

Dear Parents,

I would like to take just a moment of your time to tell you how much I have appreciated and enjoyed my first month here at Saint Luke's. From taking eighty kids on the ski trip my second week on the job to the "third-world" experience with the Confirmation Class, your children have impressed me with their eagerness to grow, their compassion for others, and their endless energy. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this youth group.

As I continue to get to know the youth at Saint Luke's, I would love to hear from you. Please take just a few moments to send me a letter describing your child, as I am eager to hear about their character, strengths, interests, even their reservations regarding the youth program. It is my goal as Director of Youth Ministries to develop programs and offer opportunities that will help your young people on their spiritual journey. I hope to help instill a lifelong relationship with Christ as I assist you with the difficult task of raising your child through some of their most trying years. You have a great deal to be proud of, and I look forward to hearing it all.

Please take this opportunity to let me know if you would like to be involved with any part of the Youth Program. Looking ahead to next year, we are sad that Lindsay Joe will be leaving us. She has done such a wonderful job and continues to guide my transition into the church. Her leadership will not go unnoticed. We will need continued involvement from you, so I have included a list of ways that you or someone you might recommend can become involved.

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church's Youth Program will become a true refuge from social pressures, a place to learn about God and our role as Christians. Our Youth Program will challenge your child to be an active Christian rather than a passive attendant. I intend to help your child grow to be faithfully sound and spiritually curious leaders of solid character, ready to enter their college years.

Peace,

T. Lars Porter