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NEWSLETTER

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St. Paul Youth(SPY) Mission Trip



L-R: Cory Young, Billy Sengmany, Grant Fischer, Liz Young, Laynee Young, Katie Schnepel, Denise Wilson.

We enjoyed being served breakfast by SPY at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and then the youth and leaders shared about their summer Mission Trip. **Denise Wilson**, SPY Youth Director, has led Mission Trips for 18 years. Seven youth and three adults attended this year's trip which included serving at Heartland Hope Mission in Omaha, then on to Sioux Falls, SD, and Sioux City, Iowa to serve in several missions. SPY's mission is to serve in the name of Jesus and to show His love.

Comments by the team included:

Laynee Young, a HS Senior, was inspired by serving at Laundry with Love, a church-sponsored mission that provided free laundry services, a meal, a medical and personal needs stand on the street and free haircuts. St Paul Youth brought bubbles and chalk to play with the kids while the adults' needs were being met. Laynee was especially influenced by a 2-year olds' positivity. The whole experience was eye-opening for her, and she said we all need to be thankful for what we have every day.

Grant Fischer is a May graduate and now working as an intern at Agri Vision and attending IWCC. He was touched by the devotional book each team member was given, called Selfless. They each read a chapter or two each morning and then discussed their thoughts that they had written down. The devotional was about why serving like Jesus changes everything. When you are selfless, you can think more about Jesus and God, especially on a mission trip, step back, and be thankful for what you have, also how to look at work in an everyday aspect. Denise says she emphasizes teaching the youth that when they are doing anything, always do your best and know you are working for the Lord. Put others' needs first.

Billy Sengmany, a Jr in HS, remembers one church visit (Pueblo de Dios Church, an ELC Lutheran Church) which was multilingual. The pastor spoke Spanish and his wife followed with an English interpretation. The people were welcoming. It was Father's Day so there was a breakfast for all, plus there was a pinata which the men and boys hit and finally a little girl who was 10 broke it open. The next day the youth group helped clean their craft and book area.

Katie Schnepel, Elementary Art Teacher, helps Denise with the Wednesday Youth program and has been going on the Mission Trips since they started. She told about Feeding South Dakota- Distribution Center. The group packed emergency boxes and weekend boxes for senior citizens using an assembly line. The big warehouse had large amounts of food on pallets. Tomatoes were bagged that were shipped out to other areas. The group also cleaned somemessy, sticky plastic backpack boxes. They worked hard and challenged themselves to work faster in Treynor competitiveness. Fun music was played and claps and ding dings created the atmosphere which encouraged them.

Denise stated the kids served lunch at Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls and interacted with people in special ways. She shared a meaningful story about a man who was the son of a WW II Codetalker. At Dudley Bishop the group also served lunch and played Bingo with prizes for everyone. In Sioux City they served at The Warming Center.

Hearing the stories and seeing pictures warmed our hearts. We are happy the community Can Kennel helps with this project.

Next week's speaker:
Grant Fischer – Internship with Agri Vision

Positive Quote:
"Joy is not in things; it is in us."

Richard Wagner, Composer

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Seventeen members were present. Guests included Leah Wilwerdering (who will soon be a member) and youth and leaders from St. Paul Youth Group.

Prayer: Denise Wilson

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers, Ken Graham, Dale Willenborg

50/50: Judy Guttau

Attendance: Keith Denton

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Steve Irvin: His oldest granddaughter is thrilled to be accepted by Grand Canyon University.
- Steve Irvin: He bragged on how hard the volleyball team worked both weeks at the Can Kennel and brought 16 to work!
- Kirk Vorthmann: He and Bill Vorthmann attended a seed corn appreciation dinner Thursday. Bill won a Milwaukee air compressor, battery powered. Kirk's granddaughter's boyfriend won one last year, but Kirk thinks Bill lives much closer if he should need to borrow it!
- Gary Guttau: He's wearing a very big bandage on the right side of his face as he had two little spots of cancer removed. The large bandage is to keep pressure on the spots. Next month he will have a spot on his nose removed so now he thinks he might look like Pinocchio.

Business:

Optimists helping the Volleyball Team with the Can Kennel this week were John Klein, Steve Irvin, Dale Willenborg, and Kirk Vorthmann. There were 16 girls working hard and it only took an hour.



- The next can kennel sorting will be Sat., Sept. 12 at 9:15 AM to help Music Boosters. Also they will sort on Sat., Sept. 26.
- Flags will be put up next Sat., Sept. 5 after the meeting. They are to be picked up on the 12th, after the meeting, but that may be delayed a day.
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JOI Club/KKA 25 received a can kennel check for $1141.75 by VP Ann Miller(left) and Pres. Will Mass (right) from Dale Willenborg, Pres. None of their projects are funded by the school. The fund allows them to give back to the community and helps with the state conference expenses. They will work on 24 tie blankets for Children's Hospital, help with the Jr. Treynor Women's Christmas for families, Trunk or Treat, Gifts for Kids, food pantry, hygiene bags for homeless and tree planting.

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L-R.: Grant Fischer, Laynee Young, Billy Sengmany, Dale Willenborg

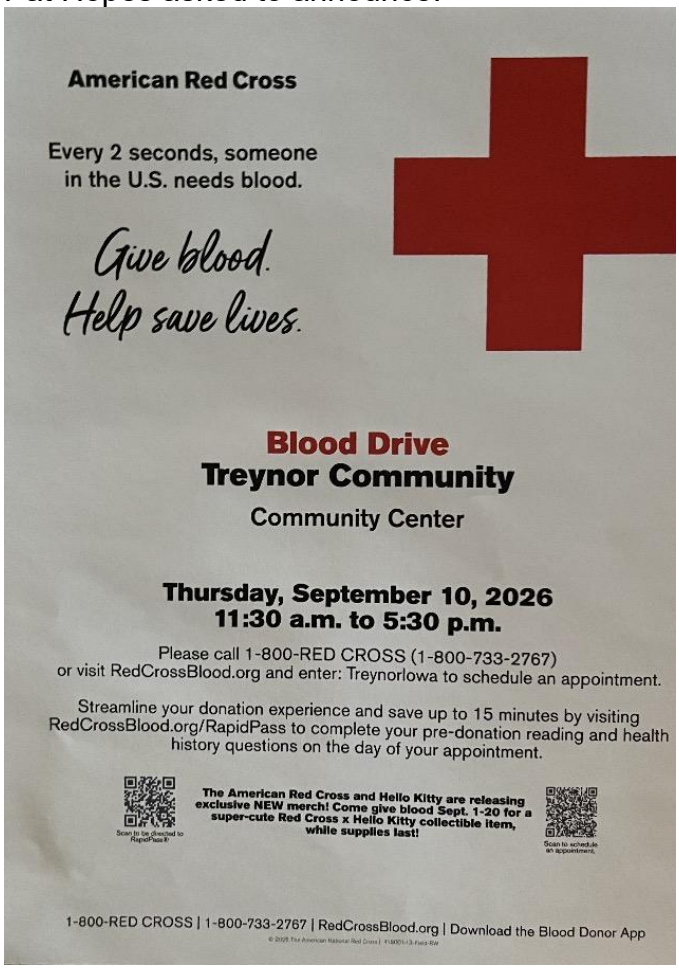
The group indicated the $1150.95 check helps pay for their Mission Trip this year and next year's.

Community:

- Kelsey Stupfell, TS Bank, asked to announce that: 📣 REV Applications are open until Wed. Sept 10th! 📣

REV is a pitch competition offering entrepreneurs and business owners the chance to win up to $19,500 and 'ignite their business.' This year's event will be held at Hoff Center (PACE) on Thursday, November 5th, 2026 from 4-7pm. Learn more or apply for this year's REV competition here.
Share with any entrepreneurial friends and aspiring small business owners!

- Pat Hopes asked to announce:



Community Events:

- **Fri. Sept. 4**: First Friday Food Truck 11 AM – 1 PM.
- **Thurs. Sept 10:** Blood Drive in Treynor by American Red Cross. 11:30-5:30 Community Center. Call1-800-733-2767 to make appointment.
- **Thurs. Sept. 10: REV** applications due (see Community news)
- **Fri. Sept. 25**: St. Paul Lutheran **free** tail gate before Underwood football game.
- **Fri., Oct. 9:** Treynor City-Wide Cleanup
- **Fri., Oct. 9:** St. Paul Pre-school tail gate (A fundraiser) before Red Oak football game.

School Events in Treynor:

- **Mon, Aug. 31:** JV FB vs Tri-Center 6-8 PM
- **Wed. Sept. 2:** School – 2 PM dismissal
- **Fri., Sept 4:** V FB vs VanMeter 7-9 PM
- **Fri., Oct. 9:** Homecoming

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.

OPTIMIST CALENDAR

Events:

Sept. 5	Meeting 8-9 AM, Treynor Comm Center
Sept. 5	Flags put up after meeting.
Sept. 12	9:15 AM Can Kennel sorting
Sept. 12	Flag Pick up (may be delayed a day)
Sept. 26	9:15 AM Can Kennel sorting

Birthdays:

Sept. 1	Josh Guttau
Sept. 16	John Klein

Anniversaries:

Sept. 24	Phil and Jan Waggoner
Sept. 26	Bill and Ann Vorthmann

Programs:

September	Jim Clausen (1st, 2nd Sat)
	Bill Vorthmann (3rd, 4th Sat)

Speakers:

Sept 5	Grant Fischer, Agri Vision Internship
Sept 12	Vicki Dowling, Treynor History
Sept 19	TBA
Sept 26	TBA

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