

Fund Raising Policy  
Youth Ministry at \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church

1. As an expression of its mission it is this congregation's pleasure to enthusiastically fund youth ministry including expenses related to staff, program and hospitality. However, from time to time there will be a unique opportunity for the Junior High or Senior High Youth which demands the parish participate in a fund raising activity.
2. Fundraising shall be conducted by the Senior High or Junior High youth groups only after seeking approval from the youth ministry committee who will first consult with the Church Council in order to facilitate congregation wide coordination of fund raising. The youth ministry committee will also consider the appropriateness, timeliness, and effectiveness of any fundraising proposal.
3. Following the example of the early church, as a witness to the resurrection of Christ and so that great grace may fall upon all, the funds raised will be held in common by the appropriate youth group (Acts 4:32-33). The funds will be allocated by the group to defer a portion of the cost of a ministry opportunity. There shall be no individual accounts, nor a system of allocating resources based on any criteria other than grace.
4. The youth groups shall not exceed four fundraisers a year, and no less than one of those fundraisers should be for a ministry outside the congregation's youth ministry. For example, a youth group may raise funds to support a missionary, hunger relief, or youth ministry scholarships.
5. A congregational designated fund shall be created to receive gifts to be used as scholarships to allow any youth in financial need to participate in youth ministry opportunities even if they cannot afford the family's portion of the cost.
6. Funds raised by any fundraising event involving youth at \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church shall be tithed to an ELCA ministry.