Director of Youth & Student Ministries Report to Congregation Council Peter A. Fox - June 2018

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG campaign has officially ended for the season. It was a great year and we did so much. Here is what we did in the month of May. We started off the month on the 6th with the final CHURCH DINNER THEATRE at Trinity. The YG was once again involved, and had a blast! 15 YG and a handful of advisors helped make the night a success. It was great to be involved with others in our church community, to help out with the campaign. And it's been good working with Rick and Steve. In the afternoon on the 20th we had our CHURCH PICNIC. About 10 YG helped out with this event in some way, and yours truly was first up in the dunk tank. This event went well and the weather turned out to be nice after days of rain and cold leading up to it. Once again, this was another good community event for our youth to be involved with. Later that day, that very same evening, was SR. HIGH & COLLEGE MINI-GOLF at Watergolf on City Island. 11 Sr. High, 9 College YG and 2 advisors came out for this night of total fun and fellowship. It was super-fun having a picnic dinner, and mini-golf with friends. And the weather was amazing!

Confirmation finished strong as well. We had our 14 youth get confirmed (and one later in July) on Saturday, June 2nd at the Saturday evening service. The service went perfectly and the kids did a great job all year long. It was truly a special night for all in attendance. This was one of the best classes that we've had so far. In the future, I hope to see all of them continue to live out their baptisms in the years to come, in YG, church community, and otherwise.

We are all systems GO! The 2018 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in Houston, TX is almost here, so the kids, advisors and I are getting hype. We have 16 Sr. High YG and 3 advisors going. Most kids only get to go to a Gathering once in their lives, and it's worth it. It can be life-changing! And with this Gathering being in Houston, we will have opportunities to serve others while we are there. The kids are excited to work hard and serve! As we go on this trip, please keep us in your prayers for safe travel and an awesome time. We will report back to you once we arrive back home to tell you about our experiences.

Yours In Christ,
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