



# Children, Youth and Family Ministry News

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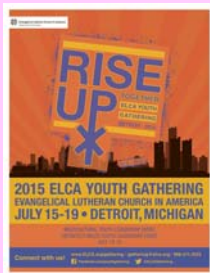


**Dear Friends,**

Insert a prayer or inspirational message to your members.

## Greetings in Christ!

[GatheringLeaks.com](http://GatheringLeaks.com) is available!!!!



The goal of [GatheringLeaks.com](http://GatheringLeaks.com) is to equip adult leaders with the straight scoop! Find the tools you need to have a successful Gathering in 2015. The site is about sharing our collective wisdom with one another. You will be able to find resources ranging from video announcements, discussion forums, fundraising ideas and a lot more. Plus, at first glance...it looks like Phil is back to emcee the videos. (Phil is the official celebrity endorser of all things Network).

At the synod office, we will do all that we can to get you information as soon as we get it. This site is a great resource and will get even better as time goes on! Bookmark and refer to it often as you are getting ready for Detroit! Rise Up Together!



WIYLDE sign up has started! Please check out the website for all the information and how to register!!! A Link for information can be found [here](#) .

Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!  
Deb Bachman



## Catch the Buzz

From the ELCA website: Catch the Buzz! invites children to add their hands, voices, minds and hearts to being a part of God's work in the world. This curriculum features Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, stories, songs and more that teach children about malaria and how it is affecting children around the world.

You can download it for free online or order a print copy from ELCA.

Check it out!!



## God's Work, Our Hands

"God's work. Our hands" Sunday celebrates who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, ELCA congregations will gather once again for a day dedicated to serving the communities in which we live. Every day you do the work of serving your neighbors and sharing God's love with others. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday provides us with the opportunity to do God's work together.

We hope you are considering plans to organize a day of service. To help guide your congregation's planning, download a [toolkit](#).

## World Malaria Day

World Malaria Day is an opportunity to remember those who have died from malaria, honor those who live with the daily realities of the disease and renew our commitment to join the global movement of people who are making malaria history. If your congregation plans to join millions of friends across the globe by commemorating World Malaria Day on Sunday, April 27, then you'll want to check out these new materials available from the [ELCA Malaria Campaign!!](#)

This year the country malaria program in Namibia (one of our companion synods) will benefit from your World Malaria Day offerings.

## Upcoming Events

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| May 1  | Youth Worker Meeting<br>Bethlehem, Cedar Falls  |
| June 5 | Youth Worker Meeting<br>Zion St John, Sheffield |

June 13-15	Synod Assembly Wartburg College
July 21-26	WIYLDE Luther College, Decorah
August 10	Grown Up Rally Day Spiritual Life Center, Bremwood
September 7	God's Work, Our Hands Day **Toolkit can be downloaded from the ELCA website
October 10	UNI Middle School Lock In UNI, Cedar Falls
2015 July 15-19	ELCA National Youth Gathering Detroit, Michigan

Sincerely,

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