

YPOG NEWSLETTER

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

You're Here for a Reason by Nancy Tillman

You're here for a reason, you certainly are. The world would be different without you, by far. If not for your hands and your eyes and your feet, the world, like a puzzle, would be incomplete.

Even the smallest of things that you do blossom and multiply far beyond you.

A kindness, for instance, may triple for days ... or set things in motion in different ways.

It travels much further that you'll ever know ... under the treetops ... over the snow ... till it's wandered ... and fluttered ... and floated ... and twirled making things happen all over the world.

You're here for a reason. It's totally true. You're part of a world that is counting on you.

So don't be too worried if some days fall flat. Good things can happen even from that.

Life can be tricky, there isn't a doubt. You'll skin your knees trying to figure it out.

But life works together, the good and the bad, the silly and awful, and happy and sad, to paint a big picture we can't always see ... a picture that needs you, most definitely.

Remember that next time a day goes all wrong ... to somebody else, you will always be strong!

And that ball that you lose or that kite you let go could make someone's day --- you just never know!

You're here for a reason. If you think you're not, I would just say that perhaps you forgot - a piece of the world that is precious and dear would surely be missing if you weren't here.

Calendar of Events

- Sept 2 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- *Sept 9 Worship & Omelet Feed
8:45-10:15 AM**
- Sept 16 Worship & Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Sept 12 Youth Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Hickory Lodge
- Sept 14 & 15 Youth help with Turkey Day inflatables 5-9 PM
- *Sept 19 Youth Group starts
5:30-7:00 PM**
- Sept 23 Worship & SS
- *Sept. 26 Youth Group 5:30 PM
Escape Unit**
- Sept 30 Worship & SS
- Sept 30 H.S. Seniors at Bents house for supper 6 PM
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Service & Fellowship Central

- *Sept. 9:** Youth will be serving an omelet feed from 8:45 AM-10:15 AM in church basement. We ask kids to come help set up at 8:00 AM.
- *Sept. 19:** Youth group will start meeting every Wednesday at 5:30 PM in newly renovated backroom of church basement. Supper will be served until 5:30 PM.

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High School Seniors: It's your senior year and you are asking yourself a lot of questions: What's next after I graduate? Where to go to college? What about loans and expenses? How to bring my faith with me into the world? Once a month H.S. seniors are invited over to Andrew and Jenna Bents' house for supper and fellowship. We will have open, relaxed conversation about life after high school and bringing your faith with you ... and also feed you a really great supper! The first one will be September 30th at 6 PM.

What: Mobile Escape Unit

When: Wednesday September 26th

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Details: What better way to kick off a new school year than to work on teambuilding in our youth group! There will be a mobile escape unit from Sioux Falls at our church during youth group time. Plan to enjoy competing against other small teams to escape the fastest!

Cost: \$5/participant. Sign-up sheet will be passed out at youth group on Wednesday September 19th.

Wednesday Night Youth

Come and join us at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays in the multi-purpose room of church basement. We will enjoy food, fellowship and small group time!

Worship & Sunday School:

Youth, we want to see you in worship on Sundays! Join us at 8:00am (Traditional) or 10:30am (Contemporary). Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the youth room. We hope to see you there!

*Youth will be selling Hy-Vee and Fareway gift cards in between church services in the Great Hall on Sunday mornings. You can also stop in the church office during the week. These funds help support youth scholarships for upcoming mission trips.

Jr. High Prayer & Play (5th-8th Grade)

Friday September 28th

Church Basement

6-8:00 PM

Come enjoy food, devotional, group games, and lots of laughter!! Please let Jenna know if you will be bringing more than one friend.