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"THE CHOSEN"

7:33-9PM EVERY WEDNESDAY @ SYC

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2:45-5PM EVERY WEDNESDAY @ SYC

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A VOLUNTEER'S VOICE

CALEB RICHTER, SYC VOLUNTEER

The Stillwater Youth Center is a safe place for kids, a place where they can escape from the world and take shelter in a fun and God influenced environment. Since my first day volunteering there (almost 2 years ago), I'm always extremely happy to see new kids showing up at the SYC ready to hangout, make new friends and get to know God better. The seeds of a relationship with God need to be planted as early as possible in a child's life, I believe that the youth center's focus on the kid's and their relationships with the Lord helps with that.

I've said this time and time again; the Stillwater Youth Center shouldn't be a place that is taken for granted. The people that

help out there truly have hearts for God and I always tell the kids that there's "something here for everyone". Whether that be: playing pool, basketball, video games, board games, youth groups, dinner, or just even coming by for a couple hours to do homework. The SYC is multi-functional for everything a kid wants and above all, Jesus is talked about through it all. My favorite part of helping here, was



the hour I would spend before middle school youth group sitting in the Prayer Room, and praying for every name on the wall there, every individual who's living their life and have/had gone to the youth center.

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Behind SYC

behind the scenes of
Stillwater Youth Center



Christmas is just around the corner...
Stay tuned on Facebook and at
www.StillwaterYouthCenter.com for
SYC holiday events and schedules.



Fall/Winter 2016

TRUST IN THE LORD

JOANIE MATOVICH, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. Proverbs 3:5

Wow! 2016 thus far has been one lesson after another on that scripture. The old saying, "nothing stays the same," is the adventure we have been on with the Lord at SYC. On a personal note 2016 started out with the loss of my mother in January. I am very blessed to be able to rejoice in the fact that she is with the Lord. I had a wonderful mother who loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Looking back at my life I believe she showed and taught me the importance of every child. I have been greatly blessed to have the privilege to work at Stillwater Youth Center for the past 22 years and see how much the Lord loves the youth of our valley through the wonderful people (staff, volunteers, financial, in kind supporters and businesses) that support this ministry. Thank you, Thank you for loving our youth.

Ross McCurdy one of our Youth Directors blessed our ministry with his love for youth and music about two years ago. He shared his gift of music with each of our groups and taught the youth to joyfully praise the Lord. I had the benefit of hearing a concert every Wednesday from Ross practicing his music to

the 3rd through 5th grade belting out "God's not dead He's surely alive". It was wonderful. After a year and a half the Lord had other plans for Ross and in January of this year Ross informed us that he would be leaving us and moving to Red Lodge in March to minister to youth there. He visits us every now and then at SYC and fellowships with the youth.

This Spring Chris Strommen came on staff as part time Youth Director and part time



Chris Strommen, new part-time Youth Director and part-time Director of Ministry

Director of Ministry. Chris and his three children have been a great addition to SYC. He brought with him his parenting skills, and that Godly wisdom that comes from being a parent to share with our youth. His new ideas and ability to implement them has proven to be very exciting in his launching of the Mock Underground Church activity that the Youth just recently participated in.

This Spring we welcomed Thea Karamza-
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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

One of the many things that we are proud to announce, is that SYC is greatly involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). As an athlete, and father to athletes, Chris is very passionate about reaching the athletes in our schools. Along with Coach John Smith, and other teacher's at the schools, we have had FCA lunches of over 40 kids. Also, we had Dwan Edwards share his testimony with the FCA club, and it was very emotional. We look forward to having more and more FCA events with guest speakers, 5th quarter parties, and lots of fellowship meetings. We are organizing a group of student leaders to help spread the word to their classmates and teammates, and grow this wonderful club.

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deh to our Volunteer Event team. She has been a great volunteer meeting the needs of SYC whenever she can. Her smile lights up the room. Thank you Thea!

In May SYC participated in the Montana Gives Event. MTgives is a 24 hour, online giving event organized by the Montana Community Foundation to fuel community philanthropy. Even though the website experienced some glitches the community's persistence and faithfulness was an overwhelming witness to us all. We exceeded our goal of \$10,000. Thank you, Thank you for blessing us. We had taken a step of faith in April and brought Chris on staff full time and needed over \$10,000 to do it and as always GOD is faithful to meet our needs in the glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Thank you for being the instruments He works through.

In June Jon, Kateland and Chris took the boys and girls on the annual summer retreat. Eight boys and fifteen girls participated. The Spiritual side was really great. They started things off with a devotion about stepping up and being leaders. Later that night they led a discussion asking everyone "what was the highlight of the day?" And "how have you seen God at work today?" Following up by challenging everyone to wake up in the middle of the night and look up at the stars and talk to God. Saturday Chris did the combined (boys and girls) session. He gave his testimony and it fit in perfectly with both retreats. Later that night Jon led a devotion talking about Elijah, and how he had to endure tough times for God. In the end it paid off with God showing His presence to him and taking him up into Heaven. Then Jon compared that to our lives and how we can stand firm for God, make a difference and it will pay off in the end. Throughout the weekend Ross blessed them by leading us in worship. The weekend ended with one of the girls committing her life to Jesus. Praise God!

In July SYC loaded up the van and a couple other vehicles and went to South Dakota to Hills Alive. A record number 23 youth went this year. Hills Alive is a, free, huge Christian music festival in Rapid City. There are 20+ Christian artists that preform on 2 different stages. . One of the highlights for all of the leaders was meeting and talking to Mark Hall, from Casting Crowns. For those of you that don't know Casting Crowns, they are a Christian band of all youth leaders, and their primary function is youth ministry. When talking to Mark Hall they (Jon, Kateland & Chris) just talked about youth group and ideas to build up our youth groups. All in all it was a great time of fellowship with the Lord and each other.

In August we finally had some good weather for the "Run the Race" event. We had over 60 runners and walkers this year and the youth had a great time with the track events. This year's race was truly a family event. We had two sets of sisters win their age group and a

husband and wife win their age



group. St. Mary's won the Church Challenge and Stillwater Gym/Cross-fit Palladium won the Business Challenge. Thank you Sponsors for helping make this a successful event. Jon Rhodes and his dad Dexter served us brunch afterward and it was a hit and many requested that we do it again next year. Thank you, Jon and Dexter. The youth enjoyed playing on the inflatable afterwards.

Also in August after 7 years of youth ministry Jon Rhodes is moving on from SYC and is pursuing some new avenues for his life. I personally will miss his handyman expertise and I know he is missed by the youth. Thank you Jon for dedicating 7 years of your life to SYC, we wish you and your family all the best as you turn the page in your life.

In September we began a new school year with the youth. Two new volunteers joined us, Bonnie Sheils and Ashlee Wayland, helping Becky Matovich (leader) with the 3rd through 5th grade. We see an

average of about 18 to 25 youth in this group so their help is greatly appreciated. Bonnie has the gift of music and shares that gift with this group and the Junior High Group. These three women fill the building with joy and lots of energy. We all learn something from the ministry lessons Becky prepares for these youth. Welcome ladies and thank you for all you do.

In October, after preparing our High School youth for several weeks, Chris launched the Mock Underground Church. Ashlee Wayland came on staff to help with this ministry. The Lord has inspired them with great messages and the parents and community volunteers helped make the first of several events a success. The youth, parents, volunteers and staff were overflowing with excitement and could not stop talking about it. Thank you to all those who helped make the launching of this High School ministry a success.

After several months of hard work, time and energy two projects—a Kitchette in our snack shop and an improved yard are

coming to a close. We all look forward to being able to wash dishes in a kitchen sink rather than a tiny size bathroom sink and our leaders and youth are really looking forward to a lush green yard in the spring thanks to many community members and businesses for making these two improvements happen. A special thank you to Vicki Wilson for all her time and energy put towards organizing and seeing this project through. Please see our thank you page for the list of supporters for these two projects and thank them when you see them.

As you can see LOTS of changes have taken place this year so we all have had to Trust the Lord and lean not on our own understanding. The youth as well as the volunteers, staff and I are being ministered to by the Lord. Praise His Holy Name!!

GREAT LOVE

WHAT GREAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD! 1John 3:1

The word "lavish" is an Old French word that interprets it as "a deluge of rain or a heavy rain; to bestow something in generous or extravagant quantities." This is the Love our Heavenly Father has for each and every one of His Children! Has anyone ever gone out in a fall rain and been completely and immediately drenched? This is how much love God has poured out on us! How amazing is that!!

3rd-5th Grade has officially kicked off and we are so excited to see God lavishing His love on His youth!

We have had up to 27 youth show up on Wednesday afterschool and we feel

so blessed for the opportunity to be able to share with them just how much God loves us! I am so excited to see what God has in store this year for each and every one of us! (Becky Matovich, Volunteer Leader of 3rd – 5th grade)



Brenden Murray (overall winner) Brian Davis, Jennifer Davis, Kateland Rhodes, Molly Hamilton, Hannah Obert, Katelyn Hamilton, Kodi Obert

2016 RACE RESULTS

ALL PARTICIPANTS, TIMES, & AGE GROUP

13 & under	29:32:00	Hamilton, Katelyn
	31:49:00	Hamilton, Molly
	33:25:00	Kramer, Cash
	34:34:00	Sheils, Nolan
	34:37:00	Sheils, Makenzie
	37:08:00	Ackerman, Sara
14-25	43:08:00	Hamilton, Miya
	50:58:00	Ackerman, Maria
	51:04:00	Kramer, Levi
	25:33:00	Obert, Hannah
	31:49:00	Obert, Kodi
	33:33:00	Sheils, Hunter
25-39	46:00:00	Wilson, Maddy
	46:53:00	Doney, Kaiya
	46:57:00	Getz, Brianna
	21:43:00	Murray, Brendan
	31:00:00	Rhodes, Kateland
	34:10:00	Eliasson, Kendall
40-49	36:00:00	Ackerman, Kim
	37:13:00	Wilson, Heather
	43:14:00	Hamilton, Julie
	24:18:00	Davis, Brian
	26:40:00	Davis, Jen
	34:38:00	Sheils, Bonnie
	35:37:00	Sheils, Ed

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS

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If we have omitted your name please forgive us, it was unintentional.

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