Director of Youth & Student Ministries Report to Congregation Council Peter A. Fox - September 2019

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is back for 2019. 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 awesome this year. A lot of hard work has gone into this season to make a success. The calendar is the quite jam-packed as usual. There is something YG related on every weekend.

The summer was a good one for the YG. The first event that I want to highlight is HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP which took place in June. 16 of our YG plus myself and 2 YG advisors where there for this fun-faith-filled 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 who attended got to make lifelong friendships in the process.

The second thing that I would like to highlight is the Sr. High MISSION TRIP to North Carolina. 13 Sr. High YG, 5 College YG plus myself and 1 other advisor where in attendance. For this week of service, we worked strictly on houses, both fixing up and demolition. Basically, we were there to help the coastal Carolina people rebuild from the devastation of hurricane Florence. The service work that we did was very hard, but so rewarding. It was a blessing to get to know the homeowners and live in the community of the people that we were serving. We closed down each night with learning, singing, worship, and some group bonding time for our Sr. High. This was another powerful Mission Trip, we had a blast from start to finish in every way, shape and form. It was a awesome experience.

Third, this summer we had two very successful pool parties. There were 15+ YG and a handful of advisors were 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 Faith Connect 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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