

INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30



Greetings from the Director

Well, here we are, ready to embark on another winter. Where has 2023 gone? We have made it through a very busy fall. September had to be one of the busiest months of our year. We got started early with a camping trip at the end of August. Then, we experienced UpRise Music Festival in the second week of September, followed up with the Lampeter Fair, and then our annual Breakfast Banquet. As I reflect on these events, I am overwhelmed by the blessings that God has bestowed upon us at INCREASE Youth Ministry. At the camping weekend we were able to spend time in His outdoors sharing His love with students. Going to the UpRise festival allowed us to experience a weekend of music honoring our Lord, Savior, Creator and Redeemer, and help students realize there is God-honoring music to meet their desired rhythms and beats. Once again, at the Lampeter Fair we were able to connect with a lot of students. We had a lot of fun with our axe throwing contest and were able to bless students with a lot of milkshakes. The Breakfast Banquet did not disappoint as God showed up and blessed us with many new faces, many generous people donating items for the silent auction, with volunteers to help serve the meal, and with a lot of supporters there who came to support but left having an experience listening to one of our youth sharing her testimony and how God is moving through INCREASE Youth Ministry in her life. We are forever grateful for the support through our local community. Oh, and I forgot to mention, we sprinkled in Friday night football with attending the games and helping with 5th quarter. The month of October, we settled back into our weekly meetings on Thursday nights. Moving into November, we participated in Rise Up weekend which brought together several youth centers from around Pennsylvania. This was a great weekend for youth to experience God's presence with other youth doing life similar to theirs. On our weekly meetings we are back to studying Romans and we are looking forward to our annual Christmas party coming up in December. I would like to personally say, "Thank you" to all of you for your support at the Breakfast Banquet and for your prayers as we continue to pray for a building.

I pray that you are experiencing God's presence in your everyday life. I pray you are taking time to meet with Him, in a quiet place, each day. That you are hearing His voice as you live life. God is so, so good and His love for us endures forever! As we continue to seek His will, He promises to be faithful. So I would encourage you to continue to seek His face and wait on Him. In Isaiah, chapter 40, it states that if we wait on HIM, we will run and not grow weary. We will mount up on wings as eagles. So be encouraged, be blessed.

Thank you, Ron

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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.

Hitting the Mark at Lampeter Fair Booth

Many folks young, old, and in-between stopped by to try their skills at "axe throwing" (with a foam set!) We had a great time encouraging youth to try to win a free fair milkshake by hitting the bullseye in one out said then done! Hatchet and pes at Rockvale, offered cou-axe throwing as give-aways at als who entered in to win. The reconnect with former youth, community. With the break-end, we invest time at the fair us. We hope you had a chance mark!



of two throws. Much easier Axe, Co., located in the Shop-pons for an hour of authentic the end of the fair to individu-fair is always a great time to and to meet new youth in the fast banquet the same week-inviting all to come and join to stop by and try to hit the



Wow! what a Summer.
Thank You, Lord

What is in store for us Next,
Lord?



9th Annual Breakfast Banquet Re-cap

Fun fellowship, delicious dishes, worship to the One worthy, awesome auction, and our “faithful” Faith sharing her testimony made this year’s banquet memorable! We gathered at Lampeter Church of the Brethren on Saturday, September 30th to celebrate God, His work in the lives of your community youth, and to encourage others, maybe even you, to partner with us to continue advancing God’s Kingdom here and now. This year we had a record number of “behind the scenes” volunteers who joyfully sacrificed time and energy to help bring the breakfast together-we are so thankful!

Please consider thanking the individuals and supporting businesses that contributed to the morning meal and silent auction, along with door prize donations. Here is a breakdown of our super support:

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INCREASE 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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