

Director of Youth & Student Ministries  
Report to Congregation Council  
Peter A. Fox - May 2018

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. Rather than waste any time, here is what we did in the month of April. We started off the month with our YG SPRING RETREAT 2018. 30 YG and advisors were in attendance for the weekend of faith, fun and fellowship. The focus of this retreat was TIME MANAGEMENT and it focused in making the most of the time that we are given in our lives. In other words, "Carpe Diem" (Seizing the Day). We highlighted all of the things that we need to prioritize in our lives regarding time. We broke it down into three significant areas; making time for friends and family, time for ourselves, and time for God. As usual, this retreat involved much deep conversation and many cool activities surrounding the theme. It was an awesome spirit-filled weekend and blast on every level.

The following Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> with ISAACS COMMUNITY NIGHT at the Isaacs in the Lemoyne Plaza. This was our most successful Isaac's fundraiser yet! Church members, YGer's and their families came out in support. We raised around \$400 to go towards our Sr. High attending the 2018 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in Houston, TX this summer.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we helped out with the 1<sup>st</sup> CHURCH DINNER THEATRE at Trinity and had a blast! 15 YG and a handful of advisors helped make the night a success. It was great to be involved with others in our church community, to help out with the campaign. And it's been good working with Rick and Steve. On Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had YG "OUTSIDE" NIGHT 2018. Around 35 YG and advisors came out for this annual night of night of faith, fun and fellowship. We ate pizza and snacks, then headed outside for to Fiala Field and played some Large Group games. We closed down the night back inside with our final candle prayer of the season. This night was awesome as it always is. It's a great way to close down the YG Season. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, we were back again helping with the CHURCH DINNER THEATRE. Ditto the above.

On another note, Confirmation Class continues to go great. We are winding down the season. We have 15 students and they are a great group, which is awesome. They will be confirmed at the Saturday evening Service on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and I would love to see there. Council support is always nice to have, especially as these 15 youth move forward in their faith lives and their involved in our church community. Along with Confirmation, YG and Youth Faith Formation classes are wrapping up for the season.

Lastly, the 2018 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in Houston, TX is getting closer. It is actually right around the corner, so the kids, advisors and I are getting hype. We have 16 Sr. High YG and 3 advisors going. 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!

As we go on this trip, please keep us in your prayers for safe travel and an awesome time. We will report back to you once we arrive back to tell you about our experiences.

Yours In Christ,  
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