

Youth Ministry Director

## 1. Report to Congregation Council

Peter A. Fox - November 2009

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is definitely back in full swing for 2009. The YG calendar is jam-packed with so much stuff; New meetings, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG kids this season. There are junior High events and Sr. High events, all age events and everything in between. So make sure to get on out to YG if you're in grades 6-12 and give it a try. There is truly something on almost every weekend for you to take part in.

The month of October continued this great YG season. We kicked off the month on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> with JR. HIGH GAMENITE. About 30 Jr. High & advisors came out for this nite of total fun and fellowship. We played games galore all night long! Well, we did stop for some pizza, but other than that it was games, games and more games. Everyone who showed up definitely had a blast. On the very next Sunday, we had our first real YG NITE of the season. The overall theme for this year is to "be the change". Through this YG season, we will focus the youth to "be the change" for others by giving them the faith foundations to equip them to be better disciples. The topic for the YG NITE was TEEN IMAGE and it concentrated on teaching the youth to observe the way society views them both positively and negatively. Around 60 YG and advisors came out for this nite of faith, fun and fellowship. The large group discussions was awesome! The small group learning time was great! All and all, it was a very powerful YG NITE and a great way to begin the season. On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> was SR. HIGH BOWLING NITE. Around 25 Sr. High & advisors came out for this nite of total fun and fellowship. It was a fun night of bowling bliss. We closed down the month with YG PASTA NITE for the congregation. Around 40 youth & advisors came out for this nite of service to our church community. With the congregations help we were able to raise over \$800 to go towards our Sr. High Service Project this upcoming summer. This dinner was awesome! We received so many positive comments about the whole night. We definitely have started another great YG tradition with this meal along with the YG FIESTA NITE in the spring. Well there you have it, and that was October for you, and it surely continued the good start for what promises to be an great YG year!

This coming summer, we are planning on attending a servant trip with LutheranHands. One of my good friends runs a servant ministry called LutheranHands, and he plans and coordinates service opportunities for youth groups and churches from this area to do service trips all over the U.S. I've been working with him to involve our Sr. High YG in a servant trip for awhile, and this summer it will happen. Some details are starting to come in, but nothing definite, as he is still working with others to determine the greatest need for our service, prices, cost, etc. So what we know now is, at this point, it will probably be in the New Orleans, St. Bernards Parish area. This is where Our Sr. High helped out while at the National Youth Gathering this past summer. There is still so much to do down there, especially in that area, which was one of the hardest hit during Katrina. Regardless, my friend will let me know everything as he finds and figures it out. The estimated cost will be around \$500 for each youth to attend. We plan on getting this money through our church budget mainly, as well as through a few YG fundraisers. Since it is service trip, I'd like to keep the cost minimal (or next to nothing) for the actual Sr. High participants to

go. Bottom line, we will need your help and support to make this trip happen. So please support our youth in making this endeavor a successful reality.

With that said, I must get back to work. I have a lot to do. I am looking forward to the rest of this YG year. It will be a definite busy one, but a good one all the same. The year will ROCK! I can't wait!!!

Yours In Christ,

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