

Trinity Lutheran Youth

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

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May is a month in which we find ourselves dealing with transition. Our fifth graders are moving to a new stage in life - junior high. Our eighth graders, many of whom were just confirmed, will be beginning high school. Our high school seniors will be graduating and moving on to jobs, military service, or college.

I know a bit about transition. I grew up in Colorado, actually living in the same house from the day I was brought home from the hospital to when I left for college. And yet, I experienced much of the same transition our teens and families are facing now. Preschool to elementary school. Elementary school to a completely new school for junior high. A new school for high school. Then moving to Minnesota for college. A summer in Alaska serving a church in Fairbanks. Internship in Arizona. Back to Minnesota for another year of school and my first call. Then to Illinois. Transition is not a foreign concept to me and my family.

Through it all, I have found much comfort in scripture and God's presence. One passage in particular stands out to me. As the time the Israelites were living in slavery in Egypt was coming to an end, God called a man named Moses to be their leader. Moses led the people out of Egypt in an event we now know as the Exodus. He was their leader at Mount Sinai, acting as God's mouthpiece once again in the presentation of the Ten Commandments. He was their leader through years of wilderness wandering. But then God raised up a new leader, Joshua, who would actually lead the people into the Promised Land. Joshua and the people faced transition. Transition of lifestyle, of location, and of leadership. And God's words to Joshua were, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

And those are God's words to us as well. We can count on the loving presence of our God wherever we go, whatever we are doing. He will be there to guide, support, and provide for us, His people.

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Start thinking of ways you can be part of our special youth service, Sunday, May 13. We have so many opportunities to worship God with the gifts and abilities He has given us!! Contact Rachel Wille for more info.

SMALL GROUPS

May 6

SALT

Sr. SALT: May 6 @ Noon
 Don't miss our last meeting!
 Special blessing for Seniors!!

High School LYF

LYF Wednesdays
 7:00—8:30pm

May 20, 6:30-8:30pm
 Bowling/Culvers—bring \$\$
 Meet directly at Pheasant Lanes!

Jr. High JAM

Bowling May 20, 4:00-6:00 pm
 Meet directly at Pheasant Lanes!!

Mission Trip

Chicago & Ysleta Participant Meeting
 June 10, noon-1pm