

East Hill Youth Ministry Winter Newsletter

December 2018 – February 2019

Hello East Hill Youth Group Families!

Thank you for being a part of the East Hill family and the fellowship of Jesus the King, for encouraging your kids to participate and see the value of growing spiritually with other teens, and for supporting our youth ministry. We've had a good fall time. Here are some of the activities that students participated in this fall: horse riding at the Vernons, painting Ron Shield's house, weekly Huddles and Bible classes, Ignite Youth Rally, MS girls night with Mikayla, MS boys movie night with Chris, HS boys gaming night, and planning for the York Youth Rally. Through all our activities, *we seek to empower our youth to learn to love the Lord together and to serve their neighbor*. We want your input and support. All youth group families are welcomed to attend our parent and youth committee planning meetings. (The next one is scheduled for **January 13 at 12:00**.) Please see the highlights below to see what is planned for the youth ministry this winter quarter.

Winter Youth Ministry Calendar

- 12/26 – All Church Devotional
- 12/31 – All Church New Year's Party
- 1/13 – Parent/Youth Committee Meeting
- 1/18-21 – YIA Youth Rally, Kansas City
- 2/8-10 – York Youth Rally
- 2/23 – Father/Son Non-Banquet
- 3/24-30 – Spring Clothing Exchange
- 4/19-20 – LTC/Kansas City

Weekly Huddles

- High school Huddles will continue to meet at the Coppingers and focus on the theme of "Love God; Love others."
- Middle school Huddle will continue meeting in the Youth Room; the Schwarz' are hosting for January. The Tremaines will host in February.

York Youth Rally – February 8-10

The theme for our youth rally is, "Love Outside the Box." This will be a free rally, but we are encouraging all participants to bring a canned food item and money for a free will offering which will go to a Christian ministry. We'll need parent and family support in hosting this event. Stay tuned for more information. See the Coppingers for ways to get involved.

Winter Quarter High School Bible Classes

- Sunday – The class continues on leg two of their journey of seeing the gospel through the story of Scripture. This quarter they will wrap up Genesis and start Exodus. Topics include: God's People in Egypt, Toward the Promised Land, and Worship in the Wilderness. **Matt and Laura Coppinger** are teaching.
- Wednesday – **Christian Eggar** and **Eric Tremaine** will co-teach a class based on Philip Yancey's book, "Church, Why Bother?" Students will explore the meaning of church and what their own motivations are for belonging (not just going) to the church. They will also reflect on reasons

why young adults leave the church and consider how we might encourage one another to stay connected no matter where we live or what we're doing.

Winter Middle School Bible Classes

- Sunday – Students will study Genesis 25-50 and focus primarily on two descendants of Abraham: Jacob and Joseph. Students will see that the people through whom God chose to advance His plan of redemption were not always very good people. Through the ups and downs of Abraham's family, students will see that God did not leave His plan of redemption to chance. Despite His people's failures, our God faithfully keeps His promises. **Ken and Sara Van Gomple** are teaching.
- Wednesday – This quarter students will learn about two powerful Christian principles of living by faith: Abundant Living and The Power to Change. **Troy and Kami Flynt** are teaching.

Intern News

- We hope by now that all the middle school group families have had the opportunity to meet **Chris Martens** and **Mikayla Brant**, our new interns. Chris is from Albert Lea, MN, and Mikayla is from Clear Lake, IA. Both have a heart for kids and a desire to help them grow in their faith. They will continue to build relationships with students at Huddles and Wednesday Bible class, and will plan monthly activities for the group. **Christian Eggar** continues to serve with the high school group in the same way. Please look for an opportunity to host them in your homes.
- We're in the process of recruiting a summer youth ministry intern. We would appreciate that you include this in your prayers.

Summer Mission Trips

- High School – Elevations/Dry Bones – July 8-13 - We're excited that the following students applied and were accepted to go on this mission trip to Denver. **Drew Baldrige, Timberly Carr, Hannah DeHart, Elliot Dallmann, Elias Dallmann, Kristen Fike, Bladen Flynt, Evan Fraser, Ross Fraser, Michael Heinrich, and Oren Krumrei**. We potentially have space for 1-2 more students. Talk with **Erin D.** ASAP if you're thinking about it. Please note that \$100 deposit will be due by the end of January and that we'll begin regular meetings this spring.
- Youth Group *Stay-Mission* – The planning is still in the works for the whole youth group to stay together and serve here in York for part of a week, and then to leave on a camping/float trip in northern NE. We're looking at either the weeks of May 26 or June 2. More info to come.

LTC 2019 – April 19-20

This year's theme is "No Greater Love" and the Gospel of John is the book. Sign up for events will happen in January. If your son/daughter is planning on attending the event, remember that they will need to sign up for at least three events to include one of the following: Bible Bowl, Bible Quiz, or Bible Reading. See **Michele Tandy** with questions.