

October 2020 By Chandra Hillman, Youth Director

Looking back to September: We started the month off with a youth/parent meeting with ten families in attendance to discuss the upcoming year. I appreciate the families taking time to be a part of this meeting. I'm looking forward to another awesome year as youth leader for Peace.

"Feed the Dog" is the title for our Bible study curriculum. In this book along with a DVD, the youth will study seven spiritual disciplines to help them grow in their faith. Our first lesson has been about feeding the Spirit and not the flesh.

Eight youth attended our fall kickoff that was held to welcome the freshman and new youth members, along with welcoming back the other youth kids. The youth started out by having to complete an obstacle course. After they all completed this challenge, we had a devotion about "Overcoming Obstacles." We discussed the obstacles we all faced from these last six months and other challenges we face in life. We read Bible verses that reminded us: to have confidence in God, to trust His timing, that God walks with us through these valleys, that when we turn to Him in prayer He will give us strength to carry on, and that we must depend on Him for the wisdom and strength to overcome any obstacle that comes our way. We talked about even though life may be difficult, when we are faced with these challenges, nothing is too difficult for God. Jeremiah 32:27 says "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" May we all remember in every circumstance, have faith in God, do not doubt, but trust in Him, knowing that He can help you overcome any obstacle and turn defeat into victory. Our evening ended with another obstacle challenge, a youth planning meeting during our meal and a fun time playing ping pong games. Pastor was trying to see who he could beat or was it the other way around?

At the time of writing this newsletter, as one of their service projects, the youth have plans to go shopping on Wednesday, September 30th to purchase items for Operation Christmas Child.

Looking ahead to October: Sunday, 11th-Youth planning meeting after church Sunday, 18th-PEPY meeting after church An activity night has been discussed but no date is set at this time. The youth group is also planning on going to the Lincoln People's City Mission, I'm waiting to hear back from the shelter of what days are available for us to go.

I want to give some BIG thanks to those who helped with tearing out the old sidewalk and/or putting in the new sidewalk over at the YOP house. THANKS to Jon and Delinda Mohrmann, Brian Isernhagen, Traegan Sieber, Roger Bohling, Bill Mize, Nate Brandt, Anthony Hillman, Tyler and Gavin Fangmeyer, and a special thanks to Leroy Fangmeyer and Earl Hillman for all their extra work to head up this project and help get this sidewalk done. It looks wonderful!! God bless you for your time and support!

With fall officially started, I am grateful for the different seasons that our Creator has made for us. As the school and church year are well underway, I look forward to new beginnings here at Peace. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1

I'm still looking for a male youth leader to help co-lead, if interested please let me know.

Serving in the Spirit of Christ, Chandra







