

2017 First Lutheran Youth Annual Report

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- ✚ January we held our annual lock-in. It was attended by two youth. Thank you to Linda Mueller for chaperoning.
- ✚ In February, FLY collected money for Souper Bowl Sunday. Donating \$204 to Bread for Life.
- ✚ March we held First Wing Fest. This year FLY challenged all First committees and groups to participate. The Fair Committee, Amy Schmidt, Keith Gray, Steve Sabia and Virginia and Sandra A. rose to the challenge. This event was attended by 44 members of First and their guests. Funds from this event were earmarked to help cover the cost of attending HammoConnect at Calumet in September and the ELCA Youth Gathering in June 2018.
- ✚ In April we held the annual Easter Breakfast, where FLY acted as servers for the congregation who attended this annual event. Special thanks to the anonymous donor who donated the food items for this year's breakfast.
- ✚ Six final exam care packages were assembled, and then shipped the first weekend in May. Special thanks to Arlene Mobarek for her contributions to these care packages.
- ✚ FLY did not attend HammoConnect @ Calumet in September.
- ✚ In October our first Corn hole tournament was held to raise funds to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering June 2018. This event was well attended by folks from outside our church community. With the assistance of the Fede and Schmidt families and Keith Gray as MC this event was a huge success. All who attended expressed a desire to return. Eleven teams participated in the tournament.
- ✚ In December college care packages were mailed.

All youth grades 6 through 12 are members of FLY. Parents and youth are encouraged to consider participation in youth group events as an extension of their Confirmation classes.

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, TX June 27-July 1 2018. That is 5 months away. We have two youth who have expressed interest in attending but none have registered. A chaperone is also needed for this 5 day event. If we register by February 15th, including a \$150.00 non-refundable deposit, the cost of attendance is \$390 per person plus transportation, lodging and food. After February 15th the cost goes up to \$440.00. May 15th is the last day to submit registration.