

## USS Youth Report to Synod Assembly 2025:

This past year, the team continued our work in planning and discussing Youth Ministry in our Synod. Along with advisors Chad Hershberger and Jim Vitale, members of the team are Maddy Coup, Ayden Goss, Claire Hershberger, Tavin Reitz, Ellie Schaeffer, Gabriel Schaeffer, and Evelyn Weiser. As I graduate this year, we have developed a plan for new officers. The officers elected by the team are as follows:

Vice Chair - Claire Hershberger

Congregational Outreach and Event Coordinator - Ellie Schaeffer

Secretary - Evelyn Weiser

Treasurer - Tavin Reitz

Following my departure this summer for college, Claire Hershberger will take over as Chair. During this year, we hosted a ping pong tournament, a trivia night, a Christmas party, a mystery night, and furthered plans for future events and retreats. In collaboration with point-person Rev. Jim Vitale, we had conversations with conferences from around the synod to evaluate local needs in youth ministry. We will continue to meet this year to discuss the planning of new events. If you think of any youth ages 13-18 who would be a fit for our team, please contact the email address below. In addition, we ask that you recommend any college-age members to apply for work at Camp Mount Luther this summer, as it is a vital part of synodical youth ministry.

Submitted,

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