



# Children, Youth, & Family Ministry and Christian Education Networks in the Twin Cities Area

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## **MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD**

### **Bloomington Youth Workers Network**

An ecumenical network for youth workers in the Bloomington area for support and to plan youth events. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at noon. Contact Pastor Stephanie Coltvet Erdman at Transfiguration Lutheran, Bloomington: 952.884.2364 or [scoltvet@tlcmn.com](mailto:scoltvet@tlcmn.com).

### **MAYHEM—Maple Grove Area Youth Ministries**

An ecumenical group of youth workers meets for support and to plan events on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Angeno's on Elm Creek Blvd in Maple Grove. Contact Todd Buegler at Lord of Life, Maple Grove: 763.420.5015 or [todd@lordoflife.org](mailto:todd@lordoflife.org).

### **Western Suburbs Ministry Network**

Youth ministry leaders from ELCA congregations in the western suburbs meet every other Thursday for study, prayer, and conversation. Current meeting place and time: The Depot in Hopkins, 9:00 – 11:15 a.m. (Lunch afterwards for those interested and able.) Contact Amanda Berger at Lutheran Church of St Philip the Deacon: 952.475.7100 or [aberger@spdlc.org](mailto:aberger@spdlc.org).

### **Children's Ministry Network**

Children's ministry leaders from ELCA congregations meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. at The Depot in Hopkins. First hour: coffee and conversation. Second hour: topical discussions. This network also meets jointly with the Western Suburbs Youth Ministry network on occasion for CYF topics. Contact Emily Dalen at Mt Olivet Lutheran, Plymouth: [edalen@moply.org](mailto:edalen@moply.org) or 763-559-2775.

### **Northern Suburbs Network**

An ecumenical network of youth ministry leaders from the northern suburbs (including Coon Rapids, Fridley, and Blaine) - meet once a month for support, to share ideas, and to plan shared events each year. Contact Ashley Tangen at St Philip's Lutheran in Fridley for more information (763.571.1500 or [atangen@usfamily.net](mailto:atangen@usfamily.net)).

## **SAINT PAUL AREA SYNOD**

### **CROSSOVER - South St. Paul, West St. Paul, and Inver Grove Heights**

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 10:30 a.m. at Black Sheep Coffee Café on Southview Boulevard in South Saint Paul. Contact Don Marsh, at Augustana Lutheran Church, for more information. ([dmarsh@augustana.com](mailto:dmarsh@augustana.com) or 651.457.3373)

### **St Croix Valley Youth Ministry Association (SCVYMA)**

SCVYMA is an ecumenical youth ministry network in the Saint Croix Valley area. Contact Susan Miller at the Saint Paul Area Synod office for more information. ([Susan.Miller@spas-elca.org](mailto:Susan.Miller@spas-elca.org) or 651.224.4313)

### **Teen's East Ecumenical Network (T.E.E.N.)**

Shared ministry events and networking on the Eastside of St. Paul. Contact Sara Bertini 651-255-6996 or [saracherbst@hotmail.com](mailto:saracherbst@hotmail.com) for more information.

**White Bear Lake**

Ecumenical youth ministry network for White Bear Lake and surrounding areas; hosted by First Lutheran Church of White Bear Lake. Contact Perry Peterson for more information ([ppetersen@flcwb.org](mailto:ppetersen@flcwb.org)).

**Woodbury Youth Workers' Network (WYN)**

Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM. The location is announced prior to each meeting. Contact Matt Swigart, Youth Pastor at New Life Church of Woodbury for more information or to sign up for reminder emails: [MattSwigart@newlife4u.org](mailto:MattSwigart@newlife4u.org) or 651-757-4169.

**United Student Ministries of Forest Lake**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 9–10:30 AM. Location varies. Group does a joint mission trip yearly and hosts quarterly events. Contact Chrissy Relay for more information: [651-464-7504](tel:651-464-7504) or [chrissy@immanuelonline.net](mailto:chrissy@immanuelonline.net).

**YOWSA**

Northern Conference Lutheran Youth ministry network meeting times vary. Contact Joe Rand (Chisago Lake Lutheran, Center City) at [clcyouth@citlink.org](mailto:clcyouth@citlink.org) or 651-257-6300 or Linda Rambow (Trinity Lutheran Lindstrom) at [lindatlc@frontiernet.net](mailto:lindatlc@frontiernet.net) for more information.

**SPAS Children's Ministry Networks:****Central St Paul Area Children's Ministry Network**

Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran (on Snelling) in St. Paul in January, April, July, and October. Contact Cassie Nault at [cassandra@ststephenswsp.org](mailto:cassandra@ststephenswsp.org) or Deb Ahlquist at [ahlquist.mundt@gmail.com](mailto:ahlquist.mundt@gmail.com) or 651-646-2195 for more information.

**METRO-WIDE NETWORKS****Christian Education Roundtable**

Christian educators from across the metro area are welcome. Meetings are held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove. Lunch is provided, with a suggested \$5 donation. Contact Diane Marx at 763.420.5015 x 106 for more information.

**LACE (Lutheran Association of Christian Educators)**

Two Rivers Chapter of LACE has recently been formed in the Twin Cities area, and will meet at various locations on the first Thursday of each month. LACE is committed to creating a community for energizing and inspiring ELCA Christian educators through idea-sharing and support, resources, educational opportunities and nurturing spiritual growth. Contact chapter coordinator, Diane Shallue, for more information: 612.331.5988 or [dianes@ulch.org](mailto:dianes@ulch.org).

**Twin Cities Urban Youth Ministry Network**

Urban youth workers and pastors meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9 – 10:15 AM at Luther Seminary. This Network focuses on collaborative ministries and action items relative to ministry with youth in the urban setting. Anyone who is an urban youth minister or has a heart for urban youth ministry is invited to participate. For more information contact Lonna Field at [lonna\\_field@yahoo.com](mailto:lonna_field@yahoo.com).

**(If you are part of a children's or youth ministry network that is not listed, please contact the synod office so it can be included in the future.)**

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