

## Youth and Family Ministry Happenings

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EXTRAVAGANZA 2010 • CHARLOTTE, NC

Registration has opened for the Extravaganza 2010

February 4-8, 2010, Westin Hotel — Charlotte, North Carolina

The Extravaganza is an annual 4-day conference that draws together anywhere from 500-700 adults who work with youth in congregations of the ELCA for the premier renewal, education and networking event of our church. It is for the professional and the volunteer. It is for the old and the young. It is for the urban, the suburban and the rural. It is for pastors, it is for laypeople. It is for all who share in the adventure we call youth and family ministry. For more information visit [www.elcaymnet.org/extravaganza](http://www.elcaymnet.org/extravaganza). Early Bird registration is \$239 for members (this does not include housing, transportation or meals).

**Advent Retreat at Briarwood, December 5-6, 2009**

You are invited to bring your 4th through 6th graders to Briarwood on December 5th and 6th for the "Tis the Season" Advent Retreat. This year we will explore Advent by exploring the "seasons" — the Season of Lights, the Season of Gifts, the Season of Songs, and the Season of Feasting. For more information visit [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org). Cost is \$60.

**One Way Street Inc. — Puppet Ministry Festival — November 20-21, 2009 — DeSoto, TX**



One Way Street Sponsors about 35 regional Puppet Ministry Festivals across the USA. These Friday night and all day Saturday events feature workshops, performances, competition, demonstrations, excitement, and a spiritual challenge. This event is for both beginners and advanced puppeteers. For more information visit [www.onewaystreet.com](http://www.onewaystreet.com). Early Bird registration is \$32.

**Group's Simply Youth Ministry Conference — February 26—March 1, 2010 — Chicago, IL**

This conference is designed for anyone who touches the lives of students. With over 100 in-depth sessions and breakouts, there's relevant training for every shape and size student ministry. There will be keynotes from Doug Fields, Duffy Robbins, and Derwin Gray. For more information visit [www.youthministry.com/conference](http://www.youthministry.com/conference). Early Bird Registration is \$359 before 10/31 (this does not include housing, transportation or meals).

**Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention — November 20-23, 2009 — Atlanta, GA**

This convention offers general sessions featuring inspiring speakers, unforgettable worship, comedy and drama. The delegates will have more than 75 power-packed seminars to choose from, offering the training they need on the issues they're facing. This event is for youthworkers (anyone who works with middle school or high school students). This includes pastors, directors and volunteer staff. It is made up of a wide range of ages, backgrounds and denominations. For more information visit [www.nywc.com](http://www.nywc.com). Registration is \$375 (this does not include housing, transportation or meals).



### Save the Date!

**LYO Sr. High Gathering**

**January 15-17, 2010**

**Featuring:**

**Agape (David Scherer)**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, North  
Dallas**

### Journeys for Youth and Young Adults

Looking for information about Servant Events, Hunger and Justice Programs, High Adventure in the Outdoors? The ELCA Outdoor Ministries offices produces a resource called "Journeys". In it you can find experiences that can encourage lifelong learning, enthusiasm and commitment to service, ongoing faith development, self-confidence, and a stronger sense of community among participants. Find a program NOW for next summer by taking a look at the Journeys Guidebook at [www.elca.org/growing-in-faith/ministry/outdoor-ministry.aspx](http://www.elca.org/growing-in-faith/ministry/outdoor-ministry.aspx) under "Journeys for Youth and Young Adults".



### Baobab Blast: God's Great Get-Together

"Baobab Blast" is the new VBS curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. It is an open invitation to be a part of God's Great Get-Together. Set under the impressive baobab tree, kids will have the opportunity to hear the word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, and be a part of a supportive community. Check it out at [www.thevbsplace.org](http://www.thevbsplace.org). Order your Starter Kit or Super Starter Kit by December 31, 2009 and save 15%!











