

Youth and Family Coordinator Report – February 14, 2018

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Rotational Sunday School

- We are about to start our 5th rotation discussing Baby Moses.
- I am in need of more Sunday School teachers for the Spring; keep your eyes and ears open for anyone who seems interested in helping teach! I will make calls this month to find more teachers if no one volunteers.

Release Time

- Release Time is still going really well! Children seem to enjoy their time at the Trinity Center.

Confirmation

- Everything is going well. It seems that confirmation students are showing up on time!

ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

- Our next meeting of youth and adult leaders will be February 11 at 11:30. We will have time for bible study and sharing information.
- I recently found out that Trinity and Blackhammer are assigned to the Marriott Marquis in downtown Houston as our hotel for the Gathering.

Fundraisers

- We sold 331 shares of stock and will make \$4,995 from Youth Stock Sales!
- The youth will be serving all Lenten suppers this Spring as a fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston and to further youth ministry at Trinity.

Day Camp and VBS 2018

- Day Camp and VBS 2018 will be from June 18-21. I have officially hired 3-4 staff from Sugar Creek Bible Camp to help lead our Day Camp program.

Confirmation Camp

- 7th graders will be attending confirmation camp at Good Earth Village Bible Camp on June 10-15. We will have an informational meeting for these 7th graders and their families very soon!

Youth Group

- I hosted a Harry Potter Bible Study at my house on January 21. We discussed how aspects of the gospels can be found in the Harry Potter books and movies.
- Mark Udstuen led 17 youth and family members of Trinity to Mt. La Crosse on January 28. Mark said they had a blast!

Extravaganza in Houston

- On January 29 I returned from the ELCA Network's Extravaganza for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries in Houston, TX. I had an amazing time networking with other people in my position around the country.
- I started out my time at the Extravaganza at an Intensive Care Course which focused on taking youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. I feel so much more prepared to take this trip this June because of this course.
- I attended many workshops where I learned about a variety of factors in youth ministry including recruiting volunteers, creating a space of love and courage for youth, and new ways to teach confirmation. I am most excited about implementing a new model of confirmation at Trinity which focuses on flexibility for our students through taking elective courses that promote experiential learning and faith formation.
- I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to go to the Network's Extravaganza.