

EBLYP Newsletter Article for October 2018

We're looking forward to our new program year here at EBLYP!

* **EBLYP Family Ministry:** Come to our annual Halloween party and Spooky Escape Room (put on by our Middle and High School youth) on Sunday, Oct 28th at St. Paul Lutheran (1658 Excelsior Ave., Oakland). Join us in costume for Halloween-themed games with prizes, hot dog dinner, and fun for the whole family!

* **G.E.T. (God's Elementary-people Together),** our upper elementary youth group. We will be attending our Synod Elementary Weekend Retreat for our third - sixth graders at Mt. Cross in Felton, CA October 12-14, 2018. Led by Lutheran high school leaders from across the Sierra Pacific Synod (including 6 of our EBLYP Leaders!), we will learn and sing camp songs, play games, pray together, and deepen our faith by learning about several Bible stories. Please contact Jessica Fleischman to register.

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

* **MYLK (Middle Youth, Lutheran Kids)** 6-8th grade youth ministry. We will be spending the month preparing for our spooky Escape Room at the St. Paul Family Halloween Party. Come join us October 28.

SNL (Sunday Night Live): 9th - 12th youth group. On Sunday, September 30th we did research for the Family Halloween Party (and group building) by going through an Escape Room at Escape Oakland! This event happened after the writing of this article. Come back next month to hear how we did!

* **ELCA YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission)** Presentation on Wednesday night at St. Paul Lutheran Church (1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakland). All EBLP CONGREGATIONS invited to attend a presentation by two young adults who finished serving with YAGM in Hungary last year. Pearl Penumaka and Juliana Stein-Webber are both alumnae of the EBLYP youth ministry! Dinner is from 6-7pm (\$7/person) and presentation is from 7-8pm. Please RSVP to Jessica Fleischman by October 20 so we can plan appropriately in regard to food.

* **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 will be preaching & presenting about our experiences at:

- Trinity-Alameda on September 30th.
- St. Paul Wednesday night program on October 17 from 7-8pm.
- United Lutheran on October 21st.
- Trinity-Oakland on October 28th.
- Resurrection: tbd.

Please pray for our presenters

* **Save the Date: Mental Health First Aid Class** at St. Paul Lutheran (1658 Excelsior Ave., Oakland), details TBA ASAP.

* **Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee (SPSYC) Youth Leaders** update: 6 of our EBLYP youth serve on this leadership team in our Synod and 4 of them attended the overnight Fall planning meeting in Roseville on September 14 & 15 where we fine-tuned our fall upper-Elementary retreat (October 12-14, '18) and Middle School retreat (November 9-11, '18). These young leaders represent our youth ministry in the greater synod! Please pray for strong retreats led by our youth!

* **EBLYP: Visioning for the Future.** Now that we are finally out of the massive two-year endeavor of all of our congregations moving through transition, or getting close to it, EBLYP is putting substantial time and effort in revamping much of our program. We are updating our logo and our youth brochure, we are working on releasing our new mission statement to help guide us into the future, we are updating administrative documents, communication processes, and utilizing the newly up and running East Bay Lutheran Parish (EBLP) website! And that's just the start!! We will be releasing new information each month this fall - please watch for it! Do you have input for us? Please contact me directly!!