



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The HTLC Middle School Youth Group will be a safe, friendly, and inviting group for middle school aged youth (grades 6 – 8) to learn about Jesus Christ and to participate in activities within the HTLC community and surrounding area.

**CHAIRPERSON:** Melissa Horejsi

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

#### **Safe**

We will provide a place in which youth can talk openly about current issues they are facing, where they can feel welcome, and can have relationships with peers and peer leaders in a community of Christian faith.

#### **Friendly**

We will provide a friendly environment in which youth will be offered support and comfort and in which all participants will be kind and helpful.

#### **Inviting**

We will work together to invite others to join our meetings and activities. We will invite peers in the community to share in the joy of Christian fellowship.

#### **Service-Oriented**

We will complete service learning activities throughout each year to give back to the community and to the church.

#### **Inspiring**

We will guide middle school youth through individual and group activities that will inspire youth to discuss the tough faith questions that come up at this age range. These activities will be thoughtful and spiritually relevant and will be delivered with humor that the kids will enjoy.

**DATE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL:** July 17, 2012