

Report to Congregation Council
Peter A. Fox - February 2018

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. YG is crazy busy in 2018! 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 to kick off the new year in January. We started off the month on the first weekend with a Sr. High Sleepover. 16 Sr. High, 4 College Kids, and 3 YG Advisors came out for this night of total fun and fellowship. We played games, watched movies, ate pizza, and hung out with one another. It was a blast from start to finish. We will definitely do this event again.

On Sunday, the 14th we had our first YG of the year. There were around 40 YG and advisors in attendance. Continuing our AGAPE theme for the year, our focus of the night was BISCUITS. This meeting is all about reminding our YG that God is always there for us to provide for us. We get discouraged in life a lot, but God does not abandon us in those times. Rather he uses others to help us make in through those times when we are starving for something positive in our life. Therefore, we need do likewise to others. This was a powerful YG with much activity and deep conversation. On Sunday, the 28th we had second YG of the year. There were around 40 YG and advisors in attendance. The focus of this night was ART IMITATE LIFE. This meeting was all about helping the YG to recognize that we are always interpreting our experiences in life, and sometimes our interpretations and judgements are inaccurate. Even though it's impossible to not have a "gut feeling", we need to see people as Christ did and spare the judgements until after we've really gotten to know them. We need to strive to leave the judging to God. Once again, this was another awesome meeting.

On another note, the Affirmation of Baptism Class continues to go great. We have 15 students and they are a great group, which is awesome. They are definitely enjoying the class and seem to be really taking notes, sharing and getting into it. My small group discussion leaders are the best, and the students are participating. The Jr. High, 6th -7th grade Sunday school class is going great as well. My 3 teachers are awesome! Around 10-15 kids come out weekly. Their discussions and activities are going good and I definitely think that they will be a fabulous season. With that said, I must get back to work. I have a lot to do. The Sr. High, "F.O.J." Sunday school class is going good as well. Even though it's small, those who come, are involved. The theme for the year is SERVICE, so you will see this class involved our around our church, whether is holding doors or helping with landscape outside.

Lastly, we are fast approaching the 2018 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in Houston, TX next summer. We have 16 Sr. High YG and 3 advisors going. We need to raise a lot of money for this important week. That said, please support ALL of the YG fundraisers and endeavors in 2018 to help pay for this trip. We will need all of the help that we can get. Most kids only get to go to a Gathering once in their lives, and it's worth it. It can be life-changing! And with this Gathering being in Houston, we will have opportunities to serve others while we are there. The kids are excited to work hard and serve! Enough said...

Yours In Christ,

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