



## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

We've had another wonderful year due to the hard work of the youth group leaders, nursery attendants, Jr. Choir leaders, Christian Education Board and our talented teachers.

The following is a list of youth activities that were completed in 2015.

Spring Celebration – Held on March 29, we had approximately 12 kids. We provided a dinner and our activities included coloring Easter eggs, decorating cookies, completing a science activity and crafts.



(June/July/August). An activity class was offered for the kids during church services. Adult volunteers alternated working with the class. Thank you to all of our volunteers for keeping the kids interested for the summer months (average attendance 6).



The theme was SunSurf Beach Bash. We learned who is Jesus; why can I trust Jesus; why do I need Jesus; and how can Jesus help me when I mess up? We had 31 registered and had approximately 26 kids every night. Following the program on the last night, treats were provided for the families of those who attended. We raised \$700 (with the congregation's help) to bring clean water to school children in Nepal.



118 people attended the official beginning of the church school year. Our theme was "Walk it Talk it." Through a skit performed by church members, we were reminded of what being a Christian is all about.



Our three year-old and preschool class was taught by Annel Olthof who creates her own curriculum. Our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes participate in a rotation style program. Classes rotate to a different workshop for 4 weeks to learn one Bible story in different ways. Our Jr. and Sr. High classes use material selected by the teacher, Carole Dusterwinkle.



Prior to attending classes, our preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes sing songs, hear a lesson, take an offering, sing the doxology and say the Lord's Prayer.



Thank you, Laurel Parrott and Kim Chappell, for being our host angels in the skit "A Visit from Nowell, the Angel." Kathy Johnson, Kelly Olthof and Lynn Olthof were our assisting angels. Children decorated the sanctuary with wreaths, bows, candles, poinsettias and tree ornaments with direction from our host angels.



Our Sr./Jr. high students performed the short skit, "Focus on the Manger." The characters, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, etc. all believed they should be the center of attention until the director reminds them of the importance of Jesus. Our three-yr.-old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students performed, "The Birth of Jesus." Children in costume represented the Nativity story with a narrative read by Betsy Peterson.



The choir consists of 6-8 regular members. They practice 15 minutes following church school and perform on the last Sunday of the month. They are becoming very professional under the direction of Heidi Tice and Kristi Kriger. Thank you Heidi and Kristi.



Joy Oleen watches over our youth prior to the start of Sunday school.



We use a point system for awarding attendance, knowing a Bible verse and singing in the Jr. Choir. These points are used to “purchase” prizes from our glass display case.

Our Christian Education Board members include: Annel Olthof, Betsy Peterson, Kathy Johnson, Thara Johnson, and Leah Shaw. Mary Keith was the Director of Christian Education.

I have been happy to serve as the Director of Christian Education and thank you for the opportunity to work with the young people of this church. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our programs. Please continue your prayers for our youth and our programs. I’m looking forward to a year full of possibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Keith, Director of Christian Education