

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

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is back for 2018. With the advent of a new YG season upon us there tons to do. This summer provided a good time of strong preparation for this season to begin. YG will be great this year. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make a success. The calender is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. There is something YG related on every weekend.

The summer was a good one for the YG all around. The first event that I want to highlight is HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP which took place in June. 13 of our YG plus a 2 YG advisors where there for the week. This years Confirmation Camp was a great experience as usual. There was large group campfires, small group time, cool worship experiences and so much more. This week was a blast from start to finish, and the YG get to make lifelong friendships in the process.

The second thing that I would like to highlight is the 2018 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in Houston, TX. 16 Sr. High YG and 3 Advisors were in attendance for this week long life-changing event. It was awesome from start to finish and the Sr. High had a blast! Most kids only get to go to a Gathering once in their lives, and it's worth it. We heard dynamic speakers, heard great bands, had Large group with 35,000 people, checked out the city, and most important, served others in the community. We did all of these things and so much more. It was a awesome experience.

Third, this summer we had two very successful pool parties. There were 15 YG and a handful of advisors in attendance at each of them. They were both a blast, and a time of pure fun and fellowship. Events like these help to keep the YG kids connected through the summer.

With that said, I must get back to work. I have a lot to do. I am looking forward to YG, Sr. High, Confirmation Class, Sr. High "F.O.J." Class, and the Jr. High Class. That said, it will be definitely be a busy year for all, but a good one all the same.

Yours In Christ,
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