

Youth and Family Coordinator Report – July 11, 2018

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Confirmation Camp

- Confirmation camp was from June 10-15 at Good Earth Village. 12 7th graders attended from Trinity that week.
- During Trinity's confirmation time, we learned about faith and science and how they can work together in our lives.
- From what I can tell, these 7th graders had an amazing time at camp!

Day Camp

- Day Camp was from June 18-21 this year. We had 4 counselors come from Sugar Creek Bible Camp to facilitate Day Camp at Trinity. We had 39 youth participate in this year's Day Camp.
- The counselors did a great job, however there were some things I liked better of the Good Earth counselors than those from Sugar Creek, so I am thinking I would like to try going through Good Earth Village next year for Day Camp. Some things I noticed from Sugar Creek that I wasn't fond of: no guitar player sent, they didn't focus on the theme of the week as much as I would have liked, and they did not manage behavioral issues as much as I would have liked. I found myself having to make sure kids payed attention and had the correct behavior at camp.
- A HUGE thank you to all those who hosted and provided meals for the counselors and to those who brought snacks and volunteered at Day Camp: Lonny and JeanAnn Tweeten, Greg and Jacque Wennes, Elizabeth Hermeier, Len and Janna Myrah, the Strinmoen family, Jan Lochner, Jess Sherburne, Mark and Rachel Udstuen, Marlene Descher, Mary Newgaard, Danielle Myhre, Lara Wold-Mendez, Rachel Krenzke, and Nicole Krenzke.

VBS

- VBS was from June 18-21 this year. We had 5 teachers volunteer from Trinity to run VBS (Jenny St. Mary, Betty Johnson, Jean Ellingson, Maggie Lile, and Ella Wennes). We had 24 youth participate in this year's VBS!
- VBS went very well! I think the kids had a great time and learned the message that Jesus is the light of the world!

ELCA Youth Gathering

- WOW! I cannot even begin to explain how amazing the Gathering was in Houston, TX.
- We had 26 youth and 6 adults from Trinity and 7 youth and 3 adults from Blackhammer. Everyone seemed to have a great time and returned home to Spring Grove safely.
- We experienced so many things. Here are a few things we did: ran a book fair to give books to children struggling with literacy; worshipped with 1,000 people from SEMN Synod on our Synod Day; heard from amazing speakers about our call, love, grace, and hope in God; danced and sang with 31,000 of our best Lutheran friends from around the world; and grew together as a community of faith.
- It was absolutely amazing. If you would like to talk more about the Gathering, reach out to me or any other participant!
- The ELCA Youth Gathering 2021 will be held in MINNEAPOLIS, MN!!!

Personal

- I will be on vacation from July 17-July 24 for my brother's wedding! Willy and I will be heading to Oregon for the week for this special celebration!