

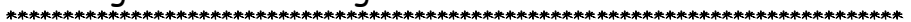


## DECEMBER Y & F MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - On December 11, the Sunday school children presented the Christmas story through puppetry, music and the traditional live nativity. Many, many thanks to all of the children who shared their gifts and the message of Christmas with us, and to all of the Sunday school teachers, parents and volunteers. A special thanks to Marilyn Geiger for directing the program this year. Thank you to the church council for providing lunch following the program.



**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** the combined confirmation class of St. John's and St. Paul's visited the Sauk Valley Food Bank on December 7, as they continued their study of the LORD'S Prayer (Daily bread). On December 21, the class went Christmas caroling at Sterling Pavilion Nursing Home.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School** - Every Sunday Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grades meet in the West Sunday school rooms. 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students meet with Pastor Judi in the F.R.O.G. (confirmation) room. High school students meet with Gerad Von Holten in the youth house. Sunday school begins with music and prayer right after 9:00 worship in the sanctuary or social hall and concludes at 11 AM. There will be no Sunday School on January 1. See you all on Sunday.



**High School Sunday School** - High school students, please bring one of the following items with you to Sunday School every Sunday during the month of January: paper products or \$. These are items that are greatly needed for the local food pantry, and this is a great and easy way for high school students to contribute and serve those who are in need. January 22, we'll be cooking in the kitchen for the soup and sandwich lunch. **The last Sunday of January (January 29<sup>th</sup>) will be our first getting ready meeting for the New Orleans youth gathering. All youth gathering participants are required to be there and all high school students are welcome.**



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**Sunday School Teachers** - Please sign up on the teacher schedule/sign-up in the west entrance for the month of January

and February.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Confirmation class resumes January 4, and will be meeting at St. Paul, 7 - 8:30 pm every Wednesday for the second semester.



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**Christian Education Committee meeting** - Sunday, January 8, following Sunday school in the lounge (or confirmation room). Plan to attend as we plan for a new curriculum and year.

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## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES COMING UP...

**Jr. High Lock-in-** January 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's, we'll be hosting a Jr. High lock-in starting at 8 pm and ending at 7 am Saturday morning. Please sign up on the kiosk in the West entrance at the church. You may bring a friend. We'll be hosting St. John's, Sterling and Immanuel, Rock Falls youth. We also need adults to volunteer for 4 hour shifts for chaperoning.



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**Sr. High Lock-in** - February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran in Dixon. The central conference ELCA

churches have planned a lock-in beginning at 7 pm on Friday, Feb 3, and ending at 7 pm on Sat, Feb 4. Meet other kids from other churches and towns. You may bring a friend. More details will be coming on this event. Mark your calendar.

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**Jr. High Sledding** - Sunday, January 29, from 2:00 - 4:00



pm at LOMC. Cost is \$3 per person (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades). Bring your own sled tube and a friend. Come for sledding, hot chocolate and meet kids from other churches and towns. We need adults to help drive. Sign up in the West entrance at the church by January 22. Fill out a permission/medical release form and return it to the church with your \$3. All 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade families will receive more information and forms in the mail. Oh, and one more

thing...PRAY FOR SNOW! Back-up date is February 12, at the same time.

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**Soup and Sandwich Dinner for New Orleans Youth Gathering - Sunday, January 22, at 11:00 AM (or after the church annual meeting). The 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and**

parents going to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth gathering in July will be serving soup and sub sandwiches for lunch. Cost is \$6/person, children 3 and under are free. Thank you in advance St. Paul church family for your continued support for this event and for the youth ministries of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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**2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans**

- The gathering is July 18 - 22. Beginning January 29, we will have the 1<sup>st</sup> of 6 GETTING READY meetings during Sunday school hour (class may go later than 11 am). The GETTING READY meetings will be every last Sunday of the month January through June. For more information on the gathering or how you can support the kids who are participating talk with Gerad Von Holten, the Youth and Family Minister and visit [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering) (also on Facebook).



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**2012 WISCONSIN DELLS JR. HIGH QUAKE is Fri. - Sun.,**



April 27-29, for all 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders. We will be attending with St. John's, Sterling and Immanuel, Rock Falls. If you are a Sophomore - Senior and are interested in

going as a youth leader (Jr. Guide), please sign up and talk to Gerad. Medical release/permission forms will be mailed in early January. Sign up on the youth bulletin board. **To register you**

need to complete a medical release/permission form and turn it in by Sunday, January 29. Cost is \$125 (includes all meals and a group t-shirt). For more information on the youth quake talk to Gerad and visit [www.youthencounter.org](http://www.youthencounter.org).

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**JR & SR HIGH STUDENTS I WANT YOUR CELL PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS AND TO BE YOUR FRIEND ON FACEBOOK** - To better communicate what is going on in our youth ministries in a high tech world, please email me or message me on Facebook your cell #, email address and/or friend me on Facebook. My cell phone # is (815) 590-0006 and my email is [grodvon75@yahoo.com](mailto:grodvon75@yahoo.com).



Thank you, Gerad

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**Youth Leadership Team meeting** - Sunday, January 15, following Sunday school in the lounge (or confirmation room).

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*Equipping and Encouraging our youth to become life-long followers of Jesus Christ."*

