

Summary of Goals for Youth and Children's Ministry

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Support the Youth : I have been going to where the high school and Jr. High youth are. I have gone to many different sporting events for the youth over this year: football, baseball, soccer, basketball, and more. I have also attended different choir and school performances. I believe this is effective in reaching the youth and letting them know that I and St. Paul's cares about them.

Using technology to reach the Youth: We now have a Snap Chat group for St. Paul's Sr. High youth and one for the Bible Study in Milton High School. I also use Facebook and the school email system to let the youth and parents know of events. I also text and call youth and parents if I need more youth or parent help at an event.

Youth Serving the Community: This year we have worked with a couple of different places in the community and in St Paul's. Over summer we painted two of our classrooms for our teachers, moved classroom furniture for VBS and floor cleaning, stuffed church pews, and sharpened pencils. We did not have a big day of leaf raking like we normally do because of weather, but some youth and I did rake two of our member's yards. We have helped ECHO over summer by collecting and stuffing school bags, we helped with House of Mercy cleaning inside and pulling weeds outside

High School Small Group Ministry: We have around four Senior. High Bible studies and small groups that meet regularly. The Sunday morning Bible Study that meets from 9:15 to 10:15, the High School Girls Small group meets throughout the week; the Milton High School Bible Study meets Wednesdays, and Sunday Night Sr. High Youth Group. Over last summer we also have had a small group only meet for the summer and go over the book *Joining Jesus on His Mission*.

Junior High Small Group Ministry: We have Jr. High meet every Sunday night. We start out with a few games, they have a Bible study, then a snack and some more games.

Children Special Events: During October we had Trunk n Treat. We also have had two 4-5 grade meetings: one at the start of the year and one during the middle of the year. During Advent and Lent we had Family and Children's events. During Lent, we did the *Red Letter Challenge*. This event was every Wednesday during Lent and had families start together then we separated into adult and children for small group time.

Youth Special Events: We have done many different events in our Youth group some for both Jr. and Sr. High and some only for Sr. High. Bible journaling, movie night, Lock-in, scavenger hunts, ice cream parties, Video Game tournaments, Game Nights, open gym basketball, Christian Youth Organization (CYO) team. Also the last two years we have gone on two mission trips to Wausau, Wisconsin and a joint youth/adult mission trip to New Orleans for flood clean up.

Teaching God's Word: I teach the post-confirmation class throughout the school week. I help Kathy Pingel as much as I can during the school year with Sunday School and during Vacation Bible School. I teach the Sr. High Bible Study and assist Josh Blake in teaching the Jr. High, if he needs any help.

I have presented the children's message most of the time. I have tried to get the youth involved with the service by running the screen, ushering, help collect the offering, ring the bells before church, join the youth choir, and do Bible Readings.