

## **Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry Report – December 12, 2018**

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### **Sunday School Christmas Program**

- The theme for this year's Sunday School Christmas Program is "Bethlehem Night." This year's program will be during the 9:15 service on December 16.
- Brenda Gullicksen is helping me direct the program.
- Lots of students have volunteered for reading and acting parts. It should be great program sharing the Christmas story!!

### **Confirmation**

- We finished up learning the Apostles' Creed last week.
- We will have a fellowship night on December 9 and caroling and gift-giving at the nursing home on December 16.
- Confirmation will not meet during the holidays and will begin again January 2.

### **3:16s**

- We had our largest group at 3:16s a few weeks ago. There was 7 youth there! We had a fun time of fellowship.

### **Indianapolis – Mission Trip 2019**

- We have 10 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 had a great time making Thanksgiving Pies the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We made 43 pies and raised \$615 for our trip.

### **Youth Group Events**

- Pastor Len and I took 9 youth from Blackhammer and Trinity to La Crosse for an escape room and dinner on Saturday, November 10. We had such a fun time together and hope to do more events like this in the future. If you've never done an escape room, I highly recommend doing one!!
- On December 15 at 7:00 p.m., I will host a Youth Christmas Party at my house. There will be fun Christmas games, cookies, music and movies. We had a blast at the Christmas party last year, so I can expect this one will be loads of fun too!

### **Personal**

- I will be taking vacation days for December 19-21 as Willy and I will be traveling to Chicago for the Midwest Clinic, an international conference for band and orchestra directors.