

YOUTH MATTERS

for Jr./ Sr. High

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REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

2019 National Youth Gathering

MY BAD!! There was a typo in the info I put in the REAL.PRESENT.GOD. (next summer's NYG) articles in the Announcements and the Newsletter. It should have read: "Who: Anyone who is at least **14 (or going into 9th grade)** and not over 20 by the time the Gathering starts on July 11, 2019." I'm sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

BTW - Registration is now open for the National Youth Gathering.

Those attending need to go to <http://www.lcmessaging.com/registration/> and download/print the Youth Participant Worksheet. Fill it out and turn it in to Pastor Rieger in the church office by October 31st. We had talked about including a \$100 non-refundable deposit with registration. If this is a problem, please talk to Pastor.



We will need at least 2 Adult leaders (one of each gender) to accompany the youth and participate in the Gathering activities with them. For info on the role of Adult Leader, see the website, www.lcmessaging.com/lead. If you are interested in serving the youth in this way, please talk to Pr. Rieger ASAP. We have to do background checks on all adult leaders. You can go to <http://www.lcmessaging.com/registration/> for the Adult Participant Worksheet.

Those who are 19-25 years old can apply to serve the Gathering as Young Adult Volunteers (YAV). To find out more information about becoming a YAV, go to www.lcmessaging.com/volunteer.



Thanks to all who helped with face- and pumpkin painting at the Fall Fest: Emily Marshall, Nyanpal Reat, Will Burmeister, Hunter Jenö and his friend Caleb. I hope I didn't miss anyone...

Teen Time - 9:15-10:15 Sundays

- Thank you, Theresa Pitt for filling in to lead a discussion/study on "The Sunday Situation" on 9/30.
- There was a question about what the Bible says homosexuality, so we looked at what it says about God's plan for guys & gals, sex (After all, He invented it!), marriage, and homosexuality, as well as what is a Christian response if they or someone they know is struggling with same-sex attraction.
- Sometime in October, we will talk about Halloween & what is an appropriate Christian attitude toward it.

Speaking of Halloween... We would like to have a bonfire on ***All Hallows Evening*** with the accompanying toasted marshmallows, hot apple cider, cocoa, snacks, etc. We do need somewhere to have it. So if anyone can offer their back yard (and access to a bathroom), that would be great! Others can supply the wood, eats, drinks, etc. If the weather is bad, we could meet in the Youth Room for games, etc.



How to Avoid Money Problems – Tip #5



Tip # 5 is to use credit wisely. Ideally, don't even go there; pay cash for everything. It can be done. Believe it or not, some people actually save up the entire purchase price before buying a house! You may want to establish a good credit score in case you ever do ***have*** to get a loan (for college or for a car to get to your first full-time job). Take out ***one*** credit card, use it for purchases, and pay off the balance every month. It surely is more convenient to carry a credit card vs lots of cash. The problem is that you spend more if you pay with a credit card. It becomes easier to super-size that McDonald's order or impulse-buy something in a store if you don't have to think about how much cash you have left in your pocket. There is a little pain involved in forking over your hard-earned cash that keeps you from unnecessary spending.

IMPORTANT - The Leadership of our Youth Ministry is changing to a Team approach, rather than having just one Youth Leader (which has been me for almost 2 years). I intend to continue meeting with you(th) on Sunday mornings for *Teen Time* through 2018. After that, I will continue to try to connect with you(th) in the same way that all adults of TLC need to take a genuine, personal interest in our young persons. It has been shown that it is relationships with adults which foster discipleship in youth, equip them for life after high school, and keep them in the Church into adulthood.