



MISSION STATEMENT: Cherry Street Youth Center, Inc., is an ecumenical ministry formed to help children develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically within their community.

We are a non-profit, faith-based youth center. Our focus has been to share the love of God through Jesus Christ with the elementary and middle school aged children in Chanute by providing them with a safe, secure, and fun place to go after school that offers a wide variety of learning experiences and opportunities.

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Summer is HERE!!

It's official, we have ended another school year with some amazing kids! Our elementary kids had an end of the year park day to finish things up. Nothing like a little mass chaos to end things on a high note! The staff are used to a little chaos so the day went off smoothly. Popsicles for everyone was a nice touch.

Our middle schoolers got to enjoy the bowling alley all to themselves for an end of the year bash. It has been a great year of bringing the Warehouse program back for our middle schoolers. We implemented the recommendations from the surveys we conducted the previous year to find out what kids and parents wanted in an after school program. It was clear the primary focus would be 6th and 7th graders.

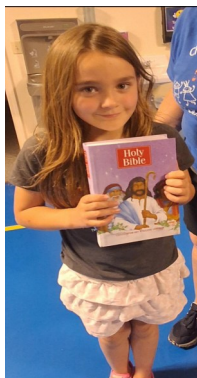
Our soon to be 8th graders are VERY much wanting us to let them come back for the fall! What a great problem to have? Our board gave it consideration, however considering it is our first year back, we are unsure of the growth potential with our current staffing, and with the partnership with the Lutheran church still being new, we have decided to keep the focus on 6th and 7th graders for the 2026-27 school year.

We will be praying about this and for what God has planned for our middle schoolers in the future.

Second Graders and Seniors

It is tradition that each 2nd grader receives a Bible at the end of the year. We had 21, 2nd graders this year! All of the Bibles we give are provided by a fund left by Don and Helen Horton. Their generosity has enabled us to provide Bibles to our children for the last 13 years and many more to come!

We also had 3 seniors graduating this year! Miss Kyra, Mr. Ethan, and Miss Brielle will all be heading off to college in the fall. Kyra attended as an elementary student and has worked as a study buddy/mentor for 3 years, this was Ethan's first year with us, Brielle has worked for us for 2 years. We wish them only the best in their futures and thank them for the influence they have provided to our children here at Cherry Street!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Saying Good Bye

This group of 5th graders have some serious flare and charisma! They started their kindergarten year in August of 2020. Talk about a crazy introduction into public education. They are resilient and caring. Knowing we may not have them in our Warehouse program, it's hard to say good bye. Our West staff will really miss this bunch.

Our 5th graders also receive a Bible at the end of the school year. Each Bible has a personal note from every staff member offering advice for the future. We want them to know they are loved and will always be children of God!



Summer 2026

I am happy to share we are full in our elementary and middle school programs for the summer. I do still encourage anyone that would want their child to attend to please sign them up on our website to get on the waiting list. We have several kids going to summer school with USD 413 in July. We will have spots to fill!

Items we need for this summer:

- Male & female deodorants
- 4 tubes of children's tooth paste (not mint flavor)
- 2 tubes of regular tooth paste

Mother's Day Store

We had another very successful Mother's Day shopping season in the basement! Thank you to all our volunteers that help set up, wrap, and help the kids find the perfect item for their moms! We accept donations all year for the Mother's Day store and the Christmas store. New or VERY gently used items can be brought to us at 710 N Forest Ave. and we will store them away until we need them. Your donations make the store possible!



Items we need for Christmas 2026 baskets:
Shampoo/bath soap