

Thank you saints for your faithfulness in furthering the kingdom of believers through your generous offerings to the Youth Mission Trip Fund! The offering collected at District Conference totaled to \$972.54, which, together with the funds from the Loons game that were raised and collection totals \$4,972.54 for the Youth Mission Trip Fund! This is a good start to a new thing we are doing in the Saginaw Bay District in 2017 and we are thankful for your continued support as we work toward connecting with young people across the district!

On June 30-July 9th we will be taking a group of 80 students and adults to Loveland, Colorado for a Mission Trip organized by Group. The Young Disciples Team is so excited about this opportunity! We would like to invite you to pray along with us as we fill the 80 seats with students and adults. Pray that we fill the trip, that the students and adults who sign up will be transformed by this experience as we all build new connections and bridges across our district and grow deeper in our relationship with Christ.

If you know a student 12-19 who might be interested in attending the youth mission trip, please have them check out the website: saginawbaydistrict.org where they can begin the registration process for the trip! Cost of the trip is \$450/student. The \$100 deposit is non-refundable. Reserve your groups seat ASAP!

If churches work together to raise funds for this trip, a portion of those funds by DBOM funds! Will you be willing to partner with another congregation to raise funds which will make an impact in our district in a unique way? Would your church consider sponsoring one student?

Other things that are coming up in the Saginaw Bay District Youth arena include **Snow Kidding**, which takes a different look this year, with less of a "kidding" emphasis, but carrying the Star Wars theme forward, we are titling the event "**Rogue Jesus.**" Mark your calendars for **January 28th from 10-3**, we will meet at Snow Snake Mountain at 10 and then at 12 head to a local church for pizza, worship, and prizes! Cost is \$10/student and includes pizza. **Every student who attends that also is registered for the youth mission trip will receive \$50 toward the cost of their trip!**

On March 18-19, we will be offering a retreat for youth groups at **Great Wolf Lodge as we partner with the Grand Traverse District.** The sooner you register your group for this, the cheaper it will be! Registration includes water park passes, meals, a speaker and band! Mark your calendar and plan to join us!