

SEPT/OCT/NOV 2008



SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
SYNOD ELCA

YOUTH WORKERS UNITE

In Memory of Bishop John H. K. Schreiber

NEW FACE IN TOWN!

Greetings, peace and power to you all! Some of you I have met already, some of you may not even know I exist.

I am Kimberly A. Vaughn, the new Director of Youth Ministry for Southeast Michigan Synod. Previously, Jenn Millsbaugh held this position, but Jenn and her husband have headed for the great southwest U.S.

I graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago this past May with a Master of Divinity degree. I am awaiting a parish call in this synod, to be ordained.

I grew up in Cleveland, did all sorts of lay ministry all over Ohio, including ministry with youth. I've also lived in Minneapolis, Chicago and now Detroit!

My background includes a BA in history and courses in urban studies. I have an urban ministry certification, worked as a legal secretary, and did stints with Arby's, Cleveland Browns and Indians. My passions are preaching, relaxing, armchair sports, my nieces and nephews, and peace and justice issues.

Call or email me at any time. God bless!

Here, you are first.
Here, your needs
are considered.
Here, you have a voice.

In order to equip, challenge
and encourage, we unite.

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ARE YOU A "ONE" LUTHERAN?

The ONE campaign is a new effort to rally Americans, ONE by ONE, to work to end poverty in our world and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, which have been endorsed by 180 countries, including the United States

If you've seen or heard

Bono of U-2, you'll have heard him promoting this campaign.

Now, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is also promoting the ONE campaign. People all over the world are sporting the white ONE wristbands to show their commitment to ending pov-

erty.

As the SE Michigan synod, we have set the goal to become a ONE synod, with as many Lutherans as possible joining the campaign.

Check out what your youth group can do by going to www.elca.org/advocacy, or www.one.org

UPCOMING EVENTS September-November 2008

- 09.14 **LYO BOARD MEETING**
Zion Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor
Contact Chris Ziemann 248.310.6868
- 09.14 **DRAKE FUNDRAISER CONCERT FOR MICHILUCA**
Picnic 12 noon; Concert 2:00 p.m.
Prince of Peace, Palmyra
Contact Church Office: 734.722.1735
- 09.15 **NEW ORLEANS ELCA GATHERING REGISTRATION OPENS!!!**
Contact Kimberly Vaughn 313.821.1055
ELCA Contact 1.800.638.3522 or visit: <http://archive.elca.org/youth/gathering.html>
- 09.21 **ROAD RALLY BENEFIT FOR LIVING WATERS MINISTRIES**
Iroquois-Christ, Detroit, 12:30-7:00 pm
Contact: Carlene Jarvis: 248.669.1753, Kellie S.:248.568.6119 or www.livingwater.com
- 09.25 **YWU-EAST ZONE**
Wildflowers Café - Macomb
Contact: Kimberly Vaughn 313.618.9809
- 09.27 **GATHERING CORE COMMITTEE MEETING**
10am—12noon
Holiday Inn, Lansing
- 09.30 **YWU-WEST ZONE**
6-9pm
St. George, Brighton
Contact Lisa Jeffreys 810.229.6670, ext. 105
- 10.17-10.18 **SE MICHIGAN SYNOD CHURCH DAYS**
Zion, Ann Arbor
Contact: SE Michigan Synod 313.821.1055
- 10.23 **YWU-EAST ZONE**
12 noon
Wildflowers Café—Macomb
Contact: Kimberly Vaughn 313.618.9809
- 10.28 **YWU-WEST ZONE**
6-9 p.m.
Zion, Ann Arbor
Contact Chris Ziemann 248.310.6868
- 11.6-11.8 **CSLYOPs CONFERENCE FOR LYO PRESIDENTS**
Fayetteville, Arkansas
Contact: Kimberly Vaughn 313.618.9809
- 11.10-11.11 **CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S NEW DIRECTIONS INTERFAITH CONFERENCE**
Marriott, Pontiac
Contact: Kimberly Vaughn 313.618.9809 or CYO at 313.963.7172
- 11.13-11.14 **YOUTH MINISTERS' RETREAT**
MiChiLuCa
Contact: Pastor Julie Bailey, NW Lower Michigan Synod,
- 11.25 **YWU-WEST ZONE**
Grace, Howell
Contact: Karen Warsop 517.546.3350

RESOURCES

Unity Within the Family of Abraham

NEW DIRECTIONS, NEW CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE 2008 AN OPEN INVITATION FROM CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion (MRDI), along with the Catholic Youth Organization of the Archdiocese of Detroit (CYO) is sponsoring an exciting 2-day event for youth workers to explore the rich diversity that is shared between Christians, Muslims and Jews. The purpose is "to better prepare our youth to live and play in our richly diverse world with a spirit of understanding, appreciation, respect, and harmony for all God's children."

A conference called "New Directions New Connections 2008" is being held at the Marriott Pontiac Centerpoint on November 10-11, 2008, and there is an open invitation to youth workers across Southeast Michigan to attend. Conversations on PEACE, JUSTICE, and RECONCILIATION will be moderated by speakers from all three faith traditions. "Mega-sessions" will introduce participants to the basics of each religion. There will also be a number of workshops.

In Southeast Michigan, where there is so much religious diversity, there can also be tension, misunderstanding and fear. We have a unique opportunity to provide our communities with the tools needed in the 21st century to understand and address this diversity, and to build bridges of understanding and mutuality with youth of other faith traditions as well as from other Christian traditions.

Registrations must be made with CYO by **October 1, 2008**, and hotel registrations by **October 13, 2008!!!** Participants have the opportunity to attend the whole conference or just one day, if that works best. **Questions???** Contact the Catholic Youth Organization at: 313.963.7172 or visit their website at: www.cyodetroit.org.

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**may integrity
and uprightness
protect me,
because my hope,
Lord, is in You.
Psalm 25:21**



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