

Youth Group

Starting in fall 2026, Emma Dyck from Northwood United Church and Nia Bentayen from Crossroads United Church will lead a shared Youth Ministry gathering for youth in Grades 7–12.

The goal of Youth Group is to support the spiritual formation of young people and families in our community through scripture, community, games, discussion, and food.

Key Details

- Hosted by Crossroads United Church and Northwood United Church
- Meets on the second Friday of each month from 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- First session: September 11 at Dominion Park in Newton
- Other months will alternate between Crossroads and Northwood
- Registration is required through your community church: Crossroads United or Northwood United
- Nut-free snacks will be provided

Monthly Schedule

- September 11 — Dominion Park
- October 9 — Northwood (Thanksgiving weekend)
- November 13 — Crossroads (location may need to change)
- December 11 — Northwood
- January 8 — Crossroads
- February 12 — Northwood
- March 12 — Crossroads
- April 9 — Northwood
- May 14 — Crossroads
- June 11 — Northwood

Cluster Youth Program Lesson Plan

- **Welcome and Free Hangout — 30 minutes:** Activities will be set up for free choice.
- **Large Group High-Energy Games — 30 minutes:** Non-elimination games, followed by a nutrition break.
- **Main Lesson or Presentation — 30 minutes:** Short, engaging faith-led messages, interactive media, or object lessons, with Bible verses linked to the monthly messages and social justice awareness.
- **Small Group Discussion and Social Dismissal — 30 minutes:** Guided questions will support discussion on the message and Bible verses before dismissal.

Meet Our Youth Group Leaders

Emma Dyck

Outreach Coordinator from Northwood United Church

With 25 years of experience in early childcare and working in special education within the Delta School District, she brings a deep passion for supporting and engaging young people. She's been happily married for 33 years. She is the proud parent of two grown children and a beloved grand fur baby.

Her faith is very dear to her heart and guides her desire to serve others. When she's not spending time with family or at church, she enjoys cheering on the NFL, hiking in nature, and taking peaceful walks on the beach.

She is excited to connect with and support the youth of our community as they grow in faith and friendship.



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YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION & PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Youth Group Season: _____

Registration Date: _____

CHILD INFORMATION

Child's Full Name: _____

Preferred Name (if different): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Gender (Optional): ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Other _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian #1

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 (Optional)

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

(If parent/guardian cannot be reached)

Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Does your child have any medical conditions we should be aware of?

☐ No

☐ Yes (please explain)

Allergies

☐ None

☐ Food Allergies

☐ Medication Allergies

☐ Environmental Allergies

Please provide details:

Medications

Is your child currently taking any medications that Youth Group leaders should be aware of?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Details:

Additional Health Information

Any special accommodations, supports, dietary restrictions, or concerns?

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Is this your child's first year in Youth Group?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Has your child participated in church youth programs before?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where? _____

PHOTO & MEDIA CONSENT

Northwood United Church occasionally photographs or records church activities for newsletters, websites, social media, bulletin boards, and promotional materials.

Please check one:

☐ I GIVE permission for my child to be photographed and/or recorded for church-related purposes.

☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child to be photographed and/or recorded.

Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

TRANSPORTATION RELEASE

My child:

- ☐ Will be picked up by a parent/guardian after Youth Group activities.
 - ☐ Has permission to leave independently after Youth Group activities.
 - ☐ Other arrangement:
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CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Participants are expected to:

- Show respect for leaders and fellow Youth Group participants.
- Use appropriate language and behaviour.
- Follow safety instructions and church guidelines.
- Participate positively and supportively in activities and discussions.

I have reviewed these expectations with my child.

Parent Initials: _____

Child Initials: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of the child named above. I give permission for my child to participate in the Northwood United Church Youth Group.

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all participants. In the event of an emergency, I authorize church staff, volunteers, or medical personnel to secure appropriate medical treatment for my child if I cannot be reached immediately.

I confirm that all information provided on this form is accurate and complete.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Child Acknowledgement (Recommended for Ages 12+)

I agree to participate respectfully and follow Youth Group guidelines.

Child Signature: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Notes: