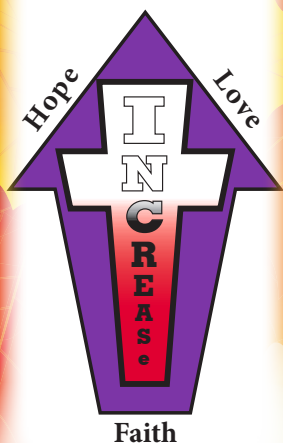


Fall 2022



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He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30

Why I volunteer

You may think I volunteer with INCREASE Youth Ministry because I am the other half of Ron, our Director. You may think I volunteer because I love teens. You may think I volunteer because I love Jesus, prayer, worship, the Bible, retreats, games, silliness, craziness, seriousness, loud, rowdy, and hanging out over pizza. Well, yes, I volunteer because of all these things and more! This adventure called "volunteering" began over ten years ago with the Lord telling me, "If you want to know them (the youth) and have relationship with them then you need to show up. Be there. Commit." So what began as a once a month commitment turned into a weekly commitment, and has grown into so much more. Perhaps the same could be true for you.

If you have attended our Breakfast Banquet, purchased a chicken pie, popcorn, pizza, sent in a donation, golfed, or shared a word of encouragement, then maybe God is waiting for you to try out a little more commitment for you to discover so much more. Maybe it would look like you as a monthly or weekly volunteer, becoming a fundraising organizer, joining as a board member or treasurer, or mentoring a youth... prayerfully ask Jesus what to do. You can come and hang out on a Thursday night at Camp Andrews or join our Girls Bible Study (ladies, only) on a Tuesday night at Strasburg Market Place to get an idea of what our time together looks, sounds, and feels like. We believe the Holy Spirit is calling on individuals who are sold out for HIM to partner with us in a deeper way-it could be you! All our committed, regular volunteers must complete an application and participate in an interview process. We would love to share the JOY that we receive as we live life "out loud" with the teens in your community! Call Ron for more information (717-575-8353).

Karen



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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.



Youth Spotlight: Mackenzie

INCREASE is sending a BIG shout-out "Thank you!" to Mackenzie for her **volunteering** this fall! Not only was she a huge help at the Lampeter Fair booth (along with her friends Ciara, Bella, and Faith) she was a huge help every LS 5th Quarter! Mackenzie freely volunteered to go with Karen and pick up 12 pizzas, along with wings, and fries each home game and help get them delivered. Then, when time came to share the leftovers, she handed out pizza to classmates attending!

We thank God for Mackenzie!

Full Fall Season! This fall INCREASESe increased our community outreach with our first ever Lampeter Fair booth! We hope you had a chance to catch up with us and some of the volunteering youth as you tossed a football or chatted about the ministry. The booth included an opportunity for youth to win a free fair milkshake or slice of pizza by tossing a mini football through the "field" of little target openings. Each night a generous gift card from Strasburg Pizza was given to a youth who was picked from dozens upon dozens of entries into a nightly drawing. We already have ideas for next year and are looking forward to sharing in the fair experience with YOU!

Touchdown! Every Friday night INCREASESe met with youth at the LS 5th Quarter. Fifth Quarter is a tradition after each LS home football game. Youth can walk over for fresh cut french fries, tasty treats and drinks provided by local volunteers and area churches. Each night a youth testimony is shared to encourage all to walk with Jesus for Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy in all circumstances. The football players are honored and celebrated with classmates' support and pizza, wings, and fries from Strasburg Pizza.

In the midst of fairs, football, and regular INCREASESe meetings we also held our 8th Annual Breakfast Banquet! Please see the article that shares highlights from this amazing morning!

Breakfast Banquet & Silent Auction 2022...wow!

This year's breakfast banquet and silent auction was amazing! The morning was full of supporters, sharing, and such yummy food. Bella shared a testimony to how God is working in her life and lifting off the chains of anxiety for her to experience freedom and JOY! We worshipped the One, True Living God who can do the same for you. This morning was made possible only through your prayers and support. Please join us in thanking those who financially contributed and those who shared talents, auction items, time, and energy.

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Smiling faces at
our breakfast
to thank our
Volunteers!



Bella
sharing at
breakfast
banquet

Thank you to Abe & Melissa Mellinger & Megan Miller for
providing music!

Thank you to our kitchen crew and set-up/tear-down muscle:
Christine & Wally Brenchley, Kat Krembs, Greg & Tammy
Miller, Joey Parsons, Roy & Mim Peters, Rick & Cindy
Rohrer, Brian & Marty Shimp, and Sharon Zook.

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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