

INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30



Greetings from the Director

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7 May you take captive any lie Satan is telling you right now. This is the living word of God that you just read. So God has not given us a spirit of fear, then there is only one place fear can come from—the enemy. Wow, as I sat down to write I did not really know what to say. But the Lord just gave me a word and it is just what we need right now as we continue to live life.

The summer for Increase has been very busy. We started with our annual summer bash at Camp Andrews. Then we have been camping, participated in a prayer trail, backpacking part of the STS, swimming, cookouts, bowling, outdoor youth music event "Undivided", and Mt Gretna. Through these events we are sharing the Love of Jesus with youth. We have witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit transforming lives. We believe that it is the prayers that you breath for this ministry and the youth who are involved, that make this happen. There is power in prayer so please continue/ begin to pray. More now than ever before Satan is creating such confusion in these young minds. It is very difficult as a teen to try to make sense of it all.

We are very excited to be working on the annual breakfast banquet. Where we will be able to share more stories of how the Lord is working and why Increase Ministry is so important for our community. Please see separate article for all the details.

Have a blessed day, Ron Peters



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Vision Statement

Our vision is to increase positive Christ-centered relationships for youth, increase understanding between youth and their community, and increase opportunity for youth to hear, encounter and have a life changing revelation of Christ's sacrifice while participating in a youth center where youth can be themselves.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to reach the youth of the Lampeter-Strasburg area, and beyond, with the life changing peace, hope, and love of Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit.

INCREASE Youth Sharing

Hello, my name is Bella. I would like to tell you part of my story. I am a student at Lampeter- Strasburg High School, starting my 10th grade year. Some things I really like to do are draw, sing and listen to music.



About a year ago a friend invited me to attend Increase. I enjoy spending time with my friends. So this is one of the reasons Increase is so exciting, I was able to make new friends. And I have made a lot of good ones and been able to form a great and safe friend group. I really like going to Increase to play games and worship and do fun activities like the camp retreats and other fun things we do. I am grateful that we do these things to bring us closer to God and the other people in Increase. Because of Increase's help I am getting closer to God. I have struggled with anxiety, and at Increase I have safe people to open up to about things in my life. I am happy I can be honest and open at Increase. My favorite verse is Psalm 94:19. "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy." This verse is special to me because I have a lot of anxiety about a lot of things and this brings me comfort to know God will help me with that.

Thank you for listening!

Bella

7th Annual Breakfast Banquet 2021

Our 7th Annual Breakfast Banquet will be on Saturday, October 16th doors opening at 7am with the meal at 8am. We will gather at the Lampeter Church of the Brethren (1900 Lampeter Road, Lancaster PA 17602). We are planning this event for YOU, our friends, family, supporters, and hopefully NEW supporters, too! Please partner with us to intentionally invite some new friends to join us around the table for food, fellowship, and fun. Our time together will also include worship, sharing, and prayer - ***we believe He hears us when we pray!***

Save the Date!
Saturday
October 16 @ 7am
INCREASE
Breakfast Banquet
& Silent Auction
Lampeter Church
of the Brethren

Would you be willing to participate in the preparations this event involves?
If "YES" here are some ways you can contribute:



1. PRAY-please pray for this event! This is a yearly opportunity to meet, mingle, and move hearts towards deeper levels of commitment to this ministry.
2. \$100 Table Sponsor-support the meal costs and bring 8 guests to enjoy the morning!
3. Silent Auction Item-donate an item for bidders to out-do one another. Create a themed basket, original artwork piece, or contribute cash to go towards purchasing auction items.
4. Door Prize Item-donate table center pieces that will be given away to guests or other fun items for guests to win as a door prize
5. PRAY-please pray for this event! This is a yearly opportunity to meet, mingle, and move hearts towards deeper levels of commitment to this ministry. (Yes, we believe it is the most important participation you can contribute!)

Please contact Ron at 717-575-8353 for more information, to arrange your involvement.

The group enjoyed backpacking STS Trail Potter County. (middle and right photos)

Pictured from Left to Right: Mackenzie, Johnathan, Anastasia, Ciara. Middle photo: Anastasia



The group at River Exchange Prayer Hike: (above)

Back Row: Grace, Karen, Ellie, Johnathan Front Row: Heidi, Mackenzie, Bella, Ciara



INCREASEse meets weekly and ALL youth 6th to 12th grade are invited to join us. There is no cost to our regularly scheduled nights. We meet every Thursday night beginning at 5:30pm. Your generous support will go a long way in helping us fulfill our mission.



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