

Report to Congregation Council
Peter A. Fox - March 2020

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 1st and 2nd with the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Event. With the congregations help we were able to raise \$1000 dollars, and collect over 300 pounds of food items to New Hope Ministries in Lemoyne. This is most food items in long time, so it felt good to give so much. On Sunday the 9th 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 JESUS AS EVANGELIST and it concentrated on seeing all the ways that Jesus served to evangelize. We studied what it means to evangelize, and why its so important to do. A lot of times we don't because we are shy or might think that we would say the wrong thing. But as Lutherans, we believe that Christ is with us in all things, and the Holy Spirit can speak through us to evangelize to others. This should give us confidence. In short, we are called to bring others to Christ, just like those first disciples did many years ago. As usual, the activities were awesome and so was the night!

The following Sunday, the 16th was Sr. High. Around 15 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 building trust and togetherness in our Sr. High community. We shared traditions, played a great game of soccer, and did many activities on this night. It was a blast from start to finish! On the 23rd, we had another YG. 30 YG and a handful of advisors came out for the evening of faith, fun and fellowship. The focus of the night was JESUS AS FAITHFUL and it concentrated on Jesus be faithful the whole way to his father's plan, even though it called for much pain and suffering. Jesus' faith reminds us that those who are truly blessed are those who believe but never see. In our lives it's hard to be faithful, especially when we have not seen the risen Christ. But in many ways do. We see the acts of other faithful people who are acting on Jesus behalf on our lives, as we do in the lives of others. Faith is having the ability to believe even when we have not seen. Needless to say, this was a powerful YG, discussion-wise and activity-wise.

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. Parents have lots of

praise for this class, and the students are enjoying it like never before. It is a blast! 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 2 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. During Lent the F.O.J. class is helping lead a Lenten experience for the younger classes. This is awesome!

Lastly, registration has completed for our Sr. High Mission Trip this upcoming summer to North Carolina. Altogether, we have 13 people attending this summer's MISSION TRIP. We will once again be working with LutheranHANDS. We are going down south to Wilmington, North Carolina to help out those still dealing with 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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