

Youth Ministry Director
Report to Congregation Council
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Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) is going strong in 2009. We are now in the middle of 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 March.

The month of March is always our busiest. This year was no exception. We started off the month with a YG NITE on the 8th. The topic of the NITE was BUILD UP YG and it focused on building our unity as youth group. It showed how we need to trust others as well as trust God. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the NITE. This YG NITE was a powerful one from start to finish and a lot was learned by all. Throughout the NITE the YG were involved in small group challenges and team building activities, and they all passed with flying colors. It was the best YG NITE of the season! The following Saturday was the ANNUAL YG PANCAKE BREAKFAST and it was one of the best ones in recent memory. We were able raise \$700.00 dollars plus some matching funds from Thrivent to go towards the ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING this summer in New Orleans. Around 20 YG and about 9 advisors came out for the morning. We heard so many positive comments from people about the breakfast. And I found out that a lot of people like burnt pancakes (go figure :), because we received numerous requests for them. The morning was a good one and the whole breakfast was a success. On the 22nd was another YG NITE. The topic of the NITE was REAL WORLD and it focused in on teaching the YG to look at the world through a "Christian lens", always aware of how popular culture is trying to mold them TV, Movies, Ads, Etc. This was another powerful YG NITE. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the NITE. The discussions at this YG NITE in Large and small groups were awesome! Faith, fun and fellowship were surely had be all. We closed down the month with a SR. HIGH OVERNITE at St. Paul's Lutheran Chruch in Carlisle with my brothers Sr. High youth group. Around 30 YG and advisors gathered from both groups for this night of total fun and fellowship. We played games, ate pizza, and enjoyed conversation. The overnite was so much fun. It was a blast from start to finish and a good time was had by all. And there you have it, the month of March and it was surely a busy

