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Youth Group Newsletter December 2017 – January 2018

I must admit to not patiently waiting for each day's chocolates from the Advent calendars when I was younger! How did you do with that? Did you tuck the little tear-out window back in so it appeared as though it wasn't touched? The excitement of this beautiful season is real! We know what happened over 2000 years ago. Obviously, no one knew then what was happening or they would have had a beautiful birthing room ready for the Christ child and Facetime streaming the birth so all could see! **We do know**...that is exactly why we should be celebrating each and every single day leading up to Christmas (and then obviously the days and months after). Take a moment (or more) each and every day to do something amazing for another person...better yet...do it anonymously!

Just recently I overheard someone mention that we have very special youth (both at First and MACY). Looking back over the 40 years that I've been involved with youth group I realized that each and every one of these youth (and there are hundreds) are doing something great for others today! WOW! I love you all and wish you the very best Christmas and thereafter. By now hopefully you realize it isn't the gifts we receive but the JOY in giving and loving! ❤️

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for the Trek the Trail support, No Tricks/Just Treats (great stories still being told by those in our community who were treated) tagging and retrieving food from over a thousand homes, filling and sending 24 care packages to our college/military young adults, hosting a beautiful brunch for those who support us, jumping up and pulling the Christmas decorations from the upper loft and then decorating the church the next week and so much more that you do without hesitation. I beam like your Momma when I see you humbly loving Jesus and others! Seriously! 😊

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Sunday (December 3rd) – AT METHODIST CHURCH @ 4:00 – Dinner and Devos followed by whipping up lots and lots of cookies for the upcoming Christkindl Cookie fundraiser – please bring an electric hand mixer if you have one at home!

Wednesday, December 13th – Time & location TBA – Bring any cookies that you signed up to bake at home to the “Gathering and putting cookies on trays” for the next three-day hopeful sell out!

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, December 14-16th – **Lutheran Church parsonage** – Much help is needed to operate the Christkindl Café and Cookie Tray Sale – It’s warm inside, it’s fun to meet people from all over the country who love coming to this beautiful community event! Please **contact Jen Harter or Vicki Hackenburg** with any questions about the Café and Cookie Tray fundraiser – they are doing an amazing job organizing and pulling this off!

Monday-Wednesday, January 1-3rd – Seniors and Post-Secondary young adults will be attending the SOLD-OUT Passion Conference in Washington, DC – Leaving church parking lot at 10:00 AM on New Years Day!

Sunday, January 14th – Dinner & Devos @ Sawyer’s at 6:00 PM

Friday, January 19th – Leaving at 3:30 from the church parking lot (if you need a ride from school to the lot, please let Kim know) – WINTERJAM 2018!!!! We are not renting a bus – just a 15-passenger van so space is limited! Youth first...if there is room then adults! Kim needs a \$10 deposit to hold a seat in the van – please do not wait till the last minute! After you arrive at the event, the money will be refunded to you!

Sunday, January 21st – SOUPS + SANDWICH + SWEET Fundraiser – Major fundraiser! Tracy Seebold is chairing this again and will provide info to all of you. (She shared that it will be the third Sunday of January, February and March)

As always, please contact me at kksawyer2@gmail.com or 570-713-4577 (text or call)!



Merry Christmas