

Helping youth groups,  
individuals and the churches  
in Slovakia.

2016

# Information sheet

September -  
October

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say,  
Rejoice.

Philippians 4,4

Community of Lutheran  
youth group



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## 1. Evangelisches Jugendfestival Volkenroda

The service in SEM frequently brings moments when you need to pack your stuff up, load it into a car and hit the road. Sometimes you need to travel only few kilometres but sometimes you also need to cross the borders of Slovakia. This happened during the September when 9 of us loaded our favourite red Toyota and travelled to the small village called Volkenroda (Germany) to the festival of Lutheran youth. This place became our new home for the next two days. There we served to young people through our Helping Hand activities. It was not always easy because of different language and mentality. But it was a precious time for us, when we got to know better ourselves, our goals, service and much more. We believe that our service brought more than fun during water football or in zorbing balls. We believe that God used us to spread the Gospel and His light for people in Volkenroda.

Janka Lukáčová.



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## EVS VOLUNTEERS 2016/2017

Slovakia became a new home for 6 young volunteers who have decided to leave their families and friends and spent 11 months in our country.



## EVS VOLUNTEERS 2016/2017:



Victoria is 28 years old and she comes from Brest in Belarus. Before her coming to Slovakia she worked as a psychologist and a lecturer at the school for youth workers within the YMCA Brest. She works in OC Púchov here in Slovakia.

Interesting facts about Victoria: She speaks Russian, Belarussian, English and Polish. She also loves to read books.



Katrin is 18 and she comes from Gütersloh in Germany. She used to help in local YMCA with kids and teenagers at home. She works in OC Púchov and she helps with youth in Lazy pod Makytou. Katrin also teaches German in school. An interesting fact about Katrin: she loves second-hands.



Jacob is 19 years old and he comes from Quilcene, in Washington, USA. He used to help with scout camps and he was a fire-fighter at home. He serves in OC Púchov, teaches English in schools and helps with youth in the area of Púchov. Jacob loves driving cars, fishing, picking mushrooms and he loves to serve God.



Nils is 18 years old and he comes from Hamburg area in Germany. He used to work with scouts at home and he continues with this service also in Slovakia with Royal rangers. He also helps with youth in Záriečie. Nils likes reading books, outdoors activities and playing volleyball.



Adrian is 18 years old and he comes from Weingarten in Germany. He used to help with local youth service. He lives in Dolný Kubín and serves in OC Orava- Liptov now. He works in a club Garáž, teaches German in schools and helps with youth works. He likes sports.



Florian is 18 years old and he comes from Damstadt in Germany. He used to help with youth service too. He lives in Dolný Kubín and serves in OC Orava- Liptov now. He also works in a club Garáž, teaches German in schools and helps with youth work. He likes sports especially volleyball, tennis and running.

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Správa partnerschaf konsultation

### PARTNERSCHAF KONSULTATION REPORT

Wittenberg Evangelical Lutheran Church's Partnership Consultation was held on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation from September 22 to 27, 2016. The representatives of 25 partnership churches and organizations from all over the world participated in the Consultation. The main idea of this meeting was to bring people from different countries and cultural or religious backgrounds together to make new friendships and partnerships, and to talk about themes connecting them. All of this in a spirit of the biblical truth from Ephesians 4; 15: "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." The General bishop Miloš Klátik was the representative of Slovakia and Miroslav Mudrák attended the Partnership Consultation on behalf of SEM (The Community of Lutheran Youth).

Then, the EJW-World-Service-Partner-Meeting took place from September 28 to 30, 2016. EJW (Evangelisches Jugendwerk in Württemberg) is a longtime partnership organization of SEM. The delegates of Sudan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Eritrea and Palestine participated in the EJW meeting together with SEM representing the Slovak Republic. We were learning about the foreign churches and their projects as well as searching for the possibilities of cooperation with each other. Personally, that was the time when I could experience the diversity of faith in many different (not only Christian) surroundings and realize how thankful we should be for freedom of religion in our country. This meeting encouraged me to go deeper in my service within my own church and in the international collaboration too.

Miroslav Mudrák - ECAV Púchov.



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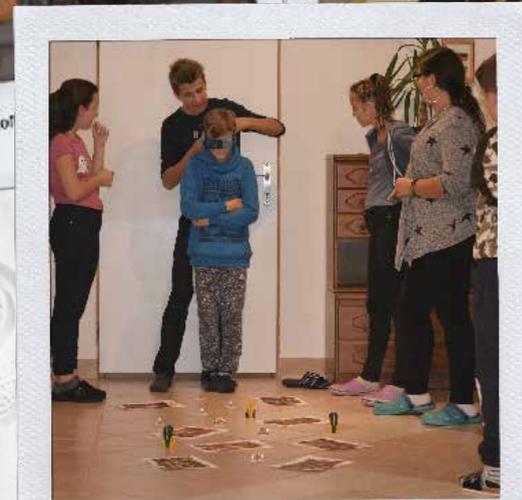
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## CONFIRMATION WEEKENDS 2016



Konfivikendovka 2016

At the turn of September and October confirmands from Košice and Šariš-zemplín seniority visited Veľký Slavkov for special confirmation weekend named "Have you met Him?" Three days full of stories about people who've met Jesus, worship songs, testimonies, activities, games and amazing time together. Even though we come from different places and churches we could spend an amazing time together. We built new friendships and got an unforgettable experience. This was the last confirmation weekend in 2016. We are looking forward for new confirmation weekend full of new experiences in spring.



Konfivikendovka 2016

### SUMMARIZATION OF CONFIRMATION WEEKENDS 2016

- 1.4.-3.4. 2016 Myjava seniorate, participants: 84
- 8.4.-10.4.2016 Hont and Novohrad seniorate, participants: 55
- 8.4.-10.4.2016 Inside confirmation weekend, participants: 56
- 15.4.-17.4.2016 Turiec and Považie seniorate, participants: 116
- 6.5.-8.5.2016 Rimava and Zvolen seniorate, participants: 69
- 15.5.-17.5.2016 Inside confirmation weekend, participants: 76
- 27.5.-29.5.2016 Turiec - second part of seniorate, participants: 67
- 29.-1.10.2016 Košice and Šariš-Zemplín seniorate, participants: 43

5.

MEETING OF SEM PRESIDENCY

Members of the SEM presidency, council of Elders and several of our co-workers met since 7th to 8th October in the MEMC Veľký Slavkov. We discussed the situation of SEM and its future. Together we evaluated the current operation, events and our mission work. We also talked about upcoming events such as SEM Conference or Semfest.

The other topic of the meeting was financial situation. However this meeting wasn't only about work. We also had time for Bible study, worship and prayers. Thank God for such a precious time.

Veronika Prídavková.



6.

MEETING OF YOUTH GROUPS LEADERS

In days 14th - 16th October 2016 in Veľký Slavkov met 65 leaders and helping leaders of youth groups from all over Slovakia. They attended weekend prepared specifically for them. More than 30 churches from Slovakia had here their representatives. The meeting was about a verse found in Colossians (Col 4:5): "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.". During program were presented two main evening themes by Olinka Šimčeková and Dušan Bruncko. As well as these themes there also were few workshops, especially on Saturday, and activities which were prepared by EDS volunteers (Florian and Nils). On Saturday afternoon, meetings of groups took place during which their members could talk and get to know each other, share their youth group problems and their experiences. In the evening, those who were interested, could visit EXTRA workshops (girl workshop and boy workshop), where they could freely share experiences about „training“ girls and boys in becoming women and men.

We believe this time was beneficial for everyone who attended it.

Veronika Prídavková.

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## MAN TO MAN IS BEGINNING AGAIN!



Man to Man

Man to man is a SEM program, during which younger men are taught God's truths, views, responsibilities and missions, by elder brothers. This year 16 boys attended M2M. There will be eight meetings throughout this school year and boys will talk mainly about God's purpose in creation of man, identity of men, their responsibilities, sexual purity, and attitude to woman etc. We hope, our faith is going to grow and form us into God's men. During meetings we don't just study Bible, but we also do some work and sport.

Ján Vahalec.

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## NEW YEAR WITH DVK

In this school year we successfully opened new class of training course DVK (Perfect in Jesus) with 17 students from all over Slovakia. We are so happy that they want to uncover the secrets of God's word and practically use their gifts and knowledge. First meeting took place in Gerlachov (21st - 22nd October 2016). It was focused on getting to know each other as well as on Bible study about calling disciples into their service.

This project or particular student can be supported by prayer or by financial donation, thank you!

You can donate project DVK online (in the notes write: DVK):  
<http://old.sem.sk/sem/darcovstvo/> or you can donate on our bill:

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Ján Vecan.



Nový ročník DVK



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## What are we preparing:

### 1. SEM conference

This year you can also look forward to SEM conference which will take place in youth group centre MEMC Ichthys in Veľký Slávkov. Conference will happen in 17th - 20th November 2016 and the main theme will be "The Sword of the Spirit". Closer information and registration forms you may find online: <http://old.sem.sk/konferencia2016/>

### 2. General meeting

Traditionally this meeting will take place during SEM conference, and we are inviting all representatives of youth groups, which have membership in SEM. It is happening on Saturday 19th November 2016 at 14.00. Part of the program is introducing plan of SEM activities in 2017, presentation of the budget and open discussion.

### 3. Around the Table with SEM

SEM representatives will participate online discussion "Around the Table" on Monday 7th November 2016 at 20.00. The topic will be work with the youth, practical information and experiences. Anyone may sign in on online address, where he can find further information: [www.pristole.lutheran.sk](http://www.pristole.lutheran.sk). If you want to know more visit <https://blog.lutheran.sk/pri-stole-so-semakmi/>

Veronika Prídavková.

### 4. Information for Members of SEM

The end of the year 2016 is closer and closer and so is obligation to update list of members of SEM. Thereby we ask you to help us with it and update personal information within your youth group. We will make sure we will contact the representative of your youth group or your priest. If it has not happened yet or you are not members of SEM, please, contact us on email:

[lukacova@sem.sk](mailto:lukacova@sem.sk)

With this service you can help us with our next work. Thank you!

Janka Lukáčová.

# MEČ DUCHA

17-20.11. 2016

VEĽKÝ SLAVKOV



KONFERENCIA SEM



## God loves a cheerful giver

Working in SEM is often timewise and financially difficult. We try to help many activities financially from our sources, so it is not too hard for individuals, which attend SEM activities. That is why we talk to those, that want to help with our activity. You can do it easily, through online donations on our web: [old.sem.sk/sem/darcovstvo/](http://old.sem.sk/sem/darcovstvo/) or our donation account SK71 1100 0000 0029 2989 4237

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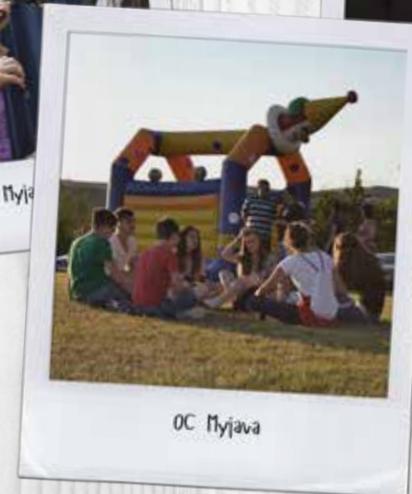
...lebo ochotného darcu miluje Boh.  
1.Kor.9:7

## CLUB ISKEJP412

### History and intention

At the beginning there were just “meetings of youngsters”, that were created mainly because, in Myjava seniorat ECAV (MYS) were youth groups made out of 3-5 people. More of us saw the need to encourage each other as youth groups in faith. We were inspired by meetings from places, where we studied a later we decided, that we should do something similar in MYS. Friends from OC SEM Púchov helped us. They were already preparing E-club. They allowed us to go through whole know-how and from the beginning they dealt with the whole realization and problem. Throughout time we started to participate in preparation and realization of this club until we knew how to manage it alone.

Since November 2009 we help youth groups in MYS. We are young people, that God talked to and made us as answer to prayers of many people not only from MYS. Our hope is, that more and more people from our region get to know Jesus Christ personally as their one and only true Savior. And then spread the Good news and ways of saving in Jesus Christ.



## Why ISKEJP412?

Maybe you don't understand this name, allow us then, to explain.

English word escape means to run away from something. After adjusting phonetic transcription we created word iskejp, in which we wrote 2nd and 3rd sound with capital letters. SK means Acts in Slovakia language. The 412 means place of a verse: "And in no other is there salvation: for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, through which we may have salvation." (Acts 4, 12). The name iSKejp412 we want to tell, that there is a possible way to escape death and that is only through faith in Jesus Christ.



## What we do?

Together we prepare meetings like: Club iSKejp412; Sports Olympiad - iSKejp412 games, Youth church, missionary day, evening of word and music. All these meetings are only tools and music, games, sport, relationships, seminars are supporting means for Good news.

## Who?

Many people changed over time. Someone came someone left. Nowadays is our community made from 11 people. Sometimes we can serve God with other people also.

