



## Another year of Camp & Club is in the books!

Native Young Life on the Standing Rock reservation is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year thanks to those of you who are reading this newsletter! As last school year ended, the summer season started off with a reunion of all camp staff that worked at Camp Gabriel for the past 26 years it has been in operation. We also hosted the second National Native Youth Event and two other camps for students going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade with the help of YL Expeditions.



Some of the Pathways Camp Staff gather with their families for a group picture



Students learned how to make dream catchers and frybread this summer



Native Youth Event gathered students from across the U.S.





**PLANNING:** As the school year approached, our leadership met with others across the diocese, state and Young Life area to begin a tribal initiative and brainstorm how Young Life can be a good relative in spreading the Good News within tribal communities.



The Rev. Steve Godfrey, Diocesan Minister and Angie Polejewski, YL Area Director receive star quilts in honor of their new leadership roles



Chaska reads out the ideas from his small group



One of the biggest needs we have on Standing Rock are new or used 12 passenger vans. To do what we do consistently every Wednesday, we need transportation. All of the vehicles we have are well over 150,000 miles and continue to need maintenance.

## Contact Time? Yes Please!

*Young Life is all about relationships-it's what Jesus was all about when He came to Earth as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger...He sought the meek and lowly-the misunderstood, mistreated, widowed and orphaned. Our leaders attend sporting events, concerts, hand game tournaments, pow wows and even parades to meet with and continue to have relationship with students. If we show interest in their activities and life, we have an opportunity to earn our right to be heard later with the message of God's unfailing love when He sent His son into the world to save sinners.*







Homecoming parade is a MUST to be in! Great way to see and interact with students!



Chaska at a football game in Fort Yates



Attending games that may not be as popular are also a must!



Bobby Grey Eagle keeps music going for the cake walk at the Good Heart Community Center Halloween Party in Solen. Catching up with Young Life alumni who have families of their own is also priceless! Many alumni come back to help serve on Standing Rock.



## Young Life Club

Every Wednesday, Standing Rock Young Life meets at St. James' Episcopal Church in Cannon Ball, North Dakota from 6:30pm-8:30pm for food, fellowship, fun and a spiritual message. Students from Cannon Ball, Fort Yates, Selfridge, Solen and at times Porcupine are either picked up in Fort Yates or Cannon Ball and brought to the church which is situated on the outskirts of town. Many students who live out of town from Fort Yates or Cannon Ball will often spend the night at friend's homes in order to attend Young Life and will hop on the bus for school the next morning-now THAT is dedication to a ministry that is life giving! Our team provides a meal, checking in on how a student's week is going and offer support for anything that may be affecting their well-



being. Then like clockwork, students help wipe off and fold up tables, stack chairs and sweep the floor to get ready for large group games. When the students have their fill of fun and laughter, each student grabs a chair and lines them up for announcements and possibly an up-front game to have some more messy fun on a smaller scale and possibly win a prize. All are then asked to stand and pray for the person giving the spiritual talk and all sit and listen to what Creator may be saying to them. Many remember these talks years later in their lives and know that they were in a place that loved them, and they felt safe. We continue to hear stories from YL alumni who tell us that they looked forward to Young Life every week as this was the time to just be a kid and it was a place they felt safe and belonged. That fills our cup.



To see so many vehicles parked outside knowing they belong to our leaders is heartwarming to see



Taco in a bag for our Halloween club brought many dressed up for the night!



Donations can go to:

Young Life  
PO Box 5184  
Harlan, IA 51593-0684  
Attn: ND23

***"Kids go where there is excitement.  
They stay where there is love."***



## 2022 FALL CAMP ➡

Every fall, Young Life offers a fall camp at each of their camps across the United States and for the most part, Standing Rock can bring a few van loads of students to experience Young Life camp on the shores of Pelican Lake in Minnesota at Camp Castaway. We are so grateful for Angela Goodhouse, Tyrin Gates and John Michael Floberg for braving the wintery mix on the highway to help students have the best weekend of their lives and hear the good news of Jesus Christ and His unending love for them.



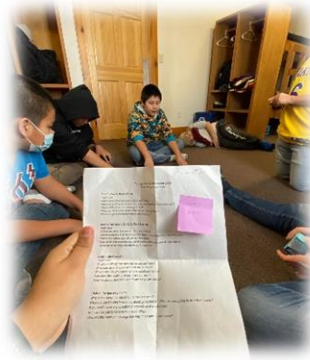
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## IN MEMORIAM:

In less than three weeks, our ministry was hit by several untimely deaths of youth we grew up with in Young Life. Our hearts go out to all who are struggling with these losses, especially during the Christmas season. May all who have lost loved one's rest in God's immeasurable love and comfort that only He can provide.



And yet, there is still so much more to do but only in God's time and through your prayers and generous help. If you would like to help support this ministry, please pray about it, and do what you believe the Holy Spirit is calling you to do. We have several opportunities if you are willing to make a difference in the life of these beautiful young people. We have need for many building projects and maintenance at St. Gabriel's Camp if you would like to bring a group out or the funds for materials to do this as well. We need food to feed the youth, toiletries, and other items to help them through the school year, and of course the need for reliable transportation. We know many are asking you to make a year-end donation if you can and we want to honor those many requests you have. May the birth of Christ and the love He shared on this earth continue to be a wonderful blessing to you all!

## STANDING ROCK NATIVE YOUNG LIFE

