

Report to Congregation Council
Peter A. Fox - March 2018

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 4th with the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. With the congregations help we were able to raise \$987.79 dollars and collect about a truckload of food items to go to New Hope Ministries in Lemoyne. On Sunday the 11th we had YG. 35 YG and a handful of advisors came out for the evening of faith, fun and fellowship. Continuing with our AGAPE theme, the focus of the night was SPIRITFLOW and it concentrated on the Holy Spirit in our lives. We need to remember that the Holy Spirit is in constant work in our lives, whether we are aware of it or not. And it is important to seek out the "Ruwach" or "Breath of God" in all creation, because it is there is we just look and listen. This activities were awesome and so was the night! The following Sunday, the 18th was Sr. High. Around 20 Sr. High and a handful of advisors came out for this evening of faith, fun and fellowship. The topic for night was a recent news article PRESIDENT DECLARES OPIOID CRISIS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. The focus of this night was on addiction. As a country we are more affected by addiction than ever before. So many people are trying to escape, and this affects our homes and our lives. We need to remember to support those around us, and recognize that Jesus is always with us in our daily battles . As usual, this night was filled with powerful discussion, group building, and great fellowship. On the 25th, we had another YG. 35 YG and a handful of advisors came out for the evening of faith, fun and fellowship. The focus of the night was QUESTIONS and it concentrated on the questions that we have for God. We always have questions of God, and we rarely get the answers we want. Through faith though we know that God is there for us, to help us with our doubts, questions and everything. Having questions is normal and good, most important, it puts us in dialog with God which what we need anyway. This night was another great one, full of fun, faith, and fellowship.

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. Speaking of service, the YG will be serving many places around the church in these coming months. We are helping in the kitchen at Sup & Study, helping with Spring Clean-Up, and helping with all 3 Capital Campaign Dinner Theaters. The YG is getting actively involved in church life, so look for us.

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! That said, please support the ISAAC'S COMMUNITY NIGHT on Wednesday, April 11th in the Lemoyne Plaza. You can go ANYTIME of the day from 10am to 9pm. Council support shows that you are invested as the leaders of this church in our youths futures. And that is a great thing.

Yours In Christ,

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