

St. Mark's Middle School Ministry 2011-12

Dear Parents of St. Mark's Middle Schoolers!

Can you believe that fall is nearly here?!?!?! We are excitedly preparing for a year that will encourage young people to know and experience a growing relationship with our Triune God: God the Creator, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

This relationship with God will bless them in ways unimaginable – and our goal is also to connect them in relationships with others that will challenge and encourage them to be lifelong disciples of Jesus.

We are gearing up for a Holy Spirit-filled year in our Middle School Ministry – **and we'll kick things off on the first night of Confirmation on Wednesday, September 21!** Please note that Wednesday night activities will again start at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.

Orientation Night is coming soon – which allows us to meet together, complete your child's registration and discuss the upcoming year! It is critical that we have this time to connect with your family in preparation for this year, so please plan to join us! *Additionally, if your child has friends who would like to join us for the year, please make sure their families have this information as well!*

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

For Returning 7th and 8th Grade Families ----- 5:45 p.m.

For 6th Grade Families and Families New to St. Mark's ----- 7:00 p.m.

Note: Children's Ministry Families (Grades K-5) will have an orientation session at 6:30 p.m.

Who should attend?

- At least one parent or guardian
- The student who will be involved in the ministry (regardless of grade level)

Please fill out the enclosed registration form or bring the following information that evening:

- Applicable info on your child's
 - Baptismal date
 - Email and cell phone #
 - Guardian contact info
 - Physician name/phone #, medical insurance info
 - Emergency contact info (other than guardians)

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Please also bring . . .

- **Your calendar** so you can write down important dates and sign up to help with food serving or check-in if you are not serving in another way in Wednesday Night Ministries (Children's, Middle School or High School).
- **Fees**
 - We suggest a donation of \$25 for each child in Confirmation/Middle School Ministry to cover expenses throughout the year.
 - Our Wednesday Night Food Team provides great, quality meals for students and adults each week! The cost is \$75 for each child attending Middle School or Children's Ministry. Additional children \$40 each.
- **Scholarships** are available to help offset the cost of fees and/or meals or the cost of any retreat or special event. Scholarship forms are available at www.faith-life.org.
- **A smile!** We plan to take students' pictures at registration (from the shoulders up) to use throughout the year for various activities. If for some reason you do not want your child's picture taken, tell us when you come to the registration table.

*We ask that each parent pray about serving in some way in Wednesday Night Ministries. Doing so gives you the vital opportunity to experience what your child is experiencing Many opportunities are available (behind-the-scenes, working directly with students [yours or someone else's – your choice; you name it!]) You don't need to be an expert in the Bible, and you don't need to have teenagers figured out (*who does?!?!?! HA!*).*

The back of the registration form provides a list of opportunities to *inquire* about regarding various serving positions. Additionally, ministry opportunities with high school students, as well as children (Infant—5th grade), are also available.

Please join us in prayer as we stand at the starting line of an amazing journey to share the Gospel and help students grow in their relationship with Jesus and one another. Thanks for working with us as we seek to challenge students and adults with the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

See you Wednesday, August 24!

Your teammate in Christ,

Jody Skogen

Director of Youth Ministries

St. Mark's Youth Ministry exists to EQUIP youth with God's Word, REACH out with the love of Jesus, CONNECT Christians, and challenge youth to SERVE and CELEBRATE God with their lives.