



## Children, Youth, & Family (CYF) Resources

Minneapolis Area Synod/Saint Paul Area Synod CYF

Leadership Team

### FACEBOOK GROUPS and EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

- **ELCA Youth Ministry Network**
- **ELCA Youth Ministry Network - Region 3**
- **Twin Cities ELCA**
- **Twin Cities CYF ELCA**
- **Saint Paul Area Synod Email Updates** | Fill out your information under “Stay Updated!”
- **Minneapolis Area Synod Email Newsletter** | Fill out your information under “Keep in Touch”

### KNOWN NETWORKS IN ST. PAUL

- Children’s Ministry Gathering | Contact Rachelle Gill at [rgill@easter.org](mailto:rgill@easter.org).
- **Eastern Suburbs Network** | 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10-11:30am with lunch together after. Location rotates between churches. (Going through transition period this year).

### KNOWN NETWORKS IN MINNEAPOLIS

- Bloomington Youth Workers Network | 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10-11:30am. Contact Sarah Maslowski at [smaslowski@ststephen.net](mailto:smaslowski@ststephen.net).
- Children’s Ministry Network | 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11am. Contact Julie Vagle at [juliev@trinitylonglake.org](mailto:juliev@trinitylonglake.org).
- **Western Suburbs Network** | 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10-11:30am with lunch together after. Location rotates between churches. Contact Elizabeth Pedersen at [elizabethp@lordoflife.org](mailto:elizabethp@lordoflife.org).
- **Peer Groups** | Small groups for support and accountability

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **ELCA Children's Ministry**
- **Faith Inkubators** | Killing Sunday School
- **First Look & 252 Kids** | Orange Curriculum
- **Go Fish** | VBS
- **Jesus Storybook Bible**
- **Manna & Mercy**
- **Parent Cue**
- **Sparkhouse Family Resources**
  - **Whirl**
  - **Holy Moly**
  - **Frolic**
- **Spirit & Truth** | Publishing-Narrative Lectionary Curriculum
- **Spill the Beans** | Narrative Lectionary
- **Veggie Tales** | Movies
- **What's in the Bible** with Buck Denver

## CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

- **Coffee Talks**
- **Collaborate** | Confirmation ministry
- **Freaks & Geeks Bible Studies**
- **Here We Stand** | Confirmation curriculum
- **Mentorship**
- **Pay it Forward** | Movie
- **Reform** | Confirmation curriculum
- **Science for Youth Ministry** | Four-week series
- **Simon Birch**
- **The Ultimate Camp Resource** | For camp people... by camp people
- **Youth Ministry Great Games**

## HIGH SCHOOL

- **Animate Curriculum**
- **Augsburg Youth Theology Institute**
- **Baking Nights** | Team building through cooking
- **Caffeine series**
- **Can I Ask** | Book resource
- **Echo The Story** | Curriculum
- **Faith, Science, & Youth Leadership** | Environmental learning
- **Half Truths** | Book resource
- **Holy Hoops Youth Basketball League** | Twin Cities churches
- **Interfaith Bridge Building** | Experience through Augsburg University
- **Interfaith Action** | Learning opportunities and various programs in St. Paul
- **Locked in a Room** | Escape Room for groups
- **Lock & Key Escape Rooms** | Escape Room for groups (discounts for churches)
- **MEA Getaway** | October long weekend for students
- **Orange XP3**
- **Peer Ministry**
- **Vertical Endeavors** | Climbing wall
- **Wired Word**

## CAMPS, MISSION TRIPS, & RETREATS

- **Appalachia Service Project** | Mission trips
- **Base Camp** | Rock climbing, archery, high ropes (St. Paul, MN)
- **Camp Emmaus** | Retreats & camp (Menahga, MN)
- **Camp Friendship/Camp Courage** | High ropes & retreats (Annandale, MN)
- **Camp Ihduhapi** | Retreats (Loretto, MN)
- **Camp Victory** | Retreat center (Zumbro Falls, MN)
- **Center for Student Missions** | Mission trips
- **Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp** | Retreats & camp (Lakeside, MT)
- **Green Lake Lutheran Ministries** | Retreats & camp (Spicer, MN)
- **Group Mission Trips** | Workcamps
- **Gustavus Adolphus College** | Confirmation retreats (St. Peter, MN)
- **Heifer Ranch** | Mission trips
- **Interfaith @ Augsburg** | Retreats
- **Luther Crest** | Retreats & camp (Alexandria, MN)
- **Lutheran Outdoor Ministries**
- **Lutheran Outdoors South Dakota** | Retreats & camp
- **Moonlight Madness** | Overnight “lock-out” in Twin Cities in the Fall & Spring. For more information, contact the Rev. David Wrightsman at [revw2@msn.com](mailto:revw2@msn.com).
- **Next Step Ministries** | Mission trips

- **Praying Pelicans Missions** | Mission trips
- **Rainbow Trail** | Backpacking trip (Hillside, CO)
- **Serve Boldly** | Mission trips
- **Service Learning Camps** | Mission trips
- **Sky Ranch** | Retreats & camp
- **Urban Immersion** | Retreat experience
- **Urban Plunge** | Experience
- **Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry** | Retreats & camp (Northeastern MN)
- **WAPO** | Retreats (Amery, WI)
- **Youthworks** | Mission trips

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Buffer** | Social Media Scheduling
- **Canva** | Graphic design
- **Cherish All Children** | Safeguarding God's Children
- **Christian Education Network of the ELCA** | Supporting lifelong faith formation in the home and congregation
- **Eco-Faith** | An earth-keeping initiative of the Minneapolis Area Synod
- **ELCA Churchwide offices**
- **Faith Lens** | ELCA weekly Bible study
- **FCA** | Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- **FlockNote** | Email and texting app designed for churches
- **Go Weekly** | Subscription
- **Lutheran Summer Music** | Residential music academy for students grade 8 – 12
- **Martin's List** | Open source ideas, need a membership to ELCA Network
- **Mental Health First Aid**
- **National Youth Gathering** | ELCA Youth Gathering, happens every 3 years
- **Remind** | Social media communication
- **Resource Center for Churches** | Pay to become a member for resources
- **Riverside Innovation Hub** | Young adult innovation for congregations, led by Augsburg University
- **Youth Ministry Land** | Plethora of resources for Twin Cities groups
- **Youth Service Bureau** | Mental health info, counseling, transitional housing

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

- **ConNext** | Ecumenical progressive children's ministry
- **Cross+Gen Life** | Focus on cross+generational ministry in the church and the home
- **E-Formation** | Practicing ministry in a digital world
- **Extravaganza** | Long weekend continuing education for ELCA CYF peeps
- **Faith Forward** | Reimagine Children's and Youth Ministry - Annual conference in Chicago
- **Hazelden** | Youth and addiction conference in November
- **Intergenerate Conference** | Focus on intergenerational ministry
- **Luther Seminary** | Various conferences and courses
- **Kairos** | Continuing education for ministry professionals
- **Orange Conference**
- **Recharge** | Half-day event specifically for CYF volunteers and leaders around the Twin Cities
- **Vibrant Faith** | Training & resources
- **Youth Leadership** | Certificate in children or youth ministry, workshops
- **Skill Share** | Administrative skills training