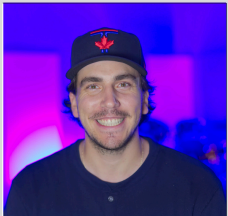




CALVARY YOUTH MINISTRY

MEET THE TEAM



Dylan

Dylan Arndt - Gr. 9-12 Boys Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "The world is filled with brokenness and students are surrounded by distractions that constantly pull them away from the only thing that can bring them hope in this life, Jesus. We challenge you to put down the phone, stop scrolling through the content of a false reality, and ignore the lies people are saying about you, and we invite you to come as you are. Come with your brokenness, come with your doubts, come with your imperfections. Why? Because we do. Youth min is messy. It is what bonds us to be a family."

Fun Fact: "I've watched all 48 seasons of Survivor."

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Ian

Ian Sommer - Gr. 9-12 Boys Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Introducing Christ at an early age can mean the world of a difference in their lives as they grow up in the broken world that we live in. It matters to me personally because I love to see kids at a younger age come to Christ and to be able to walk with them and to help them grow is a blessing God has given me."

Fun Fact: "No matter the age and game, I will try my best to win at all the games."

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Rachel

Rachel Symons - Gr. 9-12 Girls Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Teens who attend our youth ministry get to spend time with leaders who love God and who want to point others to him. For some teens, this means having a few extra people, outside of their family, who reiterate the importance of entrusting their lives to God. However, there may be other teens who do not have any godly influences in their lives outside of our ministry. Being involved in youth ministry is also a constant source of encouragement for those who volunteer. It spurs us on to become more familiar with God's word and live lives that reflect him so that we can be good examples to the teens in our care."

Fun Fact: "I have visited all the Eastern provinces (except Newfoundland & Labrador)."

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Lindsay

Lindsay Arndt - Gr. 9-12 Girls Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Youth ministry is very special to me because during my youth years God used youth ministry as a tool to bring me into relationship with Him. My prayer is that the Lord would use us as leaders to have an impactful relationship with the youth where they, too, feel that they are safe, loved and encouraged to invest in Christian community and to pursue a relationship with Jesus."

Fun Fact: "I can make the shape of a 3-leaf clover with my tongue."

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Jake

Jake Van Noggeren - Program and Hospitality Lead Team

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Youth ministry offers an intentionally crafted space that allows spiritually-seeking young people to explore what it means to follow Jesus. It allows students to broaden their horizons beyond their current cultural contexts and be a part of something much bigger than themselves by means of a faith-based community."

Fun Fact: "I once saw 18 bears in the span of 18 days."

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Riley

Riley Shad - Gr. 6-8 Boys Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "I believe that bringing youth together and showing them the relationship they can have with God in community is incredibly important. We have the opportunity to walk with the next generation and create real connections in order to reflect the love of God."

Fun Fact: "I was born in the front seat of a car."

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Matt

Matt Mulder - Gr. 6-8 Boys Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Youth ministry matters to me because young people are at such an important stage in life—discovering who they are and who God is. It's a privilege to walk with them, remind them they're deeply loved by Jesus, and create a space where they can ask questions, grow in faith, and find community."

Fun Fact: "I've been to more U.S. States than Canadian Provinces."

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Liv

Olivia Shad - Gr. 6-8 Girls Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Everyone wants to feel known, seen, and loved. The truth is, our everyday relationships don't often make us feel that way. The goal of youth ministry is for youth to hear and see "you are SO loved". The God who created you knows, sees, and loves you. And this community wants to too."

Fun Fact: "I drink more water than the average person."

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Ally

Ally Lawson - Gr. 6-8 Girls Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Young people are the future of today. Youth ministry helps guide the youth in their journey through life with knowledge and faith in the Lord. Youth ministry brings a sense of Christian community and allows some hard questions to be answered!"

Fun Fact: "I'm terrified of clowns."

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Chiara

Chiara Da Maia - Gr. 6-8 Girls Small Group Leader

Why Youth Ministry Matters: "Youth ministry matters because it helps create a safe space for youth to feel loved, supported and encouraged in their own faith journeys. It gives youth an opportunity to ask questions and build relationships with people in the Christian community."

Fun Fact: "I was a backup dancer for the Mini Pop Kids."

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