

## What is our Rock?

What is sand? What is rock? Those were the questions asked at the IMPACT senior high youth group retreat the weekend of Nov. 8. In Matthew chapter 7, Jesus tells us that the wise person builds his/her house on rock, not sand.

And so the question was raised: What is rock? What is sand? Earlier in the day, the youth group and leaders had constructed several human pyramids. Some of them stood pretty well. Others came crashing down very quickly. It turns out that sometimes, people make pretty decent foundations, at least for a while. The problem is, you never can tell for sure when a person might falter and the whole pyramid might come crashing down.

As we talked, we talked about how jobs, family, education all can be very positive things. But even in those things, cracks can develop in the foundation from time to time. Even the church itself is not perfect, even though it is filled with people who strive to follow the example of Christ.

Ultimately, the only truly solid rock is Jesus Christ. He will never leave us. He will never forget us. He will never stop loving us, not even for a single minute.

Our Sequoia Junior High group recently saw an illustration of the difference that Christ can make in the world and in their lives. During their lock-in at the church in late October, we gathered in the Sanctuary shortly after midnight. The only light in the Sanctuary was what little was coming in from the stained glass windows and two candles burning bright on the Com-

munion Table. Those candles represent the light of Christ in the world. Had they not been lit, there would not have been enough light to walk without stumbling over something. Jesus Christ is the light that will never be extinguished.

Our Youth Groups will be talking more about Jesus Christ and how he is the one sure foundation, as the year goes on.

### Looking ahead

Several items are on the agenda as we begin looking deeper into the school year.

A confirmation class will be held early in 2015 to welcome new young people as formal members of the church. An information session will be planned for January. Confirmation is for those students in Grade 8 or older who have not yet taken the class and been received as members of the church. Again this year, we will be looking for adult

members of the church to serve as Confirmation Partners. We expect about 10 students to be in the class in 2015.

A Youth Group "alumni" gathering will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the church. This gathering is open to all recent Youth Group members, specifically aimed at those roughly 18 to 25. More details will appear in the Herald.

Our next major Youth Group activity will be our annual trip to Spring Hill camp in February. Parents and youth will be getting more details about this in the next few weeks.



Impact members make a pyramid during their fall retreat.