

**WEDNESDAY
AFTER SCHOOL
MINISTRY INFORMATION
2021-2022**

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“From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps reach out for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.”

Acts 17:26-27



This past year was a challenging one and we want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated ministry during that time. Our youth programs took on many forms since we were forced to put a hold on in-person worship and ministry in 2020 and early 2021. It has been a lot to keep straight, especially as you as you had to adapt in every other part of your life, as well.

We have embraced a spirit of grace around our youth ministry and education at Paynesville Lutheran Church, and are more than ready to begin in-person youth activities. We know that these are still uncertain times we are all living in, but we are ready to spread God’s work to all of our youth. We will continue to monitor the COVID -19 situation, following the recommendations of the CDC and are taking all necessary safety precautions to ensure the safety of our youth and adults. At this time mask are not required but are encouraged and welcomed. During these everchanging times adjustments will be made as needed.

iQuest - K– 5th Grades

Welcome to iQuest - Paynesville Lutheran Church’s after school ministry for youth in **grades K-5!** We meet on Wednesday’s immediately following school until 6:00 pm (or 5:30 pm if your child is not staying for dinner). Our Wednesday evening worship service is directly after iQuest at 6:00 and we encourage families to attend that worship service together. During iQuest the children have the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and connect that story to their own lives; they will praise and worship through music; and we’ll have some fun with large group activities.

Sowers - 6th Grade

Continuing this year, **6th graders** will meet right after the 6pm Wednesday evening worship and will meet until 7:30 – mirroring the Confirmation schedule. Our goal is to help our 6th graders transition well into our Confirmation ministry while also providing the same opportunities for families to share a meal, worship, and attend church together.

Attendance

Please call the church office ahead of time if your child will not be at iQuest. With the amount of students who attend each week it is incredibly important to have you help us in this way as we take the safety of your children very seriously. So, if your child does not get off the bus for iQuest you will receive a phone call from PLC if we have not been notified of their absence. Please help us avoid having to make several phone calls by notifying us beforehand.

Discipline Policy

We want all children to have a safe, fun experience at PLC. The students will be expected to be respectful of each other, the church building, and their teachers. If there are issues in any of these areas we will notify parents and have further discussion regarding further action.

Goals

- 1.To nurture a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for our students and their families
- 2.To build relationships with other students and adults
- 3.To broaden our students' knowledge of the Bible
- 4.To help them think about faith questions and apply them to today
- 5.To have fun!

Transportation

The church bus will be transporting kids from the Paynesville Elementary School to PLC right after school ends for iQuest. Look for the big green PLC bus rather than your regular bus on Wednesdays!

Parent Involvement

The success of our youth programs depends on the active involvement of parents! So, we ask parents to pray for and with their child; we ask them to worship with their child on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday nights; and we ask them to talk about their faith with their child regularly. And we could always use more help, so if you're feeling called to be a part of the youth program in any way, please let us know!

Wednesday Dinners

Meals for students that are enrolled in the program are covered by the registration payment but additional youth, family and parents may join in eating dinner together for \$2 per meal. Please plan to join us!

Weather-Related Announcements or Cancellations

If school is cancelled or let out early because of bad weather, there will be no iQuest or Sowers activities. If it is early enough in the day to make such a determination, we will have Paynesville and Eden Valley schools make an announcement to students. If weather turns bad after school has been dismissed, and we need to cancel iQuest classes or activities, we will:

- Post on the PLC Website and Facebook page.
- Place a cancellation message on the church's voicemail;
- Send you a text via "Remind 101"

Registration

K-5 Grade iQuest (after school) - Registration fee for K-5th grade iQuest is **\$65** for the 2021-2022 year.

6th Grade Sowers (after worship) - Registration fee for 6th grade Sowers is **\$40** for the 2021-2022 year.

(NOTE: If this is not feasible for your family at this time, we have scholarships available. As a church, we never want a child to miss out on Christian education or experiences for any reason. Please contact Pastor Paul if this cost is an issue. This fee is only a small portion of the actual expense of the program. The majority of the expense is covered by our church budget.)

CALENDAR

Youth Programs will run Wednesdays September 15th thru May 1th.

Regular schedule on dates listed below unless otherwise marked.

September

Wed. 15th *Registration*

Wed. 22nd Regular Schedule

Wed. 29th

October

Wed. 6th

Wed. 13th

Wed. 20th No Programs

MEA Break

Wed. 27th No Programs

November

Wed. 3rd

Wed. 10th

Wed. 17th

Wed. 24th No Programs

Thanksgiving Break

December

Wed. 1st

Wed. 8th

Wed. 15th

Wed. 22nd No Programs

Christmas Break

Wed. 29th No Programs

Christmas Break

January

Wed. 5th

Wed. 12th

Wed. 19th

Wed. 26th

February

Wed. 2nd

Wed. 9th

Wed. 16th

Wed. 23rd

March

Wed. 2nd *Ash Wednesday*

Wed. 9th

Wed. 16th

Wed. 23rd

Wed. 30th

April

Wed. 6th

Wed. 13th No Programs

Holy Week

Wed. 20th

Wed. 27th

May

Wed. 4th

Wed. 11th Last Night Programs

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Pastor Paul or the church office at (320)243-3624.