

Fall 2024

INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30



Greetings from the Director!

With summer just about gone and the fall fast approaching, I pray this writing finds you doing well. I pray that you have been experiencing the love of the Father. As time moves on it seems the battle is becoming more intense. I have to remind myself daily that Jesus has overcome the world. He has defeated satan, but placed me here to help the very children that He created to make the choice to live for Him to experience complete freedom from the world. Wow, what a beautiful task! To set people free from the bondage satan has them trapped in. Yes, according to the Living Word, the Bible, we have this power within us. So if you are experiencing anything less than complete freedom, may I suggest you open up the double edge sword and let it pierce your heart and allow the Holy Spirit speak to you on the next step.

At Increase we see first hand the war on the next generation. So we get to share the Love that only Jesus can give them with them. Being transparent this summer has been a challenge. One of the aspects that satan has stolen is "commitment". Jesus is all about commitment. So some of our activities did not happen due to no youth. We did take a beautiful trip to the Ark Encounter. And carried out weekly meetings. We have a very busy fall schedule starting with Uprise Festival, Lampeter Fair, and our annual Breakfast Banquet. Don't Miss This! Look at details here-we need you. The youth of your future need you to come support them through Increase.

So be encouraged Jesus has conquered every battle you are trying to fight on your own. Why not call on Him to give you peace.

Be Blessed today,
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.

10th Anniversary Breakfast Banquet

Please come and celebrate ten years of your community youth center with us and your neighbors! The morning will have much of the traditional fixings: delicious food, worship, prayer, testimony, silent auction, and give-a-ways. So why decide to come this year if you haven't yet? Because this is our morning to connect face to face and lift our voices up together in praise for who our Awesome God is and will always be! We would love for you to come and give thanks with us and to petition our King together for a building. Here are the details for you to add to your calendar:



There are lots of ways to participate in addition to being a guest! **Would you be interested in supporting as a table sponsor? An event sponsor?** Donating an auction item or door prize give-a-way? **Then please contact Ron at 717-575-8353. You can also call/text/email Karen at 717-471-0803 or karencpeters@gmail.com to reserve your seat-no charge or make a donation arrangement.**

This morning is for making memories! Many one of a kind silent auction items are up for fun, competitive bidding. Many new faces will be there for you to meet. **Many opportunities abound to advance God's Kingdom through your partnership with INCREASE! We hope to see YOU there!**

THEN and NOW... 10 YEARS of Increase

We have entered into our ten year anniversary as your community youth ministry! What has changed and what is the same? What will always be the same is INCREASE's commitment 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. Through this commitment we have had the honor of loving and ministering to youth, their families, siblings, and friends. Youth are fun, challenging, intelligent, capable, loving, and desperate for genuine relationship. INCREASE loves your community youth and receives love from them!



Do Thursday nights look different from then to now? **NOPE.** Camp Andrews has been a school year Thursday night location with Muddy Run and other outdoor venues (and indoor when the weather is terrible) for locations throughout the summer. Music festivals, campouts, bowling, ax throwing, hiking, movie nights, all-nighters, ski weekends, 5th Quarter, and pizza shop meals have decorated our calendars all these years. Tuesday night Girl's Bible study moved from a pizza shop to a cozy coffee shop. Overall, INCREASE has a steady, solid "tradition" of events that have been in place for ten years.



Has God changed from the INCREASE of then till now? **Never!** He is unchanging! We are so thankful for God's work, His provision, His patience, and His loving kindness towards the ministry even as the youth and leaders have questioned if there will ever be a "home" for a youth center. Our hearts cry out for youth to come to Jesus—HE ALONE changes everything and everyone. Our hearts cry out for a building where the youth can gather to experience radical hospitality and acceptance because the Host is His Holy Spirit.



Can you, our faithful prayer partners, our encouragers, our friends and family, partner with us to make this cry a reality now?



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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