



Our Vision

Every adolescent will have the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ and follow Him.

Our Mission

Introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

Liberty Young Life

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Paint War Ushers in Summer

What better way to celebrate a full school year of Young Life Clubs, Campaigners, and preparing for Camp than slinging a little paint, and paint slip 'n slide? May 28th brought Liberty and Liberty North High School students to the property of LEAD Team members Pat and Robert Silvius for the first Liberty Young Life Paint War. (THANKS for letting us paint your grass, Pat!)

Sponges full of paint flew through the air in pursuit of fleeing teens. Small cups of



paint were poured or flung. A slip 'n slide run resulted in a rainbow of colors across shirts and shorts. A few brave donors filled spectator row to watch the action. Some participants reported this to be their first Young Life event and a few signed up for camp over the following days. Trash bags saved the day for the rides home!

A Few Paint War "Tweets"

Going to the paint war really got me excited about becoming a part of @YLLiberty #goodpeople #ilikeit

Tie-dyed my body at the @YLLiberty paint war.

I kid you not, there was probably a good bottle's worth of paint in my hair!



4th of July at the Lake: Castaway Club!

Liberty Young Life departed for Castaway Club on June 28th! Castaway Club, owned and operated by Young Life, is located in the heart of Minnesota lakes country. On



a bluff overlooking beautiful Pelican Lake, Castaway provides an ideal setting to get away from the distractions of everyday life. The group is spending their days parasailing, tubing, water skiing, zipping across the zip line or

sitting in the giant swing (to name just a few!). They are joined by Young Life groups from Illinois, Minnesota, Kentucky,

Colorado and Wisconsin. In addition to adults serving on full year, or summer staff, crews of teens from other Young Life areas across

the country work to provide first class service, leaving each visiting group wanting for nothing. Each night participants attend "club". Often described as "controlled chaos", club combines fun (and



most often the unexpected), with the opportunity to hear a compelling speaker who meets kids where they are, and challenges them to consider their place in eternity. Although this life changing week will end as the group of 35 Liberty teens return on July 6th, the impact of the week, the relationships formed, and the memories created will last a lifetime.

Young Life: A Highly Rated Charity

Did you know that Young Life holds the top rating, (four stars!) through Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator? "Charity Navigator works to guide intelligent giving...aiming to advance a more efficient and responsive philanthropic marketplace., in which givers and the charities they support work in tandem to overcome our nation's and the world's most persistent challenges." One index rates the percent of the charity's total budget that is spent on programs or services that the charity exists to deliver. According to Charity Navigator, Young Life dedicates 88.3% of funds directly to reaching youth. Only 9.1% of the budget is spent on overhead and 2.5% of the total budget is spent on fundraising; Charity Navigator uses a 70 point scale to rate accountability and transparency, a category in which Young Life earned all possible points.

Young Life is also a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). ECFA requires its members to adhere to Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship. These include, having a written statement of faith, being board governed and utilizing professional accounting services to keep a complete and accurate financial statement. ECFA member charities manage resources in accordance with laws and biblical mandates. They are expected to maintain financial transparency. For a complete list and description of these Seven Standards visit http://www.ecfa.org/PDF/ECFA_Seven_Standards_of_Responsible_Stewardship.pdf on the world wide web.

Moyes Eye Center Spring Classic

Tiffany Greens Golf Club, Moyes Eye Center and Young Life areas from across the Northland including Platte County, Kansas City North and Liberty enjoyed a beautiful day of golf on May 2nd. This annual golf tournament brings a day of competition (some more intense than others), camaraderie, give aways and great food! Thanks Bonefish Grill!

We suppose it could be said that competition comes to the silent auction table as well. Participants watched items throughout the day. Winning bidders walked away with Chiefs or Royals tickets (Club seats!), gift cards to various Northland businesses including Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings,



Golfers Bob Vogelaar, Mike Brewer, Doug Triplett, Dallas Ackerman

The Red Apron and Amazing Play just to name a few. One lucky bidder went home with a barrel smoker and two beautiful ladies tunics from Croquet on the Liberty Square; another with some original framed artwork; yet another with a flowering tree ready for transplanting. Special thanks to Pandolfi's Deli for gift cards for each golfer! Thanks also to all donors and participants for helping to make this day both fun and financially beneficial for Northland Young Life areas. Mark your calendar now for the first Friday in May 2015 for the next opportunity to participate in the annual Moyes Eye Center Spring Classic Golf Tournament in support of Young Life.

*"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."
2 Timothy 2:2*

Community Visibility

Thank you to Denise Henning, Henning Law Firm for the invitation to have a Young Life information booth at the Tim Henning Memorial Golf Tournament at Staley Hills Golf Club on May 9th. It was a fun activity filled day raising money to place AEDs across the Northland. It was also a day of making connections for Young Life. Some we spoke with were learning of Young Life for the first time. Others shared their experiences with Young Life ministries in various areas through the participation of their children, some currently involved, others having graduated. If you know of similar opportunities to share Young Life ministries with the Northland, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would be glad to accept any opportunity to continue to get the word out!

Support Opportunities

Young Life ministries across the country are made possible by caring, concerned adults within each community who desire to see teens know Jesus. If you would like to donate time to support Liberty Young Life send a note to; younglife.liberty@gmail.com. If you would like to become a financial donor, you can give online at <https://giving.younglife.org/Views/dp/donate/controller.cfm#none>. Select Liberty—MO 91. Check donations (paid to Young Life) should be mailed to: Young Life Liberty, PO Box 1354, Liberty, MO, 64069. Community support is vital to the eternity of Liberty kids who may one day, be forever grateful that you considered personally contributing to Young Life ministry in Liberty.