

Organization/Standing Committees/Youth Ministry Committee

I. Mission Statement

The mission of the Youth Ministry Committee is to provide extensive ministry opportunities for the youth of St. James Lutheran Church.

II. Committee Composition

A. The committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. Youth Minister (primary advisor)
2. Church Council Liaison
3. Youth Representative to Church Council
4. A Pastor of the Church Staff (ex-officio member)
5. Any other interested members of St. James Lutheran Church. All youth and parents are encouraged to participate with this committee.

B. A chairperson or co-chairpersons will lead the committee.

III. Committee Responsibilities

A. The committee shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To assist the Youth Minister with planning and implementing weekly Youth Groups and special activities including, but not limited to:
 - i. Sunday Night Middle and High School Youth Group
 - ii. Wednesday Afternoon 4th and 5th Grade Youth Group
 - iii. Wednesday Morning Breakfast for Middle and High School Youth
 - iv. Summer Workcamp and/or National Youth Gathering
 - v. Alive, Alive! Middle School Synod Event
 - vi. Winterfest High School Youth Event
 - vii. Service projects to the congregation and the greater community
 - viii. Participation in the worship life of the congregation and offer leadership when able
2. To oversee the Youth Ministry budget
3. To determine operating policies for youth groups
4. To ensure adequate resources for youth ministry in the congregation
5. To develop general planning ideas and assist the Youth Minister in full program planning and implementation
6. To provide opportunities for youth worker training (Gathering in the East, Youth Ministry Certification School, etc.)
7. To communicate with the Property Committee regarding upkeep and maintenance of the Keyser-Foltz Youth House

B. The committee is accountable to the church council for the oversight of these responsibilities