

Youth Ministry Director
Report to Congregation Council
Peter A. Fox - March 2009

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) is going strong in 2009. We are now in the busiest part of our YG season. The YG calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. New YG Nites, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants in 2009. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make it a success. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will be all good! Just so you are in the know, here is what we did in the month of December.

February was another great month for the YG. We started out the month with our ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE. For the past two seasons we've collected food as well as money. On Sunday, February 1st the YG was able to raise \$1,295.47 and around 250 cans of food to donate to THE BRIDGE food pantry in New Cumberland. We also have some matching funds forthcoming from Thrivent which will bring the total over \$1,500, which is awesome! I would like to thank you the congregation and the YG members and their families for making this servant event such a success. On the 8th we had our first YG NITE of the month. The topic of the Nite was PRAYER and it focused in on reminding the YG to make time to pray daily in their lives. We talked and demonstrated many ways to pray, but moreover told them that there's not a right or wrong way to do it; the important part is just that you do it. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the night of faith, fun and fellowship. A lot was definitely learned from start until finish. On the 13th through the 14th was the JR. HIGH SLEEPOVER at the church. 20 YG plus 8 advisors came out for this overnite of total fun and fellowship. We played games, watched a movie, ate pizza and shared conversation. The night was great and a good time was had by all. Jr. High sleepovers are always a blast and this was one of the best ones to date! We closed down the month on the 22nd with another YG NITE. The topic of the Nite was LOVING OTHERS BEGINS WITH SERVICE and it focused in on reminding the YG that service is at the heart of love. The Nite challenged the youth to look more at service and doing for others. Part of this Nite was spent in service to our YG College Kids, by create care packages to send to them all. All and all, the topic was great one and the conversation was fabulous and powerful! It was an awesome night of faith, fun and fellowship. And that was the month of February, with that said I need to get back to the busyness that lies ahead of me in March on the YG Calendar.

REMINDER: PLEASE COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YG FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE NEED TO RAISE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING THIS SUMMER IN NEW ORLEANS.

Yours In Christ,

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