



# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## Special Pictorial Edition

### The Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser — It's Back!

After more than three years on hiatus, the Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser is returning on Friday evening, March 10th in the CLC at St. Matthew's!

For those who have never been involved in this event (which includes me, I confess), this is the biggest single fundraising opportunity held by the youth. The congregations and wider community enjoy a good meal together, while the youth and their parents prepare and serve the food. All of the food is donated, so all of the proceeds go to benefit the combined youth ministry program of St. Matt's and St. Paul's.

However, this event requires a LOT of people to step up and help in order for it to succeed. We need folks to sell tickets on Sunday mornings, people to help with setup and cleanup, and of course people to help during the event itself. Please look at this [Spaghetti Dinner Help Signup Genius](#) page and think which of these jobs you and your family can do, and don't hesitate to choose multiple roles — as long as they don't pose a time conflict!

We also need food donations. If you are absolutely unable to help on the evening of the dinner, this is a great alternative way to support the event and help it succeed. The list of needed items is here: [Food for Spaghetti Dinner](#). Again, you are more than welcome to sign up for multiple items, whether from the same category or across the board!

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know either by e-mail or by text or call to 484-320-0785. Look through both lists, and decide the ways that you and your family can support this extremely important event for our youth ministry!



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#### Upcoming Events

*see calendar pages for more details and signup links*

- ☞ **SUNDAY 2.26** Middle School Escape Room Event
- ☞ **SUNDAY 3.5** High School OASIS at St. Matthew's
- ☞ **FRIDAY 3.10** Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser at St. Matthew's
- ☞ **SATURDAY 3.18** High School OASIS at St. Paul's
- ☞ **FRIDAY 3.24 to SUNDAY 3.26** Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat

#### Upcoming Deadlines *signup links embedded*

- ☞ **Sunday 2.19** Signup deadline for [Feb. 26th Middle School Escape Room](#)
- ☞ **Sunday 3.5** Registration fees due for the Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat
- ☞ **Sunday 3.19** Balance due for ASP registration fee



# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SIGN UP TODAY FOR 'ALADDIN: THE MYSTERY OF THE LAMP!'

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**  
**ESCAPE ROOM AFTERNOON**

Meet at St. Paul's at 12:15pm for pizza, then carpool over to Elite Escape Room of Exton for an exciting afternoon of puzzling perplexment as we try to solve Aladdin: The Mystery of the Lamp!' **The cost is \$15 per person**, by cash or check made out to either congregation. *If finances are an issue please talk to Craig Miller, or the pastor or parish administrator at either St. Matt's or St. Paul's.* Sign up here to participate: [February 26th Middle School Escape Room.](#)

## TUSCARORA LUTHERAN YOUTH RETREAT INFO

**We are all registered for the Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat at the end of March!** Health forms and a personal covenant form will be sent to participants by the end of February; please complete this paperwork and return it to Craig Miller by March 5th, along with a check for the \$125 registration fee made payable to either congregation. A packing list will also be provided by mid-March. We have fourteen youth and five adults going on what promises to be an enjoyable weekend in the Delaware Water Gap. (How much fun can a retreat be? Just look at the photos on page five from our Bear Creek Retreat in February!)

**Still want to join us on this retreat?** We have openings for ONE female youth (6th through 12th grade) and ONE adult male, but I need to know of your interest by Sunday, February 26th! E-mail or call Craig Miller as soon as possible.

## ASP Update

It's a bit hard for me to believe, but "spring training" for Appalachia Service Project begins in just a few short weeks! There are still a few spots available if you or any of your friends currently in 8th through 12th grade would like to join our group, but don't wait too much longer to join us — rosters are finalized in the beginning of March!



**As a reminder, the first prep session is Sunday, March 12th from 7:00 to 8:30pm at St. Matthew's.** Please make every effort to attend, as there are teambuilding activities and important information to be shared with the group. **Final registration payments will be due the following Sunday, March 19th;** more info will be shared at the March 12th meeting.

# Youth Event Photos, Part One

## January 8th High School “Brunchtime!”



## January 8th Middle School Youth Fun & Games Day *(run by the high school Peer Ministry Leaders)*

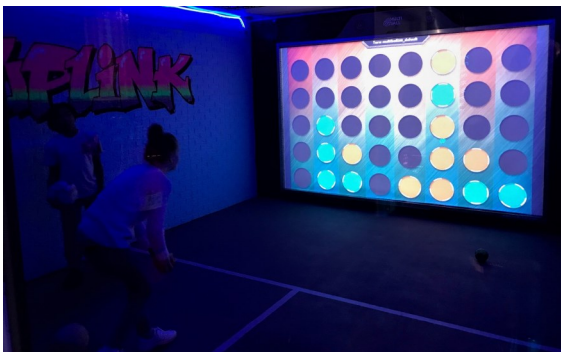


# Youth Event Photos, Part Two



January 28th  
Good Works Workday

January 29th  
Youth Gaming Day





# Youth Event Photos, Part Three



February 5th  
High School OASIS



February 10th-12th  
Youth Retreat to  
Bear Creek Camp



# MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS SCHEDULE

## **FEBRUARY**

- **Sunday, Feb. 26th, 12:15 to 2:15pm (*note time change*)**  
**Escape Room Event at Elite Escape Exton**  
*Meet at St. Paul's at 12:15 for pizza, then spend an hour attempting to solve "Aladdin: The Mystery of the Lamp!" Cost is \$15 per person; sign up here by February 19th to participate: [Feb. 26th Middle School Escape Room](#).*

## **MARCH**

- **Friday evening, March 10th at St. Matthew's**  
**Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser**  
*See front page article for details and help signup links*
- **Friday, March 24th to Sunday, March 26th**  
**Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat**  
*The annual Southeast Pennsylvania Synod regional youth event is back! Come spend a long weekend with several hundred other Lutheran youth from our area around the theme of "Do Justice, Show Love, Walk Humbly with God." Cost is \$150 per person; scholarships are available. Sign up here to be part of our group: [Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat](#). Sign up deadline is Sunday, January 20th, so don't wait!*

## **APRIL**

- **Saturday, April 8th, 8:00 to 11:00am at St. Matthew's**  
**Help with St. Matt's Easter Egg Hunt!**  
*More info coming in March, but save the date now!*
- **Sunday, April 23rd, 12:00 to 3:30pm (meet at St. Paul's for pizza)**  
**Laser Tag and Mini Golf at Grand Slam in Malvern**  
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# High School Events Schedule

## MARCH

- **Sunday, March 5th**, 6:30 to 7:45pm at St. Matthew's OASIS
- **Friday evening, March 10th** at St. Matthew's  
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