

## January 2022 Youth Director Report

We started the New Year with an amazing return of Winterfest, our annual synod retreat weekend for youth in high school. We traveled to Lancaster from the 7-9th with over 100 other youth from our synod. The theme this year was beLOVED, and helped us to see how we can be LOVE in the world and allow ourselves to be LOVED by God. Pastor Elizabeth did a fantastic job with the weekend curriculum, and our group came away with momentum to be chang in the world.

We gathered for our usual Sunday on January 23 to view a video that was discussed at Winterfest. It was brought to us by presenter, Kyle Williams, who presented A Long Talk About the Uncomfortable Truth. This video is a frank presentation on the history of our country, and specifically how we treated those of color.

Our final activity of the month was a scheduled snow tubing outing for Monday July 31. Only 1 youth member signed up so this event was cancelled.

February events:

Feb 6-Gathering in the Lounge

February 12 & 13-Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend

February 27-Gathering in the Lounge

We got word on 2/1 that the National Gathering is cancelled. We are hoping to find different opportunities for our youth this summer, along with summer camps.

Respectfully,

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