

EBLYP Newsletter Article for November 2018

* **EBLYP Family Ministry:** We had our annual Halloween Party and Spooky Escape Room-inspired Haunted House (put on by our Middle and High School youth) on Sunday, Oct 28th at St. Paul Lutheran (1658 Excelsior Ave., Oakland). Over 80 youth and adults attended in costume playing Halloween-themed games with prizes, eating the hot dog dinner, and having wholesome fun for the whole family!

Next Family Ministry Event: Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9th from 9-11am at St. Paul Lutheran.

* **G.E.T. (God's Elementary-people Together)** - our upper elementary youth group. While no G.E.T. EBLYPers attended our Synod Elementary Weekend Retreat for third - sixth graders at Mt. Cross in Felton, CA October 12-14, 2018, the retreat was a smashing success. Led by Lutheran high school leaders from across the Sierra Pacific Synod (including 6 of our EBLYP Leaders!), we learned and sang new camp songs, played games, prayed together, and deepened our faith by learning about several Bible stories focussing on God's love through images of light and shade in the Bible.

NEXT G.E.T. MEETING: Sunday, November 4th from 12:30- 2pm at St. Paul Lutheran

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. We spent the month of October preparing for our spooky Escape Room-inspired Haunted House at the St. Paul Family Halloween Party on October 28th. Participants loved solving the puzzles required to escape from each room!

Next MYLK event: Synod Youth Committee Weekend Retreat at Mt. Cross November 9-11, 2018. Register with Jessica by Friday, November 1st.

* **SNL (Sunday Night Live)** - our 9th - 12th youth group. On Sunday, September 30th we did research for the Family Halloween Party (while also having this outing for building up our group dynamics) by going through an Escape Room at 'Escape Oakland!' in downtown Oakland. We broke up into two groups, the first group doing 'The Study' escape room, and the second group taking part in the "Ex Machina" escape room. The first group successfully escaped while the second group did not! Regardless, we had a fun time, got to know each other better, and brought back some neat new ideas for our own haunted house this year!

NEXT SNL MEETING: Sunday, November 4th from 4:30-6pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alameda.

* **ELCA YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission).** EBLYP Alumnae Pearl Penumaka and Juliana Stein-Webber presented on Wednesday night, October 24th at St. Paul Lutheran Church - Oakland about their serving with YAGM in Hungary last year. This event was open to All EBLP CONGREGATIONS. We shared dinner together and great conversation was had in response to their profound reflections. I'm so proud of our EBLYP ALUMNAE, now adults!

* Schedule of presentations from Senior High Youth and Adults who attended the ELCA and MYLE gatherings in Houston this summer. Small groups from our EBLYP delegation have been preaching & presenting about our experiences at:

- Resurrection Lutheran, a sermon about Houston on September 16th.
- Trinity-Alameda on September 30th with Chase Beardsley and Joanna Ruiz.
- United Lutheran on October 21st during the sermon time with Ivonna Payne.
- Trinity-Oakland on October 28th during coffee hour with Johnathan Canton.
- St. Paul Wednesday night program on November 7th from 7-8pm with Kiki Valenzuela, Kylie Halmi, Olivia Tyreman, Jenna Phillips, and Gary Walker.

Thank you for all your support!!! Please pray for our presenters!

* **Mental Health First Aid Class training at St. Paul Lutheran** (1658 Excelsior Ave., Oakland), Saturday. November 3rd from 9am-5pm. Please register by Thursday, November 1st. This is a free event and is offered in partnership with the EBLYP to offer resources to respond to the rising anxiety rates in our nation.

* New EBLYP Mission statement ratified by EAST Bay Lutheran Parish (EBLP Board). In an effort to Vision for the future roof or youth ministry the EBLYP Steering Committee submitted our new mission statement which was ratified by EBLP at it's October Board Meeting. Here is the new mission statement:

AS EAST BAY LUTHERAN YOUTH, WE ARE:

- ° BOLDLY PROCLAIMING JESUS AND GOD'S GRACE.
- ° GROWING SERVANT HEARTS FOR JUSTICE.
- ° BUILDING COMMUNITY, RESILIENCE, AND IDENTITY THROUGH PRAYER.
- ° DEEPENING FAITH WHILE RESPECTING DOUBTS.
- ° OPENING OUR EYES TO SEE GOD IN ALL THAT WE DO.