

Children, Youth and Family Ministry News

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Dear Friends,

It's an exciting time in the Northeastern Iowa Synod. There is so much coming up and things that have happened.

The synod has a new blog and it has lots of things to keep you up-to-date with what's going on.

Check it out [here](#).

High School La Vida has started up and will continue on the 2nd Sunday night of the month. AJ Houseman and the crew at the Lutheran Student Center welcome all high school students (and one adult per congregation please) to come and hang out at the Lutheran Student Center. You can enjoy games, free beverages, music and more. The next one is October 13th from 7pm to 9pm. Join us!

The UNI Middle School Lock In is coming up on October 18th-19th. Registrations are **due [Friday, October 4th](#)**, so get them in quickly!

Planning is under way for a high school leadership event in January called "The Leadership Games." More information coming soon! The LYO Leadership Team is also working on planning the 2014 LYO Assembly scheduled for March at Camp Ewalu.

There is a lot going on. Be sure to check out the new Synod Blog. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Lock In.

In Christ,

Deb Bachman

Detroit 2015 Update

There have already been conversations about safety in Detroit. Heidi Hagstrom from the churchwide office has put out a letter regarding safety in Detroit. You can find it and read it [here](#).

SYNOD BLOG!!!!!!

Did I mention yet there is a new synod blog? Check it out and subscribe. The link can be found in the opening article of this very newsletter.

Upcoming Events

October 3	Youth Worker Meeting Trinity, Mason City
October 4-5	Dirty Feet Retreat Ewalu, Strawberry Point
October 13	High School La Vida Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls
October 18-19	UNI Middle School Lock-In Wellness Center, Cedar Falls
November 7	Youth Worker Meeting St. Petri, Story City
November 8-10	Women's Retreat Ewalu, Strawberry Point
November 10	High School La Vida Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls
December 5	Youth Worker Meeting Zion St John, Sheffield
December 6-7	Pastors, Youth Director's, Church Worker Retreat Ewalu, Strawberry Point

December 8	High School La Vida Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls
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January 9	Youth Worker Meeting Immanuel, Cresco
January 12	Ewalu Winter Fun Day Ewalu, Strawberry Point
Jan 30 - Feb 3	ELCA Extravaganza St Louis, Missouri
February 6	Youth Worker Meeting St John, Guttenberg
February 23	Ewalu Winter Fun Day Ewalu, Strawberry Point
March 1-2	Elementary Retreat Ewalu, Strawberry Point
March 6	Youth Worker Meeting Decorah, Decorah
March 22-23	LYO High School Assembly Ewalu Bible Camp
April 3	Youth Worker Meeting Holy Trinity, Dubuque
April 4-6	Dirty Feet Retreat Ewalu, Strawberry Point
May 1	Youth Worker Meeting Bethlehem, Cedar Falls
June 5	Youth Worker Meeting Zion, Waterloo

Lutheran College Fairs

There are two upcoming Lutheran College Fairs in Iowa. Encourage your youth to attend. All attending students receive four application fee waivers.

College Fair Details

Des Moines, Iowa - Sunday, October 6

Faith Lutheran Church

Financial Aid Seminar: 6:45 p.m.

College Fair: 7:15 p.m.

Quad Cities, Iowa - Monday, October 7

St. James Lutheran Church

Financial Aid Seminar: 7:00 p.m.

College Fair: 7:30 p.m.

Synod Salary Survey Results

All of the youth workers in the synod were asked to participate in a salary survey this past month. Here are some of the results for those interested:

Question 1: How long have you served in your present congregation?

5 answered less than a year

3 answered 1-3 years

4 answered 4-6 years

3 answered 7-10 years

4 answered more than 10 years

Question 2: How many total years have you served in Children, Youth and Family Ministry?

4 answered 1-3 years and 4-6 years each

2 answered 7-10 years

5 answered 10-15 years

4 answered more than 15 years

Question 3: How much are you paid:

1 answered 1-10,000

4 answered 11,000-20,000

6 answered 21,000-30,000

6 answered 31,000-40,000

2 answered 40,000+

Question 4: Do you have any sort of committee you work with?

1 answered none

3 answered they have a youth committee

1 answered they have a family committee

11 answered they have a youth and family committee

Question 5: How do you communicate with youth:

The largest answers for the answer of always were: church newsletter, email, web page, Facebook, texting and phone calls.

The largest answers for never were: youth and family newsletter, Twitter and church sign.

If you would like more complete results, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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