



by *Kristi Duensing*
Youth Director

YOP MISSION: The goal of our student ministry is to reveal the truth to teenagers about God's love, equip them to have a Christ-like wisdom and offer themselves in service, in order to magnify God's holy name.

Joy Joy Joy! What a wonderful gift God gave to us. Think about how often you laugh or make someone else laugh. Have you noticed how contagious laughter is? As you enter into a restaurant, a family gathering or even just the grocery store, laughter will turn our heads. We wonder what is so funny and we want to be a part of the fun. I'm so glad we have Pastor Cathi here at Peace. Her easy-going personality, her gifts of leading our congregation and bringing joy to us is such a blessing! Welcome Pastor Cathi! If you haven't had a chance to visit with her, be sure to make a point of it. You will be blessed by her smile and words of wisdom. Now.....WE also have the opportunity to pull people into our congregation through OUR smiles and laughter. Jesus is the author of joy and we have the pleasure of sharing that joy with everyone we meet. Hebrews 12:2 says "Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." What can be greater joy??? We are so BLESSED!

Speaking of joy, wasn't the Color Run fun? I saw many smiles through the afternoon. Thanks to Tiffany Nutsch and Tina Sloane for all their preparation and organization. YES, we will have a color run again next year! Thank you also for your support at our hamburger feed. I can't wait for us to send a letter to Jennifer (Peace's Sunday School Compassion Child from Tanzania) telling her that the money we raised will support her through 2015! She is now 16 and is studying to be a doctor and through your generosity, her dream may become a reality!

Another joyful face is Pastor Pauline from the Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. Our youth were amazed with her last summer. She is so encouraging and generous to the Sioux Tribe. She was always making food, giving away supplies and clothing and ministering to the people there. On the day we left, she looked so weary (she is about 65 years old). I asked if there was something we could do to help her. She suggested we make up packets of Bible Stories, activities with supplies included, Bible verse, and an optional treat such as candy or gum for her to use in Sunday School class. She told me that preparing for these lessons took up a considerable amount of time for her. This is the only exposure to Jesus that most of the children have. So, I said SURE, we can do that for you! Would any of you in the congregation like to put together a packet or two? She said they finished last year with the book of Exodus. Aren't there so many great stories to tell from the Bible? If you would like to help, please let Kristi know. It seems to me, every time I prepare for a Sunday School class, I am learning something I didn't know before!

Youth Activities:

Wednesday, November 5th is Study Night at the YOP House with supper at 6:15.

Sunday, November 16th is Activity Night at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16th is also PEPY meeting for parents. We will be discussing weekend mission trip.

Yes, joy is all around us! With Jesus by our side, how can we not have joy? ☺

Your sister in Christ, *Kristi Duensing*