

EBLYP Newsletter Article for May 2019

Easter Blessings to you all as we live boldly into God's promises of Grace fulfilled in Jesus' Resurrection. May we live into those promises fully!

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

Parents' Night Out (PNO) Babysitting Fun Night at St Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, March 29th, 2019 was a great night. We had a small but mighty crew, filled with games, songs, crafts, and, laughter. This was a fund-raiser for our SNL Summer Trip to NYC.

Our ***19th Annual EBLYP Easter 'Egg'stravaganza*** on Saturday, April 20th at United Lutheran was a beautiful morning of learning about Jesus' Resurrection, with crafts, games, sidewalk chalk art, laughter, and 3 festive egg hunts for our youth! All five of our EBLYP parishes were represented, and we all enjoyed one of the best views of the East Bay around! Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

Parents' Night Out (PNO) Babysitting Fun Night at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alameda on Friday, April 5th in partnership with Trinity Alameda's Joyful Noise youth choir families was a smashing success. Choir Director Julie Hayden, a team of volunteers and I welcomed 18 children for this first event. What a great turnout! From pizza dinner with Pamela, crafts led by Marvera, songs and games led by Julie and myself, and a closing nature documentary movie, we had an energetic and laughter-filled evening! We'll continue the momentum, and our next PNO will be announced soon!

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

Our April 7th G.E.T. meeting at St. Paul was a fun time where we talked about Spring Break adventures, and we learned about Jesus's ministry in the time we commemorate toward the end of Lent, before holy week!

NEXT G.E.T. MEETING: we encourage all youth and families to attend our Family Variety Show and Spaghetti Dinner May 18th (see below).

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 ***Annual Snow Retreat this April***, which was rescheduled in February due to treacherous driving conditions, was cancelled again due to last minute cancellations by most of the group. I was disappointed, but we will look forward to next year's retreat.

NEXT MYLK MEETING: we encourage all youth and families to attend our Family Variety Show and Spaghetti Dinner May 18th (see below).

SUMMER CAMP: We have six youth signed up, and we are all looking forward to 'Adventures on the Coast' middle School confirmation camp June 23rd-28th. Please pray for all our youth to have a transformative experience!

* **SNL (Sunday Night Live)** - our 9th -through 12th grade youth ministry.

We continue planning for our Summer Trip 2019: We're going 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.

To raise funds for our NYC Adventure our SNL youth were servers at the ***Trinity-Alameda Crab Feed on Saturday, March 30th***. Our team worked diligently and with good cheer. The participants showered our team with praises (and generous tips)! I'm so proud of our SNL youth!

Also, our SNLers were leaders at ***EBLYP Easter 'Egg'stravaganza on Saturday, April 20th***. They were essential in leading this event, and I am so proud of them! They led songs, the sidewalk chalk area, the craft station, the Lego station, each of the three separate egg hunt areas, and games after. It was an energetic, joy-filled, intergenerational event celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord!

SUMMER CAMP: We have 2 SNL Youth and 1 alumni signed up to serve at Special Friends Camp working with adults with mild to moderate developmental delays at Mt. Cross June 23rd-28th. Please pray for our young people giving of themselves in service.

NEXT SNL MEETING: we encourage all youth and families to attend our Family Variety Show and Spaghetti Dinner May 18th (see below).

Upcoming all-group events:

Please mark your calendars for the following two EBLYP FUND-RAISER for the SNL NYC trip:

1. ***EBLYP Youth and Family Variety Show and Dinner Fundraiser*** on Saturday, May 18th at St. Paul Lutheran (1658 Excelsior Ave., Oakland) from 6-8pm. Spaghetti dinner from 6-7pm and show from 7-8pm.

2. ***EBLYP Artisanal Cupcake Sale the weekend of May 17-19th***. MORE DETAILS TBA.

Lastly, we are looking for family acts for our **Family Variety Show**. Please contact me to get on our docket.

May you be inspired during this whole season of Easter (remember, it's more than just one day)!

Peace y'all,

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