

Youth Group Report 2014

The past year has been filled with exciting opportunities for all members of the All Saints Youth Group! After accepting the challenge, and privilege, of leading our fantastic Youth Group members as they began a new phase in their faith journeys, it quickly became clear to us that this group thrives on action. Taking action became a major theme for the group during 2014.

Highlights from this past year are below:

- Participating in the 9th annual Homeless Awareness Sleep Out (coordinated with St. Peter's, Lakewood), which raised \$1,636 to support three local homeless shelters.
- Baking, decorating, and delivering over 100 cupcakes to the Norma Herr Women's Shelter. While at the shelter, the group served dinner and dessert to those in need.
- Creating hundreds of chocolate treats and washing dozens of cars to raise funds to attend the Brother's Keeper Mission Trip.
- Traveling to Ripley, West Virginia to attend the Brother's Keeper Mission Trip.
- Serving in various capacities within the church including: Acolytes, Nursery Care Providers, Sunday School Assistants, Landscapers, and many more.
- Preparing for Confirmation in January 2015.
- Attending a retreat-style, overnight Lock-In at All Saints, focusing on team building and communication.
- Learning to create and pray with Anglican Prayer Beads.
- Taking a Pilgrimage to Trinity Cathedral for worship with the cathedral community, and a tour of our historic cathedral.
- Challenging Bishop Hollingsworth, Pastor Heather, and the St. Peter's Youth Group to accept the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, after enthusiastically accepting the challenge themselves. All three challenges were successfully accepted, with video documentation!
- Joining the congregation of St. Peter's, Lakewood for worship, and to share highlights from group's experience on the Mission Trip. The St. Peter's Youth Group also joined the All Saints congregation for a similar experience.
- Taking on an Advent devotional of 25 days of Random Acts of Kindness, including Operation Christmas Elf.
- Sending a Special Youth Representative (Eric Miller) to the Diocesan Convention.
- Appearing in Church Life! articles that depicted the mission and ministry of the group.

As the group moves into 2015, we look forward to the new and exciting experiences that lie ahead of us. Thank you to our families and friends who have supported us in 2014, and we look forward to learning and growing together in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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