

2011-2012 Calendar

Event	Date
First SOS	Sunday, September 18
World Communion Brunch	Sunday, October 2
PADS Shelter	4th Sunday of the month Oct. - April
Senior High Wreath Sales	All October
Sr. High Fall Retreat	Saturday, Oct. 8- 10
Sr. High Oak Terrace Food Baskets	Sunday, November 6 – during worship
Oak Terrace Food Basket Delivery	Friday, November 18
Sr. High Wreath Unloading	Saturday, November 19, 7:00 pm, Garth
Sr. High Wreath Distribution	Sunday, November 20 - 9 am - 1 pm
Sr. High Work Day	Wednesday, November 23, 10:00 am
Sr. High Turkey Bowl	Saturday, November 26, 10:30 am
Sr. High Oak Terrace/Christmas Gifts	Thursday, December 15, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
Late night activity	January - Jan 15
Sr. High Ski Trip	Feb. 18-20 Saturday – Monday
Ash Wednesday Dinner	Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 pm
Baccalaureate Service/Reception	Sunday, May 27
Senior High Mission Trip	June 8 - 16
Senior High Rummage Sale	June 22-23

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Senior High Ministry: Building Faith & Community



2011 - 2012 Senior High Program

Goals and Fellowship

Senior high is a time when youth continue to develop their individual faith and build upon their relationship with Christ. They are determining what they believe and are finding an understanding of how their faith in God plays a role in their daily lives.

Teenagers are frequently faced with difficult decisions. We seek to provide them with a foundation for making good choices through faith, study, spiritual growth, fellowship, support and by modeling the behavior we hope they will choose. Events and activities are presented during the year which allow youth a variety of opportunities through which they may express their faith.

Throughout the year, a variety of social events are also planned which give senior high youth the opportunity to share in fellowship and fun. Possibilities include fall and spring weekend retreats, a ski trip, a Super Bowl party, mini-golf, paintball, Whirly Ball, Thanksgiving football game (vs. the returning college students) and a Christmas service/social event. Informal activities include movie nights, touch football and basketball.

Fellowship is also a major component of our fundraising activities which include: wreath sales, the rummage sale and church dinners.

Making a Difference

Senior high youth have many opportunities to participate in a range of mission service, both locally and internationally. Youth can put their faith into action through service to others and to our Lord and Savior.

Programs such as vocal or instrumental solos in worship services, singing in the choir, Habitat for Humanity, cleaning days at church, helping at Erie House, and other activities are part of our mission focus.

The final event of our year together is the annual Senior High Mission Trip. It is the culmination of many hours of Bible study, fellowship and fun. It is one of our church's most exciting faith building traditions. Our mission trip will take us to Central America in June. Mission experiences provide youth with the opportunity to challenge their own faith and reflect on it, while reaching out to and working with God's people outside our faith community.

Bible Studies

Youth Alive - Sunday Mornings	<p>This year we will be offering LINKS, a unique internet-based class, for your consideration on Sunday morning. This is a workout for your mind. Meet in the Youth Room and exercise your brain as we discuss current issues and how they reflect on the world we live in.</p> <p>This gathering time also serves as the weekly reminder of all other senior high activities, as well as a fellowship time. There will be several leaders of this program.</p> <p>Group meets at 9:45 a.m.</p>
T-N-T (Tuesday Nights Together)	<p>Dinner, Bible study and music are three elements of the Senior High T-N-T program. By sharing a meal, senior highers have a chance to get to know each other in a relaxed setting. Following dinner, students will attend a faith-building class. Thom Cunningham will be teaching a class on our Christian roots using a video series. Bible studies will challenge participants to let their faith come to life. Celebration Choir, after Bible study, is an opportunity for ministry through participation in worship on Sunday mornings. Individuals are invited to sing or play an instrument as part of our 11:00 Celebration Worship Service. Senior high youth also present a musical in the spring which is another opportunity to lead worship and serve our faith community.</p> <p>Times are: dinner - 6:30 p.m., Bible study - 7 p.m. and choir practice at 7:45 p.m.</p>
S.O.S. Sunday On Site	<p>This Sunday evening Bible study, known as SOS, is one of our most popular Bible studies—with a unique twist: each Bible study is held in a different location, which is directly related to the topic being studied. Youth meet at church, but often leave the premises for another destination where the topic of study may be better illustrated. The schedule for SOS varies depending on other church activities and school events. Watch the Bulletin and Messenger for specific details.</p> <p>S.O.S. meets at 7 p.m. unless noted in the bulletin</p> 