

A View from Our Youth Deanery Youth Group



The youth enjoyed an Overnight in April at St. Andrew's. We took a spiritual gifts survey to help us realize our own strengths and weaknesses, learned to make prayer beads, and enjoyed hanging out and having fun with each other! Saturday morning, despite the lack of sleep, we put on a pancake breakfast the raised \$120 for Community Missions of Niagara Falls.

Big "thank you" to all who attended and helped make our overnight a success!

Our Annual Picnic & Senior Recognition will take place Sunday June 13th from 4-6:30pm at St. Andrew's! Come celebrate another year! Friends always are welcome!

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Make Camp Part of Your Summer this Year!



Senior High June 27-July 3
SUNY Fredonia

Junior High-August 8-14
Dunkirk Conference Center

Sleep Away- August 18-21
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

Details/pictures/paper available:
www.Eyouthwny.org/camps.html

Why Send Your Kids to Camp? By Jay Phillippi Diocesan Youth Missioner

Camp began about 75 years ago in our diocese. Lots of things have changed in that time. So why send modern kids, who are preparing to live in the modern world, to such an "old fashioned" activity as church camp?

Quite simply because they are modern kids facing the modern world. They are highly scheduled, and highly stressed. Everything they do seems to be under a microscope being graded, evaluated, and compared. Does this sound familiar? " ... **because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat...**"

For an awful lot of our families that's how it feels too many days of the week. Jesus had some advice for those folks: **"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."** (Mark 6:31)

That's what camp can be for this incredibly busy generation. I believe that one of the most important things we can offer them is a little "quiet place". At camp there's no pressure to "succeed" because success is defined as learning a little, growing a little, being a little. It's about having fun, making friends and spending a little time with Jesus. So please give your kids the gift of that quiet place. Whether they are your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, or just young people from your church or community about whom you care, help them go to camp. There are many ways to support young people in this experience, even if you don't know anyone of that age. Get in contact with me and I can outline some of them for you. But most of all: Send your kids to camp!

Peace