

## **This week at ECLC – Sept 1, 2021**

**INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH AN ASYLUM-SEEKING FAMILY? THIS TRAINING IS FOR YOU!** ECLC is part of an inter-faith group that will support Shepherd of The Hills Lutheran Church in Hopkins as they house an asylum-seeking family in their converted parsonage this fall. The group is ACT-TC (Asylum Coalition for Transition-Twin Cities). ACT-TC is hosting three training sessions that will be conducted by International Association for Refugees. If you are *even thinking* about helping out, we encourage you to visit ECLC's website <https://www.eclc.org/immigration> to find more details. The timing is NOW, as the first session is Thursday, Sept. 7 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. It will be both in-person and on Zoom. Registration is important so we can be prepared.

**HELP CONNECT ECLC TO MINNESOTA FREEDOM FUND!** MN Freedom Fund, which pays criminal bail and immigration bonds for those who cannot otherwise afford to as one way to end discriminatory jailing is seeking a champion from ECLC. Engage ECLCers in their mission by serving as ECLC's Mission Partner Liaison now through August 2022! This is a small leadership role that is flexible to your schedule and fully supported by Deacon Lauren. Contact her to learn more on taking a small role with a big justice impact!

**HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE:** Lutheran Disaster Response is assessing damage caused by Category 4 Hurricane Ida across Louisiana and Mississippi right now. We invite your prayers for the many affected communities. You can learn more about LDR's work and make a financial donation [here](#).

**POLICY WEBINAR ON PALESTINE with Minnesota Rep. Betty McCollum** ECLC's mission partner Bright Stars of Bethlehem is offering an opportunity to learn more about potential actions included in U.S. legislation that addresses ways to defend the human rights of Palestinian children and families living under Israeli military occupation. On Wednesday, September 8 at 11 am, *Bright Stars* hosts a discussion with Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum, who introduced this legislation, H.R. 2590. *Bright Stars* is an endorsing organization of the legislation, along with more than 100 civil society organizations. To join us for the Sept. 8 webinar [REGISTER HERE](#) Questions? Contact Bright Stars Mission Partner Liaison Carla C.

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### **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES – Registration and Orientation Information**

Thank you for taking the time to register and for your ongoing commitment to growing love and justice at God's welcome table and in the world. Your registration is a sign of hope and helps inform ministry. Even if you're uncertain what faith formation looks like this year, please register your family, and/or as a teacher or small group leader for ECLC children, youth & families.

**Youth Bonfire + S'mores** Wednesday, September 8, 7pm, lower west parking lot. With the start of a new school year and pumpkin spice lattes, the fall season is quickly approaching and we want to join in on the fun with the best fall activity... The Bonfire! All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to come and enjoy each other's company and learn more about what's in store for youth ministry this year at ECLC!

**Family Picnic and Orientation for Children and Families** Wednesday, September 15, 5:30pm, lower west parking lot. Bring your own picnic and blankets/lawn chairs as we meet our Sunday School leaders and learn more about the year ahead.

**Mark your calendars for Confirmation Campfire Orientation + S'mores!** Gather around the campfire in our lower west parking lot, roast a s'more, and learn more about confirmation this year. We can't wait to see you!

Wednesday, September 15, 6:30pm – 9<sup>th</sup> graders (and parents)

Wednesday, September 22, 6:30pm – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (and parents)