

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry Report – October 10, 2018

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Sunday School 2018-2019

- The theme for November is “The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin.”
- We conducted a survey to ask parents and students where they preferred Sunday School. We had 48 people take the survey, and with those responses have concluded that we will bring Sunday School back to church in December.

Release Time

- Release Time has been going for little over a month now and things are going well! We are discussing parables this year, with each month learning about a new parable. So far, we have covered the mustard seed and the sower.
- We have had some issues with our 3rd grade group, but after emailing with their teacher, their behaviors should improve!

Confirmation

- We finished up learning about the ten commandments and will continue on in the catechism with the Apostles’ Creed.
- Confirmation is moving back to church as of November 7.
- Our confirmation students have been seen around the community doing various volunteering, such as raking leaves as a part of TaskTakers’ Fall Clean-Up, Trick-or-Canning around town to collect non-perishable food items for the food shelf, and bringing flowers to residents at the nursing home and assisted living for All Saints Day.

3:16s

- We have had to cancel 3:16s the past few weeks due to no youth attending. I will continue to recruit youth to come to these events as they are good for their faith formation and for fellowship!

Indianapolis – Mission Trip 2019

- We have 9 youth and 2 adults planning to go to Indianapolis next summer for our Group Mission Trip.
- I have reserved a 15-passenger van for our transportation and I am working on finding a place to host us on the way down to IN.
- The youth going to IN will begin fundraising, starting with making Thanksgiving pies on November 21. A huge thanks to Peggy Landsom for helping us with our pies again this year!!

Upcoming youth group event

- Pastor Len and I are taking 9 youth from Blackhammer and Trinity to La Crosse for an escape room and dinner on Saturday, November 10. We have youth from grades 9-12 joining us on this outing!

Cohort

- Since January I have participated in the ELCA Youth Ministry Network’s Dicippling Cohort Initiative. I meet monthly with a small group of individuals in youth and children’s ministry. Our goal for the year was to create a 3-year ministry plan. We are currently working on this 3-year plan. I told Education Team I will present it to them once I have completed it, and I would be more than happy to present to the council in January as well!