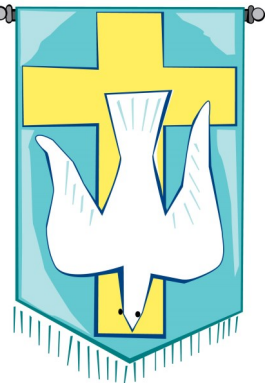
We are having our first rummage sale at ULC since 2019. On Saturday, May 4, from 8:00am to 3:00pm, we will be open for business with all kinds of items for the community to purchase. We will also have an early bird special from 7:00 to 8:00am. People can get into the rummage sale early for \$3. All proceeds raised will go toward the youth gathering.

### **Youth Gathering Meeting**

Our next youth gathering meeting is Sunday, May 19, at 6:30pm. At this meeting, we will assess our financial situation. There is also have a ton of information to communicate with you about the gathering itself. It would be best if every family could be represented at this meeting. If not, I will try to have as much in writing as possible, so you can stop by later.



## Confirmation Class



### Confirmation

Our confirmation classes for 2023-24 are nearly complete! We are making a few schedule adjustments, shortening the year a bit. Our last Wednesday class will be May 1, and our last Sunday class will be May 5. Here are a few other important notes:

1. Our end of the year pizza party is Sunday, May 5, 4:00pm at Pizza Ranch. Youth only need to bring money for the arcade. Friends and family are welcome!
2. Please turn in your mentor folders when you and your mentor have completed this year's assignment. It is OK if you are still working at it!
3. If you have worship notes to complete, why not catch up over the summer? If you are not sure how many they have left to do, please ask Pastor Tom.

Confirmation Sunday 2024 for our current 9<sup>th</sup> grade class is Sunday, October 27. Please check with Pastor Tom if you are unsure if you have completed all your requirements.