



## Children, Youth and Family Ministry News November 2013

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**Dear Friends,**

First of all, sorry for the delay in this month's newsletter. I wanted to get some more information for you to make sure I had all the details straight for you! There are three events I want to highlight for you that are coming up in January, February and March!

1. On January 18, the LYO Leadership Team is hosting the Leadership Games. Congregations will be invited to send two high school youth from their congregation to this event to dig in more to some leadership skills. The LYO Leadership Team wants to help youth groups be the best they can be and this is one way to help. The event will be from 10:30am to 3:30pm at Zion Lutheran in Waterloo (lunch included). Congregations will be receiving more information soon. The cost will be \$25 to register both youth and an adult. At the event, congregations will be refunded \$20 of their registration and the other \$5 will be put towards the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Program.
2. On February 15, the entire synod is invited to St Paul in Waverly for a dance event to stop hunger. Each congregation will be a team and be asked to raise money prior to the event (either donations or pledges). The event will be held from 1pm until 8pm. More details coming soon!!
3. On March 22-23, the annual high school LYO Assembly will be held. This year's event will be at Ewalu Bible Camp in Strawberry Point. The event will start at noon (includes lunch) and end at 11:30am on Sunday. The theme is "Lights" based on James 1:17. Bishop Ullestad will be our preacher. More details coming after the first of the year.

There is a lot coming up and it's exciting stuff! More information and details will be coming soon, but mark your calendars now!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! Have a great month!

In Christ,  
Deb Bachman

## UNI Lock In Follow Up

Thanks for another great UNI Lock In. Thanks to AJ Houseman and her crew at the LSC for all their planning and execution. If you want to see some photos, head [here](#).

## Lutheran Higher Education

Finally! Our ELCA folks in Chicago have put up a great web-site articulating the value of Lutheran Higher education. Please head [here](#) to check it out. Under the "for students" section, there is an option to "watch the video" that is worth the time.

## Things You Should Read/Check Out

### 1. [The 10 Commandments Of Technology And Children](#)

Andy Blanks offers ideas to help parents lay a healthy foundation for their children's interaction with technology. "[This is] a short guide that will help you think about how you lay a healthy foundation for your children's interaction with technology."

2. The Wall Street Journal recently had an article on how children learn empathy and how teenage boys regress in their emotional development. You can read it [here](#).

3. Resource Review: Sign-up Genius is handy free Web site that works like "survey monkey" but instead of asking questions it allows proportion sign up to do things like attend events, bring items, report completed tasks, etc. It is ideal for allowing People to sign up to bring cookies or arts and crafts supplies to VBS. You can try it [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

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 11	Haiti Benefit Concert Luther College (more details coming soon)
January 12	Ewalu Winter Fun Day Ewalu, Strawberry Point
January 18	Leadership Games Zion, Waterloo
Jan 30 - Feb 3	ELCA Extravaganza St Louis, Missouri
February 6	Youth Worker Meeting St John, Guttenberg
February 15	Dance Event to Fight Hunger St Paul, Waverly
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

Sincerely,

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