

## STAGE EVENT CALENDAR

**September 13:** 4:30 p.m. STAGE Family Cookout & American Ninja Warrior-ish Games @ Cana Lutheran

**September 20:** Regular STAGE Meetings at Cana Lutheran

**September 27:** Regular STAGE Meetings at Cana Lutheran

**October 4:** Regular STAGE Meetings at Cana Lutheran

**October 11:** Sunday Morning STAGE Presentations (9:00 a.m. @ Cana Lutheran, 9:45 a.m. @ Good Shepherd Lutheran, 11:00 a.m. @ Greenfield Presbyterian)  
Regular STAGE Meetings

**October 18:** 2:00 p.m. Trick or Trunk @ GPC (children arrive at 3:00 p.m.)

**October 23:** 7:00 p.m. STAGE 1 & 2 "Goosebumps" Lock-In @ Good Shepherd Lutheran

**October 25:** 4:30 p.m. STAGE 1 & 2 Combined @ Cana (Bigger & Better)

**November 1:** Regular STAGE Meetings at Cana Lutheran

**November 8:** 3:00 p.m. STAGE 1 & 2 "Lasertag & Leaf-Raking" @ Song & Spirit Inst.

**November 15:** Regular STAGE Meetings at Cana Lutheran

**November 21:** 5:00 p.m. STAR WARS Movie Night Fundraiser @ Cana Lutheran

**November 22:** 4:30 p.m. STAGE 1 & 2 Combined @ Cana (Homelessness Simulation)

**November 29:** NO STAGE

**December 6:** Regular STAGE Meetings at Cana Lutheran

**December 11:** 7:00 p.m. STAGE 2 Christmas Lock-In @ Cana Lutheran  
Summer Mission Trip Deposit DUE

**December 13:** Cookie Sale Fundraiser on Sunday Morning  
6:00 p.m. STAGE 1 & 2 Christmas Caroling @ Greenfield Presbyterian

**December 19:** 6:00 p.m. STAGE Alumni Dinner & White Elephant Party

## IMPORTANT LONG-RANGE DATES

**January 31:** STAGE Youthled Worship @ Cana Lutheran

**April 17:** Soup & Salad Concert Fundraiser @ Cana Lutheran

**May 7:** Flower Sale Fundraiser Pick-up @ Greenfield Presbyterian Church

**June 27-30:** FROG Week (STAGE 1)

**July 17:** Mission Trip Week Begins (STAGE 2)

**July 28-30:** Bass Lake Fest

**SYC WHO?** The SYC (STAGE Youth Council) is made up of volunteers from all of our Sponsoring churches. They help communicate news, plan events and fundraisers, and are a support system for the director, Nathan.

Say hello to your SYC rep when you get the chance!

They are from **Cana Lutheran:** Kelley Smith, Nancy McChesney, Jan Flessland

**Greenfield Presbyterian:** Barney Bourgeois, Desirée Rinkel, Paul Dunkerly

**Good Shepherd Lutheran:** Kelly Chadwick, Jim & Brandi Danaher

**S.T.A.G.E.**  
Youth Ministry

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## Youth Ministry

FALL 2015

Newsletter

*Come One, Come All. STAGE is ready to rock!*

**STAGE** this season is going to be goofy, groovy, geeky, scary, serve-y, and even a little ninja-y at times. If you're a veteran of the youth group you'll recognize things on the calendar like the **Christmas Lock-in**, the **Leaf-Raking Project**, or the **Summer Presentations** (where we share our **STAGE** mission experiences with all our sponsoring congregations on a Sunday morning). But even the regulars will see some exciting new events and projects coming up. This year we are having a few more special **STAGE 1 & 2** combined events. One is a "**Goosebumps**" **Lock-in** where the theme is all about gross-out scripture moments. And yes, we'll play a bunch of wonderfully corny *Goosebumps* episodes from the 90s.

There are other great combined events like a **Homelessness Simulation** (LARP!) and the **Bigger & Better Challenge** that you'll not want to miss. Also, I should let you know that your inner geek will get a chance to live long and prosper during the month of November. We'll take a look at the Geeky Gospel and even throw a big **Star Wars Episode IV Movie Night & Fundraiser**. So post the calendar on your fridge and spread the word. **STAGE**, the place for awesome youth to hang out and ask God anything, is ready to rock!

## STAGE Family Cookout & American Ninja Warrior-ISH Games

- **September 13:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. @ Cana Lutheran Church  
**ALL OF S.T.A.G.E. Youth + PARENTS** should attend.
- Icebreakers like American Ninja Warrior-ISH games and more as one big **STAGE** group.
- Pre-register for fun events, service projects, and other youth-group programs.
- Parents, connect with one another and get the scoop on **STAGE** this season.

After September 13, we will start our regular Sunday Meeting schedule at Cana's youth room, which is as follows:

- 4:30 p.m. **STAGE 1** – Mid-Highs Meet
- 6:00 p.m. **Cast-Party** (\$3 dinner for STAGE 1 & 2)
- 6:30 p.m. **STAGE 2** – Senior Highs Meet

## Summer Presentations!

- **October 11:** 9:00 a.m. @ Cana Lutheran, 9:45 a.m. @ Good Shepherd Lutheran, 11:00 a.m. @ Greenfield Presbyterian  
During Sunday worship, the youth (S1 & S2) from all the churches will come together to share stories and highlights from the summer during our FROG and the Mission Trip experiences. We'll meet on Sunday morning at the first church and all carpool together to the second and third services. Parents, we will arrange the church bus to shuttle the kids. Come early for awesome donuts!  
**PS: Hundreds of pictures from our summer can be found at [flickr.com/stageyouth](https://www.flickr.com/stageyouth)**

## Trick or Trunk

- **October 18:** 2:00 p.m. @ Greenfield Presbyterian (community children arrive at 3:00 p.m.). Children dress in their favorite costumes and trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. STAGE youth will be helping to pass out candy, lead games, and "trick out" our official STAGEmobile. If you have questions or would like to decorate your car too, email Cindy at a [CindyBlakely@gmail.com](mailto:CindyBlakely@gmail.com)

## Goosebumps Lock-In

- **October 23:** 7:00 p.m. @ Good Shepherd, RO STAGE 1 & 2 (Grades 6-12)  
Sleeping optional! This lock-in is all about gross-out scripture moments. And yes, we'll play a bunch of wonderfully corny Goosebumps episodes from the 90s. **Cost \$3** or snack to share. Invite a friend or two!

## Bigger & Better Challenge

- **October 25:** 4:30 p.m. @ Cana Lutheran, STAGE 1 & 2 Combined  
Challenge: You're broken into teams and given a paperclip and one hour to work with. Can you trade up with complete strangers for something bigger or better? A few years ago we tried this and ended up with some pretty wild things (a 7 ft. poster of Jethro Tull?!) and I bet we can come up with some impressive items once again! Invite your friends for this special STAGE event! **PARENTS:** We'll need volunteers to help lead this program.

## Lasertag & Leaf-Raking

- **November 8:** 3:00 p.m. @ Song & Spirit Institute & Laser Warp STAGE 1 & 2 (Grades 6-12)  
Fall **FUN & SERVICE!** We'll start with a leaf-raking service project at the Song & Spirit Institute (2599 Harvard Rd., Berkley). After raking we will carpool to Laser Warp in Madison Heights for some laser tag fun. Pizza is included! Bring a rake and **\$8** in your pocket. **PARENTS:** We'll need volunteers to help chaperon/drive.

## STAR WARS Movie Night STAGE Youth Fundraiser Event

- **November 21:** 5:00 p.m. @ Cana Lutheran  
With just a month before the release of JJ Abram's new STAR WARS movie, we'll be hosting a big screening party of the classic Episode IV, "A New Hope." At 5:00 p.m. we'll have a STAR WARS Carnival with galactic games, Jedi crafts, Skywalker snacks and more! At 6:00 p.m. the movie will officially begin on the big screen as well as in the youth room. This is a family friendly event and the church nursery will be staffed if people would like to take advantage of it. Bring your friends and neighbors!

## Homelessness Simulation

- **November 22:** 4:30 p.m. @ Cana Lutheran, STAGE 1 & 2 Combined  
What would it be like to not have a place to stay tonight? For one hour you'll be given a new identity and the challenge of trying to find shelter. This fun and powerful simulation will be an opportunity to see the very real support systems, or lack thereof, our society has to offer the most vulnerable of our neighbors. **PARENTS:** We'll need volunteers to help lead this program.

## STAGE 2 Christmas Lock-In (for grades 8-12)

- **Friday, December 11:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. @ Cana Lutheran  
**BRING:** Cookie Dough, Snack to Share, & a random White Elephant Gift  
Sleeping optional! Stay up playing games, making Christmas cookies for the big STAGE fundraiser the following Sunday, and sharing white elephant gifts! Contact Nathan at [stageyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stageyouth@gmail.com) for questions, details, and permission slip.  
**IMPORTANT:** This is when your Summer Mission Trip deposit is **DUE** for 2016. Also, if you want to earn \$\$\$ for the summer mission trip, make sure you're at this lock-in (at least until midnight) to make luminaries and cookies with us!

## Christmas Caroling

- **December 13:** 6:00 p.m. @ Greenfield Presbyterian, STAGE 1 & 2  
Share some joy with shut-ins and neighbors this Christmas season! All Middle & High Schoolers are welcome.

## STAGE Alumni Dinner & White Elephant Party

- **December 19:** 6:00 p.m. @ Nathan's House  
STAGE has been around for over 15 years and a lot of people have been shaped by the crazy/fun/meaningful things that the youth group has done. This will be an evening to get in touch with your old STAGE friends and advisors to catch up, share favorite memories, and nostalgically exchange ridiculous White Elephant gifts!