

## Celebrating Scout-Guide Week February 16–23, 2014



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Consider the ways your congregation might get involved in Guiding and Scouting as an expression of youth ministry:

- Offer a prayer of thanks for the leaders in the Scouting and Guiding movements. These leaders are people who give of their time to help youth grow. Give thanks for their love of God, their commitment to working with youth and the many ways they express their faith through actions.
- Send a note of thanks to your local Scout and Guide leaders.
- Nominate a leader you know for the Lamb Award (contact Rev. Diegel for more information: [ve3psd@rac.ca](mailto:ve3psd@rac.ca)). Through this award, the Lutheran Council in Canada recognizes excellence in leadership to Guiding, Scouting, and the church.
- Support youth in achieving the Religion in Life Award (<http://www.scouts.ca/vstk/pdf/ril/ril-lutheran.pdf>). This award is designed to help youth explore their relationship with God and their church, with requirements appropriate to different age levels and abilities. Through faith awareness and intentional service, this award encourages spirited discipleship.
- Provide space for a Scout or Guide group.
- Become a sponsoring congregation. Following the "Mission, Principles and Method" of Scouting, sponsors can offer a local outreach to youth. (<http://www.scouts.ca/ca/values>)

*—Rev. Michael Diegel, 20th Faith Brantford ON, life member*

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