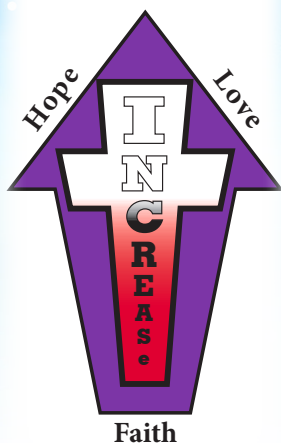


Winter 2024



INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30

Greetings from the director...

Time just keeps rolling on and here we are in the middle of winter already with spring right around the bend. At Increase we have been rolling right along as well. In December we had our Christmas party what a beautiful time to reflect on the birth of our Savior and King. January we started to watch the third season of the Chosen. This has been very good for youth to see the Bible explained in a real way. February found us in northern Pa for the annual Ski weekend, skiing one day, hiking and doing games the rest of the time, We also had some Bible discussion and worship time. We are still in search of the building in our area for the ministry to call home, praying that the Lord is in control of the timing of this. Just like He has the seasons of His Creation in control.

I pray that you are all doing well and receiving all that the Holy Spirit has for you. He truly does love us His children more than we can humanly understand. But the key I have found to knowing Him is to spend more time with Him daily. Reading the Bible enables the Holy Spirit to speak directly to our heart and then to just reflect quietly is the way to understand and hear Jesus speaking to us. So I want to encourage / challenge you to take more time in your day to spend with your Creator, Redeemer and friend. Wherever you are or whatever you are going through He is there waiting for you to just speak His name and wait on Him to move.

I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are continually feeling blessed by all that God is doing within the youth that we encounter each week. I want you to know God is moving in their hearts, healing them and drawing them closer to Him.

Thank you - Ron

Skiing and Walking on Water

Can skiing be compared to walking on water? That will be for you to decide as you read about a side of INCREASE that mixes risk and faith building adventures.

A passion of INCREASE Youth Ministry is to walk (ski, hike, climb...) alongside youth as they step out and take a risk. This past Presidents' Day weekend we offered youth the opportunity to ski, an opportunity to walk on water for some. Think of the many Bible heroes who stepped out, climbed up, or fell into the next chapter of their faith journey finding our God to be with them, steadying their steps, holding their hand, leading them out of a comfort zone and into complete dependence on Him as they took a risk! While you may not see skiing, or hiking, or even bowling, as risky, it can be an adventure for many youth and even adults. Trying something new, exposing weakness, or facing possible injury (or embarrassment) is not necessarily the norm for many but in God's Kingdom He leads us to trust Him, to let go of our old self and our old ways, to follow Him and take risks. Adventurous events, whether big and wild, or small and quiet, can become faith building moments, and INCREASE wants to increase these experiences for His Kingdom to be advanced. Surrounded by the love and support of caring volunteers, encouraging friends, and experiencing the presence of God's

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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.



A TRADITION CONTINUES...PIZZA, POPCORN AND PIES!

Our annual spring fundraiser began 8 years ago with Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies and has grown to include Countryside Pizza Kits and Emma's Popcorn! We are always so thankful for your support and generous hearts.

Using the enclosed order form and envelope, or by ordering online at increaseyouth.com (then mailing payment in) you can select from pizza kits, flavored popcorn, chicken or beef pies, and apple dumplings. The pizza kits come with 2 homemade crusts, sauces, cheese and toppings for two amazing pizzas you can make right away or freeze for later. Choices are: cheese, pepperoni, sausage, chicken bacon ranch, and new for us this year a sourdough crust cheese pizza option. Emma's Popcorn comes in ½ gallon sized clear, plastic tubs of 8 different flavors to choose from. Zook's Pies are 6" or 9" chicken or beef and apple dumpling 2-packs (all items are pre-frozen). There is a 9" chicken pie you can order to support our local food bank-we'll deliver it for you!

Please kindly send your orders with payment on or before **Thursday, March 21st** to INCREASE, 334 Hilltop Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579. Orders will be available for drive thru pick up at Strasburg Jaycee Park Barn (218 Miller St.) on **Thursday, April 4th between 6-7pm** unless other arrange-

ments have been made by contacting Karen Peters (717-471-0803).

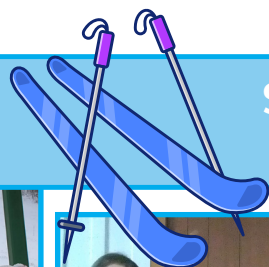
Thank you for all your support in regard to our fundraisers! All proceeds support our Thursday evening property rental at Camp Andrews, funding for the future building to house this ministry, fuel for the van, meals with the youth, event fees, and other materials.

Skiing and Walking on Water Continued from front ...

Holy Spirit as He helps builds a firm foundation of faith for youth. So...is skiing like walking on water?

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14: 29-31



SKI WEEKEND CABIN 2023



Save
THE DATE!

May 17th
8:00 am

INCREASE
Golf Tournament
Tanglewood Manor
Golf Course

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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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