

Report to Congregation Council
Peter A. Fox - May 2019

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. Rather than waste any time, here is what we did in the month of April, our busiest month yet. We started off the month on the 5th through the 7th with our YG SPRING RETREAT 2019. 30 YG and a handful of advisors were in attendance for the weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship. The focus of this retreat was FAITH JOURNEYS and it focused on our individual faith journeys that we take in our life with the Lord. We looked at the past, present and future. In other words, where we came from, where we are are, and where we are going. We highlighted all of the things that we need to work on and prioritize in our lives to make our walk with the Lord stronger. As usual, this retreat involved much deep conversation and many cool activities surrounding the theme. It was an awesome spirit-filled weekend and blast on every level.

The following Wednesday, the 10th, was our ISAACS COMMUNITY NIGHT at the Isaacs in the Lemoyne Plaza. This was our another successful Isaac's fundraiser! Church members, YGer's and their families came out in support. We raised around \$400 to go towards our Sr. High Mission Trip to North Carolina this coming summer. On the 14th we had YG. Around 30 YG and a handful of advisors came out for this night. The theme for the YG was PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION. This whole season we have looked at J.O.Y. (Jesus, Others, and You), so it was perfect way to bring it all together with this timely focus. Putting our faith into action is all about challenging us to begin thinking about how to act regarding the big picture. When we are younger it is important to concentrate on and build/strengthen our relationship with God within ourselves. As we mature in faith we are more inclined to spread the word, and take action on the behalf of others. This was powerful meeting and great way to wrap-up the YG teaching year. The very next Saturday, the 20th was the ANNUAL YG EASTER EGG Hunt for the little kids at Trinity. It was one of the best Eater Egg hunts to date. We had around 45 little kids with their parents and family members. The weather cooperated and we were able to do it outside, which was awesome. Kids got candy, prizes and their pics with our YG

Senior Easter Bunny. It was a blast!

We wrapped up the month on Sunday, the 28th with our Annual YG “OUTSIDE” NIGHT 2018. Around 35 YG and a handful of advisors came out for this annual night of night of faith, fun and fellowship. We ate pizza and snacks, then headed outside for to Fiala Field and played some Large Group games. We closed down the night back inside with our final candle prayer of the season. This night is always a great way to close down the YG Season.

On another note, Confirmation Class continues to go great. We are winding down the season. We have 14 students and they are a great group, which is awesome. They will be confirmed at the Saturday evening Service on Sunday, June 1st, and I would love to see there. Council support is always nice to have, especially as these 14 youth move forward in their faith lives and their involved in our church community.

Lastly, we continue to finalize plans for the Sr. High Mission Trip this summer to North Carolina. We 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 continue to keep us in your prayers we get ready for this mission trip. That’s all for now.

Yours In Christ,
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