

YD 101: WHAT IS YD?

DEFINITION: YD is Youth Discipleship. Sometimes defined as Confirmation on steroids, or Confirmation meets Comedy Club. It's not just learning about stuff – although we do. It's not just memorization – although there is some (this year, 4 Bible verses). We examine the traditionally Lutheran questions of “What does this mean?” and “Why does this matter?” The formula for YD is that learning, plus fun, plus motivation, leads to (hopefully) application.

YD is also about relationships. With one another. With adult youth leaders. With church. With God. It's about respect, connection, and being present.

TIMING: YD works on a 3 year cycle

1. Catechism (Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, 10 Commandments)
2. Faith Basics (Christianity, Lutheranism, Luther, Sacraments, Worship, Other Faiths, Christian Disciplines and Spiritual Practices)
3. Bible

EXPECTATIONS: A charitable, respectful, attentive participation. I realize some come because they “have” to, some come because they want to, and some a bit of both. I'll do my best to make each session lively, interesting, and hopefully funny. Your job is to be kind to yourself and others, respectful of God, the material, the process, to pay attention, and to participate.

Phones are off and in the phone basket during class. Mine is on: 602-481-6709. You can also try Kristie: 206-380-2221 (texts are generally best)

Be on time. We'll start at 5pm and end promptly at 6:30; please make sure you're there right at that time in the Narthex to pick up your student. One of us will stay until every student is picked up (if you are walking, we need to know that).

Same basic safety stuff as school: Let us know if you are going to miss, be late, have to leave early. We can't give rides. If your student is riding with someone else, let us know.

Attendance: At least 6 of 9 classes

Homework: At least 6 of 8

Retreats: 2 of 3

Worship Notes: 16 Required for year

Service TO CHURCH Hours: 10 Required for year

Memory Work: 4 Bible verses over the course of the year (OT, Psalm, NT, Gospel)

Progress Reports: Given to parents at the end of December and mid-March.

Worship Notes and Service Hours info and forms at

<http://www.crossofchristbellevue.org/youth/worship-and-service/>

Are there things Kristie and I should know to help us help your student succeed? Medical, life transitions, other activities, whatever. Please let us know and keep us posted on changes.

Blessings,

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