

EJY

38 junior high youth visited Genesis Healthcare in New Haven on Sunday, January 29, helping residents with Bingo and visiting with them. After a pizza dinner at Emanuel, the youth went ice skating at Headwaters Park!

As of this writing, 33 youth are signed up to volunteer at the Seminary on Monday, February 20 and then go tobogganing at Pokagon State Park.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 19 - EJY Work Hard Play Hard Day! After second service we will have pizza and then fill Easter eggs! Although Emanuel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will not take place until April 15, we want to get a head start on filling those eggs, which can take several hours with just a few volunteers. However, with our dynamic junior high youth group, we hope to cut that time way down! But that's not all! After the eggs are filled, we will go to Crazy Pinz for two hours of fun! The cost will be \$12 for a two hour unlimited wristband.

Saturday, April 15 - EJY Work Hard Play Hard Day! Hide the eggs for Emanuel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and help prepare the Easter breakfast for Easter Sunday! Youth will be served a pizza lunch followed by one hour of zorbing (using bubble balls, which wrap around a person from their head to their knees) at The Ball Hive! Cost is \$6.

LYFE

LYFE meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the months. 14 youth participated in LYFE New Year's on Sunday, January 8, popping balloons to find the New Year's baby and competing in trivia from 2016. On Sunday, January 22, 17 youth came to hear Allen County Right to Life Speaker Abigail Eschelbach's excellent presentation on talking with others about abortion. We also had buffalo wings and blonde brownies.

25 youth and 6 adults hit the slopes on Sunday, February 12, at Swiss Valley Ski Resort in Jones, MI. There may not have been snow anywhere but on the slopes but it was where it needed to be. It was a great day and most had never skied before!

LYFE Night on February 26 has not taken place yet as of this writing but the theme is Carnival Day and we plan to have some fun with various carnival games, prizes, and food! And our LYFE Nights always take us into the Word of God.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 12 - Combined event with St. Paul Gar Creek and Martini. We're going zorbing at The Ball Hive! We will meet at Emanuel at 5:30 pm. We have The Ball Hive reserved from 6-8 pm and will return to Emanuel by 8:30 pm. Pizza and pop will be served. Cost is \$10.

Sunday, April 2 - Tuesday, April 4 - Spring Break College Tour of Concordia Universities in Wisconsin (Mequon) and Chicago!

Sunday, April 16 - Easter breakfast with proceeds going to summer youth trips such as Higher Things Youth Conference which we are attending this summer, mission trip in the summer of 2018, and the National Youth Gathering in the summer of 2019

Higher Things Update

10 youth and 4 adults from Emanuel (including Pastor and Mrs. Zeckzer) will be attending the LCMS Higher Things Youth Conference at Valparaiso University July 25-28. The conference is now full (950 capacity) and has a waiting list! The youth had a sub sale to and was able to raise \$600 thanks to the support of Emanuel members to go towards our balance owed for the conference. Thanks to Thrivent for their ActionTeam program which purchased all of our supplies needed. Also, special thanks to Melissa Koeneman (& Aunt Millie's Bread) for the donation of the sub buns.

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