

## Youth Ministry Committee Report

The following are highlights from 2017:

Youth clubs continue to meet on Wednesday after school and evening. After-school programs focused on more intentional activities, such as learning to bake, and is attended by kids in middle school. This time also serves as mission, as food is shared with the Rescue Mission. The evening group, which is attended by more high school students, uses the curriculum "Echo the Story" which is a more reflective-style curriculum. While the youth clubs meet on Wednesdays, Confirmation class meets on Sunday evenings twice a month. The Confirmation curriculum is in video/workbook/discussion format.

During January and into early February, the youth held their annual book sale. Many of the books that were not sold were donated to Columbus Public Library for their book sales throughout the year, as well as boxed up to be forwarded to Margie Heier in Africa.

In early February, nine youth travelled to Lincoln to attend service at Good Shepherd Church. Youth from our church and Good Shepherd then went bowling at UNL East Campus.

The Taste of Federated fundraiser was held February 12<sup>th</sup>, with around 17 "chefs" participating. Members were asked to bring sample sizes of their specialty food to share with Federated members and friends. Many delicious foods were shared, with the winner taking home a trophy and the runner up, a medal.

Nine youth participated in the 30-hour famine February 24<sup>th</sup>-February 25<sup>th</sup>. There were games, a program, and prayer time to keep the kids busy. They then ate breakfast Saturday morning. There were funds raised that were sent to World Vision for the 30-hour famine. Thanks to Max Porter and Antonio Garcia for helping.

On Easter Sunday, an egg hunt was held; confirmands and a few high school students helped with this.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, three youth helped a church member with yard work.

Confirmation was held Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Those confirmed were: Anjel Garcia Lopez (Jeremy West--mentor), Beatriz Garcia Lopez (Sue Mares--mentor), Elizabeth Sand (Katie Claus—mentor), and Ethan Yang (John McClure—mentor).

On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the youth held a flower sale for Mother's Day.

Graduates were recognized on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. There were five 2017 graduates: Brady Hanks, Ben Lange, Riley Lyon, Jenna Mares, and Regan Rine.

In June, in preparation for the mission trip to Estes Park, Colorado, mission training was held the week of June 12-June 16. It included teambuilding, making lunch, eating together, and prayer. The mission trip was held the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>-June 24<sup>th</sup> and included worship and songs, service to others, and traditional camp activities. There were nine youth who made the trip: Anjel Garcia Lopez, Reagan Gausman, Meera Lange, Kaitlynn Meyer, Lucas Miller, Mitchell

Norris, Coden Prokopec, Jessica Sand, and Ethan Yang. Thanks to Max Porter, Brenda Sand, and Edward Yang who served as chaperones.

In July, the youth assisted in moving items during Federated's garage sale week to help Women's Fellowship.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, our committee hosted a potluck to kick-off the Sunday school year.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, a Confirmation retreat was held at Camp Luther with three students attending.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the confirmands prepared a spaghetti dinner and delivered it to the Rescue Mission.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, youth and family members went to lunch and then Christmas caroling at nursing and members' homes. Thanks to Denny Vollbracht for driving the bus!

Sincerely,