

Report to Congregation Council  
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Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. YG is at our busiest time of the season! There is something every weekend, and that is keeping everyone's schedule quite full. That said, let's not waste any time. Here is what we did in the month of February. We started off the month on the 4<sup>th</sup> with the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. With the congregations help we were able to raise over a \$1000 dollars and collect about a truckload of food items to go to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> we had YG. 35 YG and a handful of advisors came out for the evening of faith, fun and fellowship. Continuing with our J.O.Y. theme, the focus of the night was FRIENDS AND ENEMIES and it concentrated on looking at those we keep as friends in our lives, and why we do. It also looked at the people that we struggles with in our lives and have to work hard to like. We always need to remember that Jesus challenges us to love our enemies, following his example. Not just some of the time, rather all of the time. He blesses us with friendships to others, so we can use of those same tools when trying to love those who we don't like. The activities were awesome and so was the night! The following Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> was Sr. High. Around 20 Sr. High and a handful of advisors came out for this evening of faith, fun and fellowship. The focus of this night was on TRUST and GROUP BUILDING. This night was all about beuiling trust and togetherness in our Sr. High community. We did many activities on this night and had great discussion to accomplish this. It was a blast! On the 24<sup>th</sup>, we had another YG. 35 YG and a handful of advisors came out for the evening of faith, fun and fellowship. The focus of the night was SELF IMAGE and it concentrated on the way that we see ourselves, as well as the ways that others look at us. Self image can be a tough thing to deal with at any age, but especially as a teen. We need to remember that God created us in his image, and you are the only "you" that has ever existed. God wants to see himself in you. Can you see him in you? The challenge on this night , is to have your life reflect was God's life for you has always shown. Needless to say, this was a powerful YG, discussion-wise and activity-wise.

Wearing my other hat, the Sunday morning classes for the youth have been going great! First off, Confirmation this season has been a blast. There are 15 students, and 4 adult small group discussion leaders to help out with class. The kids are participating in class and getting involved in service throughout our church and communities. This is one of the best classes that we have had so far. Ditto for the Jr. High "Faith Connect" class and the Sr. High F.O.J. "Friends of Jesus" class. In the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade class, we are blessed with 3 dedicated teachers who make this class a success. Those who come out have a lot of fun every week with cool videos and interactive learning. The Sr. High class, although small, engages in weekly deep

discussion and serves throughout our church community. Sometimes, the class also takes part in Jane Killian's Sunday morning class, which is awesome.

Lastly, registration has completed for our Sr. High Mission Trip this upcoming summer to North Carolina. We now have 20 people attending total (13 Sr. High YG, 5 College YG, and 2 YG Advisors. This is a great turnout! We will once again be working with LutheranHANDS. We are going down south to North Carolina to help out those dealing with the recent flooding issues. There will be more lots more news in these next few months as we get ready for a mission trip of this magnitude. Please come out to YG fundraisers as they will benefit this mission trip effort. That's all for now.

Yours In Christ,

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