

Report to Congregation Council

Peter A. Fox - January 2020

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. 2020 is here! YG had gone great so far, and I'm sure it will continue to be awesome as this season continues on. There is something every weekend, and that is keeping everyone busy. With that said, Let's not waste any time. Here is what we did to finish off 2019 in the month of December. We started off the month the first weekend with our annual YG WINTER RETREAT. There were around 30 YG and advisors in attendance for this YG weekend of faith, fun and fellowship. The theme of the retreat was WHO AM I. This retreat was all about teaching our youth the importance of figuring out who they are as a child of God. We looked at this both individually and collectively. We looked at Jesus' example of pointing out to others just who he was, and why he was here on this earth. Through interactive activities and engaging discussion we tackled this extremely necessary and powerful subject, and the YG definitely got a better understanding of themselves, their gifts and abilities, and a more focused life purpose. That said, it was an awesome retreat!

On the 11th we had an ISSAC'S COMMUNITY NIGHT at the Isaac's in Lemoyne. Over the past 7 years this has become a YG fundraiser tradition in our church. It's easy and fun! For this night members of the congregation and YG, family and friends came out to have dinner and had 25% of the proceeds go towards helping to fund our Sr. High/ College Mission Trip this coming summer to Wilmington, North Carolina. We raised over \$400. It was great to once again have

the support from our congregation. And it's fun to see only Trinity People in the restaurant :) We closed down the month and year on Sunday, December 22nd with our ANNUAL YG CHRISTMAS CAROLING & PARTY. Around 45 YG, college YG and advisors were in attendance for this most special night. We began the evening by walking over to Manor Care Nursing Home and singing Christmas Carols to all of the people there. It is always a memorable and powerful experience for our YG to bring some Christmas cheer to all of the good folks there. It was especially meaningful this year, because two of our YG have relatives at the facility. So we got to sing directly to them. After caroling, we walked back to the church for dinner, lots of snacks and some great YG Christmas games. We closed down the evening and the year with a large group prayer.

On another note, the Sunday morning faith formation classes for the youth have been going great! First off, Confirmation this season has been the best ever. There are 20 students, and 5 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. Like I said last month, parents are continuing to praise this class, and the students are enjoying it like never before. 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 "Friends of Jesus" Class. In the 6th-7th 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 fellowship, and learns about different opportunities to serve in our

church and in our community through the use of guest presenters. This class does a lot and is quite involved in our churches life.

Lastly, plans have started for our Sr. High Mission Trip with LutheranHANDS this coming summer. We are going down south to Wilmington, North Carolina to help out with flooding. There will be 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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