

October Report

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This month I had the opportunity to start our children's group, I had three children attend and we learned about David and Goliath and how God helps us to be brave when we are scared. We had an awesome time building catapults and playing games. I continue to get to visit the Children's garden which has been a highlight of my week and I enjoy seeing all of the kids in the Chapel on Thursdays and greeting them in the halls.

We continue to have a steady number of about 10-12 youth joining us for youth events. This month we had a regular youth group and a game night, and we had 13 youth help with our Fall Festival. At our Fall Festival, youth helped run the chili cook-off, make popcorn, and sell raffle tickets. We had a great group of youth who were very willing to serve. We were able to raise about \$500. Also, our youth have done a great job running fundraisers. They have helped to sell raffle tickets and annual meeting breakfast tickets for the past 3 weeks. They are currently in the middle of their wreath sale which will end at the end of November.

We have an awesome group of 9 going to the ELCA youth gathering, 6 kids and 3 adults. We have been using the gathering curriculum with the whole group and we have talked about how to be brave and courageous.

We have many fun events coming up in the next month. I am excited to continue getting to know our youth. They have been a really awesome group to spend time with. I am encouraged by how quickly they pick up on themes throughout the Bible and are able to relate them to their lives. You can tell they enjoy the time that they spend together and I love watching the group become closer. This upcoming month I am really looking forward to the discussion we have surrounding the Friendsgiving meal that is put together by refugees. Thank you for your support in all of our fundraisers this past month.

Grace and Peace,

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