

YOUTH NEWS

A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHEAN CHURCH

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PORT A PIT UPDATE: On behalf of the Youth Ministry of St. James and Calvary, we say “Thank You “ for participating in Port A Pit and making it a huge success. Thank you for donating desserts, serving in the kitchen, delivering orders, helping to set up, clean up, cook, purchase tickets, and sell tickets. We greatly appreciate all that you did to make this the best Port A Pit we have ever had. Because of your help and support, the Youth Ministry had a profit of \$2831.00. This was the best Port A Pit we have ever had and we are already looking forward to our next Port A Pit in the Spring. Thank you very much!



A NEW MINSITRY IS HERE!

We have worked hard, planned and are moving forward with our New Color Guard designed with those with Special Needs. This is an amazing group of 12 that are dedicated , excited and eager to



share their new found talents. In fact, they will be part of the opening at the Special Olympics in April of 2023. They will also be preforming in exhibition at a Winter Guard Competition in Mooresville on February 18 at the Winter Guard Championships in Rock Hill on April 2. Mark your calendar and come to support their hard work and achievements.

HONORING THE VETRANS: On December 17 a group of Youth Folks met at Oakwood Cemetery to assist in placing wreaths upon the graves of those that served in the military. It was a very special gift to honor the military and a memory maker for sure. Thank you to those that were able to come out to give a hand.



BETHLEHEM AT THE FARM: What a wonderful experience we had this year at Bethlehem at the Farm. This was an amazing time! I thank you all very much for making this happen. You guys stepped up and served with a smile so that others could experience the love of the manger. Thank you again!

WILD CAVING RETREAT: This retreat is an experience that is a memory maker for sure. Approximately 4-5 hours underground experiencing God's creation not normally seen. You'll see stalactites and stalagmites, possibly some bats. You'll be walking out of a creek for about an 1/8 of a mile. This is like playing for 5 hours on a big muddy Jungle Gym. Mark your calendar for February 3-5 and sign up on the bulletin board to claim your spot on the journey.



I hope that you all will have a very successful, bright, and very Happy New Year!

WHAT IS COMING UP?

January 29 is the **CONFIRMATION CLUSTER GATHERING** at Mt. Zion Lutheran in Richfield, 2:30 — 4:00. Here is the 2023 calendar:

- February 26, 2:30—4:00 at Mt. Hermon
- March 19, 2:30—4:00 at St. James
- April 23, 2:30—4:00 at St. Martins, Albemarle, (Oakboro)

The **YOUTH MINISTRY** normally gathers on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 with the exception of Confirmation Cluster days, then we meet at 4:30.

Mark your calendar for our **WILD CAVING RETREAT** coming up the weekend of February 3-5.

“It is better to give others a piece of your heart than a piece of your mind.”

Amish proverb