



Joyful Noise Farewell to Mary Gotelli - Xmas Eve '19

All are Welcome – Join the FUN!

Our 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.



Confirmation students serve in a nursing home, Jan '19

We are a Joint Youth Ministry of the East Bay Lutheran Parish (EBLP)

“Serving Christ in the City”



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Adventures on the Coast Mt Cross camp, July '18

God’s Grace Abounds

2019

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Family Ministry



Each of our sponsoring congregations hosts fun & faith-based annual family events like our: *'Bowled Over by the Spirit' Party, Epiphany Ice Skating Party, Easter Egg'stravaganza, Halloween Party & Haunted House* (led by our Middle School group-MYLK), *Summer A's game outings*, & more. These events are for EBLYP families & friends, as well as youth from our elementary group G.E.T., *see below*). They are intended for youth under 11, but all of God's family is invited & welcome.

Elementary Youth Ministry



Youth Performers at our annual Mardi Gras Dinner

G.E.T., or God's Elementary-People Together is our elementary - aged youth group. We are a welcoming group for youth in 2nd-5th grades who seek to experience the grace of the risen Christ, to belong in a group where we are accepted, and encouraged to share who we are in our world. We meet once a month to eat snacks together, to explore Bible Stories through drama, singing, art, games & prayer. We also take part in the Family Ministry events above.

Middle School Ministry



Adventures on the Coast Confirmation Camp '18

MYLK (Middle Youth – Lutheran Kids) is our 6th-8th grade youth group. We meet for occasional Friday overnights & first Sundays after church September through May for our meetings. We eat together, play games, grow in friendship, do service work, & interact with the stories of our faith through art, drama, songs, and popular culture like music, movies, and books. We look for Christ in our lives, we explore our personal and spiritual identities, and we partake in occasional adventures that help us face our fears in a safe & welcoming environment. We attend the annual synodical youth retreat, summer camp confirmation week, a snow retreat weekend and 6-8 service projects a year. **Got MYLK?**

High School Ministry



SNL (Sunday Night Live) is the name of our senior high youth group for youth in 9th–12th grades. We meet September through May from 4:30–6 PM monthly on first Sundays. We eat snacks together,

and discuss where God is in our lives, and “check-in” with each other to reflect on what is going on in our lives and to support each other. At these meetings, we develop our spiritual faith, we hone our leadership skills, and we explore God's earth, seeking to spread God's grace and to work for justice through service work and advocacy for the oppressed. We take part in adventures that help us see God in all that we do, be it at our annual snow retreat, when we attend our synodical faith & leadership retreat, when we are working at our 6-8 service projects each year, when we attend a week of summer camp as junior counselors for mentally-challenged adults, or on our annual summer service trip (we have gone to El Salvador, France and South Africa, & NOLA in years past.). **SNLers** are doing amazing things – **hope to see you there!**

Your Youth Pastor!

Pr. Craig Minich (PC) lives in the West Bay with his partner Bruce. Craig is originally from Tampa, FL and took a BA in Literature & Philosophy at Lenior-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC, an MA in ethics from the Graduate Theological Union, and a M.Div. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (the latter two in Berkeley, CA). Pr. Craig is mentor to the Sierra Pacific Synod



PC Preaching - April '19

Youth Committee (SPSYC) which is a youth-led group of Lutheran high school leaders from our large synod who lead age-appropriate youth retreats. Pr. Craig loves snowboarding, playing vintage video games, going to rock concerts, and likes to share his passions for justice and sharing God's grace as a Gift!