

TYGMOS* 2012-2013

Welcome to a new year of TYGMOS! If you are in **Grades 7 through 12**, you won't want to miss this! It is *totally* worth the awkwardness of meeting some new people who may be in a different grade or a different school –or just a different group of friends. We focus on loving God and our neighbors. Starting **September 9, at 12:30**, we will **study** the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer, **serve** the Outreach Commission's Matthew 25 grant recipients, and get ready for the **Great Big TYGMOS Summer Service Project of 2013**. In our discussions, we read the Bible, the Prayer Book, the Hymnal, and other texts. Also, we eat lunch.



We will discuss what the [Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed](#) say about God, and how they carry a hidden record of Church history. We will also discuss what they *don't* say. Unlike the Ten Commandments, they don't tell us how to be happy and good. Unlike the Gospels, they don't tell about Jesus's life and ministry. Unlike Paul's letters, they don't tell us how to treat each other as Christians. Why are they important? Come and see! The **Lord's Prayer** was Jesus's response when his students asked him, "Teach us to pray." We'll try some other ways so that we can see what is special about this one.

This year, we have more responsibility in the parish. We will make the palm crosses for Palm Sunday, and we are in charge of the Egg Hunt for the little kids on Easter. Outreach Commission is counting on us to help with Thanksgiving Baskets again. AND, the Hospitality Commission is letting us host the **coffee hour after the 11 am service, on the first Sunday of each month**. That means baking treats, setting up, keeping things nice, and cleaning up. Fire up the ovens! We won't sell the treats, but we will ask for donations to our Great Big Service Project.



For the **Great Big TYGMOS Summer Service Project of 2013** we'll spend a week repairing houses in a Native American community through [Sierra Service Project](#). SSP is very experienced at being safe and productive, and fostering relationships with other youth and with the families we serve. We will choose our week and our locations on **September 15, 2012** (separate locations for Grades 7-8 and 9-12). Please use this Doodle poll, <http://www.doodle.com/4gumdhssm9mb4s25>, to say which weeks would work for your family during summer 2013. Graduating seniors can go, and so can next year's new 7th graders (who start 6th grade this September).

Sierra Service Project charges \$360 for each student or chaperone on the trip, and that doesn't include travel expenses! That means we have to raise a dollar a day for each person who is going –PLUS money for gas and, if necessary, rented vans to get there. We will have our usual Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, and apply for a grant from the Outreach Commission's Matthew 25 Fund. We will also ask for donations at the coffee hour every First Sunday of the month. Of course, we will be very grateful for donations from those families who are able to give to this effort, and we encourage families to give what they can. (Send checks marked "TYGMOS service project.")



Carole Hom, TYGMOS Fundraising Queen, is working with Gerard Montana, Director of Music, on our biggest fundraiser: music and readings from the [Christmas Truce of 1914](#). Soldiers in World War I stopped fighting to bury their dead, and exchange gifts, sing carols, and play football. DHS Drama director Gwyn Bruch coordinates costumes. Charles Bamforth, whose father went over the top at [the Somme](#), narrates. This Christmas Concert will be December 16, rehearsals December 9 and 15. Please, save the dates!

Other important dates --all times are 12:30 or after the last service, unless noted:

Sept 2, 11 am: TYGMOS registration
Sept 9: Discussions begin, Room 8
September 15: Doodle poll deadline for service project dates
September 29, 3 pm: **GIRLS ONLY**
[Hunger Games](#) dinner/ [Michaelmas](#) star-watching sleepover
Oct 7: host coffee hour
Nov 4: host coffee hour
Nov 18 & 20: Thanksgiving Basket distribution
Nov 25: NO Discussion Thanksgiving weekend
Dec 2: host coffee hour
Dec 9, 1 pm: Christmas Concert technical rehearsal
Dec 15, 1 pm: Christmas Concert dress rehearsal
Dec 16, 4 pm: Christmas Concert
Dec 16, 5 pm: Holiday Reception

January 6: host coffee hour
January 26, 8 am: **SR HIGH ONLY** (10-11-12) Snow Day
January 27: NO Discussion during Parish Annual Meeting
Feb 3: host coffee hour
Feb 10, 8:30-1:30: Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast
March 3: [Hot Cross Buns](#) for coffee hour
March 23: **GUYS ONLY** bonfire sleepover
March 24, 10-1:30: Palm Sunday
March 31: 10 am Easter Egg Hunt (NO discussion on Easter)
May 5: High School Seniors Valediction (during 9 am service)
May 19: Pentecost Party
May 26: Last Discussion
June 3, 11 am: All-Parish Picnic (summer schedule begins)
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*TYGMOS: This Youth Group Meets On Sundays