



# Children, Youth and Family Ministry News

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Dear Friends,

Happy 2014!! I hope your new year has started off fantastic. It is January, which means it is time for the Leadership Games!!!! Below is the description of the event. Registration forms can be found on the front page of the [synod website](#).

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).

To plan for lunch, we need registrations in by Wednesday, January 15th. If you have any questions, please contact myself or the synod office.

In Christ,  
Deb Bachman

### Stomp Out Hunger



Stomp Out Hunger: On February 15, the entire synod is invited to St. Paul in Waverly for a dance event to stop hunger.

### An Article to Ponder

Check out this article entitled "Why teenagers aren't drinking and smoking like they used to."

You can access the article [here](#).

### Resource Review from Pastor Mark

This Synod has a special relationship with the five "Young Adults in Global Mission" (YAGMs) serving during this academic year in our "companion synod," the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary. Those YAGMs work especially with the Roma people because the Hungarians

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 2pm until 8pm. More details will be on the website this week!

Haiti Benefit Concert will be on Saturday, Jan 11, 2014 at Luther College to celebrate the spiritual legacy of Ben Larson, and to raise funds for the ongoing rebuilding in Haiti.

Lutherans are in the midst of a special outreach effort to these people. These resources are not intended for students but they may help you, as their leader, to better understand the Roma and why the Lutheran Church works to stand with them.

For more information, you can go [here](#).

"Bury Me Standing" (not counting the first chapter which you should just skip) is an interesting ethnography of the Roma. The anthropologist lived with several families and describes their day to day lives in both communist and post-communist eras of Eastern Europe. It is a medium book available on Amazon and at several libraries. -Fonseca, Isabel. Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1995. Print.

The film "Korkoro" is a film in French with subtitles available on Netflix. It chronicles the lives of Roma as they are chased by the Nazis. A little known fact is that the Roma people were also sent to Nazi concentration camps and a large segment of the population died there. - Korkoro. Dir. Tony Gatlif. Lorber, 2009. Netflix. Netflix. Web.

## Upcoming Events

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| January 9  | Youth Worker Meeting<br>Luther College, Decorah  |
| January 11 | Haiti Benefit Concert<br>Luther College, Decorah |
| January 12 | Ewalu Winter Fun Day                             |

January 18	Ewalu, Strawberry Point Leadership Games Zion, Waterloo
Jan 30 - Feb 3	ELCA Extravaganza St Louis, Missouri
February 6	Youth Worker Meeting St John, Guttenberg
February 15	Stomp Out 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 St John, Sheffield
September 7	God's Work, Our Hands Day

*Sincerely,*

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