

September 2020 By Chandra Hillman, Youth Director

Looking back at the last few months:

Words can not express how my heart feels about these last few months. Normally, in June, the youth spend an evening serving a meal to campers and counselors at Royal Family Kids Camp, but as we know all too well it was cancelled. I ask you to please keep the campers, counselors and staff at RFKC in your prayers. We will look forward to serving them next summer.

In July, the youth would have attended the Youth Gathering in Des Moines, but unfortunately under the circumstances, it was also cancelled. Along with attending sessions, the youth would have also participated in a service project to help out the community. It is sad that our Peace youth group was unable to participate in these two wonderful activities.

Because we were unable to have our senior breakfast in May, at the end of July, I held a steak supper along with a devotion for the seniors. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

I want to give a big thanks to Leroy Fangmeyer for putting up the gutters on the south side of the youth house and for making and putting in the steps to the south door. They look great! A big thanks to Earl Hillman for laying the carpet in the front room at the youth house. Earl and I also donated the carpet padding. More big thank yous go out to Paul and Connie Meyer for the donation of the carpet in our front room and to Chris and Kim Roth for another couch, it looks very nice!!!

Looking ahead to September:

I'm so happy to welcome five new youth members; freshman; Colton Isernhagen, Cole Ruhge, Tierra Schardt, Trinity Hayes (sophomore) and Grady McDonald (senior.) We welcome them and look forward to getting to know them.

The following are some youth activities planned for September:

WED. SEPT 2 - youth/parent meeting to discuss the upcoming year

*freshman, new youth members and parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the YOP house

* all youth and parents will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

SUN. SEPT 13 - Youth fall kickoff (welcome back for all youth members) from 5:00-7:00 at the YOP house

As we begin a new Sunday school year, there's a lot of uncertainty about many things, but the one thing that we can always be certain of is the love of Christ, the goodness and overflowing grace and mercy from God. My motto since March has been, "faith over fear." None of us like to be out of our comfort zone, so we need to rely on the One who's love is unending and never fails us. I pray we can all gather in worship and fellowship in the next few weeks knowing that God is fighting our battles and that He will never leave our sides. Jesus Christ will see us through this till the end, we need to trust His plan and have faith is His will for us. If we are secure in our faith, there is nothing the world can throw at us that we can't handle. "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh *do to me?* " ~ *Psalm 56:3-4*

I want to thank God for sending Pastor Love to Peace Lutheran, we are so greatly blessed to have him, Amy and Trinity here!!!

As part of the church family here at Peace, please pray for me as their youth leader, in teaching them God's Word and in serving Christ in and out of our community. Please pray for our youth that they may desire to hear and study God's Word. Your support this past year has been tremendous! God is so good!!

"For the LORD is good; His loving kindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations."

~ Psalm 100:5

Serving in the Spirit of Christ, Chandra