

# EBLYP Newsletter Article for January 2019

Happy 2019 to you all!

May the New Year bring us new beginnings as we leave the 12 days of Christmas, and move into the brilliant light of Epiphany. May the Epiphany Light of Christ guide you on your journey!

## \* EBLYP Family Ministry - for EBLYP families and friends

In December we held our annual **EBLYP Pancake Breakfast and Caroling with Santa** on **Saturday, December 9th** at St. Paul Lutheran. Over 70 people celebrated the Advent season pointing us to Christmas eating a delicious pancake breakfast, singing carol's, and visiting with Santa. This was a fund-raiser for our Senior High Youth Trip this Summer (2019). Thank you for your support! We also held our **Family Ministry and All Youth Group Annual Ice-Skating Extravaganza at Oakland Ice Center** on Sunday, December 16th, 2018. This event was sponsored by Trinity-Oakland, and we had hot chocolate, festive treats, and had fun on the ice!

### Family Ministry Events in the new year, January 2019:

**1. Family Ministry and All-Youth Group Annual 'Bowled Over by the Spirit Epiphany Party'** at Mel's Bowling (300 Park St, Alameda) on Sunday, January 6th, 2019 from 1-3pm. This event is co-sponsored by Trinity-Alameda and festive treats and beverages will be served. We will mark our celebration of Epiphany by praying in 'lane groups' after each game bowled. In Epiphany we are bowled over by the spirit of Jesus moving in our lives; we remember our baptisms and celebrate the spirit joyfully bowling us over as it did with Jesus in his baptism.

Please RSVP for this event with Pr. Craig at [craigminich@gmail.com](mailto:craigminich@gmail.com) or 510.390.4045.

**2. POSTPONED!** Our annual **Inter-generational Trivia Night and Spaghetti Dinner** has been postponed. Details and new date TBA soon.

## \* G.E.T. (God's Elementary-people Together) - our upper elementary youth group.

At our December 2nd meeting we learned about the Advent light of Christ that no darkness can overcome. Exploring the theme of 'balance' we played games that helped us find physical balance in our bodies; then we prayed and discussed how to live lives of balance in a world that seems topsy turvy on many days.

**NEXT G.E.T. MEETING:** our January meeting will be participating in the Epiphany bowling party. On Sunday, February 6th from 12:30- 2pm we'll have our next regularly scheduled meeting at St. Paul Lutheran (1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakland).

\*\* please see the plethora of Family Ministry all-ages, all-youth group events above.

## G.E.T. together, G.E.T. excited, and G.E.T. connected with God!!!

## \* MYLK (Middle Youth, Lutheran Kids) - our 6-8th grade youth ministry.

Our MYLK youth took part in many of our family events and intergenerational events that we had in December. Please see above for more details. Also, we have a new **Confirmation Class** forming. We had an informational meeting on Sunday December 2nd and set out our program year. Our youth are excited to begin this Faith journey!

**Next MYLK meeting:** Sunday, January 13th from 12:30- 2pm at St. Paul Lutheran (1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakland).

Also, please **save the date** for our joint MYLK and SNL snow retreat near North Star resort February 1st to 3rd, 2019.

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\* **SNL (Sunday Night Live)** - our 9th - 12th youth group.

Our SNL youth took part in many of our family events and intergenerational events that we had in December. Please see above for more details.

**Summer Trip 2019:** We're shooting to go to NYC where we will be participating in original youth group-written prayer services at 4-5 iconic and meaningful sites in New York City, making connections to the stories of our faith and their relevance for us today. So far, we are looking at doing a prayer service at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island (stories of people of faith on the move), the United Nations (stories of World Peace), at the Stonewall Inn & Museum of Jewish Heritage (stories of overcoming/oppression), and at Grand Central Station (stories of the bigness, depth, and interconnectedness of God's love). We, of course, are also planning service opportunities in the city, and will take in other cultural and festive activities while we are there. Please pray for us as we fine-tune the details of this aspirational trip.

**NEXT SNL MEETINGS:** Please **save the date** for our joint MYLK and SNL **snow retreat** near North Star resort February 1st to 3rd, 2019. We'll also be attending the **Senior High Synod Weekend Retreat**, February 24-26, 2019 at Mt. Cross.

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