Youth Ministry Apps

GroupMe

GroupMe is a free group chat app that allows for more people than a normal group text. There are apps for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone, plus it works directly over SMS if you don't have a smart phone.

*We're going to use GroupMe for **High School Youth Group**. The chat feature means that everyone can chime in, and we'll be able to create events and send out polls. This will be teens and adult volunteers only. Parents will receive all the same information but via email instead of the app.*

Remind

Remind is a free text messaging app that helps teachers, students, and parents communicate quickly and efficiently. Messages are sent in real time to an entire class, a small group, or just a single person. Choose how you see messages with notifications on your phone, email, or computer.

Remind's guidelines, practices, and features have been designed to protect the safety and security of users and their personal information. Remind has been certified by iKeepSafe for privacy practices related to COPPA, FERPA, and California Student Privacy.

*Why are we using it? We'll use Remind to send quick updates and reminders. This will be for **Middle School Youth Group** (parents and teens), **Confirmation**, and for **5:30 Mass ministers** (parents and teens).*

Instagram

Instagram is a social networking app made for sharing photos and videos from a smartphone. Similar to Facebook or Twitter, everyone who creates an Instagram account has a profile and a news feed.

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Twitter

Twitter is an online news and social networking site where people communicate in short messages called tweets. Tweeting is sending short messages to anyone who follows you on Twitter. Another description of Twitter and tweeting might be microblogging.

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MailChimp

MailChimp is an email platform that allows for beautiful templates and the ability to send emails to a large group of people. In Youth Ministry, we use MailChimp to send out our weekly Enews. The Enews contains upcoming events for each group, a brief weekly calendar, a note from the Youth Minister, and more. To subscribe to the Youth Ministry Enews, please contact the Youth Minister. **All parents and youth from 6th-12th grades** are encouraged to receive the Enews.

Confirmation Preparation also utilizes MailChimp for weekly emails. The email addresses listed on the registration are automatically added to the distribution list.

Note: Sometimes emails from MailChimp are sent to junk or, if you have a Gmail account, the promotions tab. To help avoid this, please add the Youth Minister's email to your address book. If the problem persists, please contact the Youth Minister for further help.