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Northeastern Iowa Synod Youth Ministry

Dear Friends,

More than 200 youth and their adult leaders engaged in service projects in Waverly last Saturday as a part of the Jesus, Justice, Jazz concert at Wartburg College.

Bands, Service Projects

October 11 at Luther College there will be another concert preceded by a Kickball Tournament and followed by a "Justice Fair."

Sports, Display, Music

October 19 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls there will be a College Fair with about 15 of the Colleges and Universities of the Church present.

Colleges of the Church

I guess it just goes to show that Jesus, Justice Jazz is not over but just beginning in Northeastern Iowa with bands, service, sports displays and colleges.

Keep in Touch,

Pastor Mark

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Upcoming Events

2009

Oct 1

Synod Youth Ministry

Network First, Cresco

Concert

- & Kickball Tournament



Musical artists AGAPE, LOST AND FOUND, and RACHEL KURTZ are on tour to help change the world. Join them for a powerful and exciting evening of music, storytelling, and encouragement in your journey of faith.

Prior to the event, the artists are challenging each participant to bring at least \$20 to support ELCA World Hunger. These donations plus ticket costs and kickball tournament fees will also be counted towards the \$1 million goal of the Youth Challenge.

Kickball Tournament (3:30 - 6:00 p.m.)

Register Online

Concert Information (7:00 p.m.)

Oct 4-6

Youth Leader Spiritual
Retreat

[Riverside LBC](#)

October 11

Jesus Justice Jazz tour
at [Luther College](#) with
Kick Ball!

October 11

Safeguarding Training
at New Hope in [Farley](#) &
St. Paul in [Hampton](#)

October 19

Lutheran College Fair
St. John, Cedar Falls

October 23-24

*Middle School Lock-
in at UNI*

Lutheran College Fair



Monday, October 19, 2009

6:45pm - 9:00pm

Saint John Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, IA

6:45pm - 7:00pm Registration

7:00 - 7:30pm Financial Aid

November 12

Family Ministry "Swap
meet" First, Cresco,
6:00pm

November 14-15 Church
Youth Fest, Luther
College

2010

January 14

Family Ministry "Swap
Meet" St. John, Nashua

7:30-9:00pm College Fair

6:00pm

Church Youth Fest

Date: November 14-15, 2009

Grades: 9-12;

Cost: \$45.00 per youth, \$30.00 per adult includes housing, meals, workshops, fun, and a T-Shirt!

Location: [Luther College](#), Decorah, IA

Theme: "Love, Encourage, Provoke," Heb. 10:24-25

All the information you need is available at <http://ministry.luther.edu/cyf/>

Feb 4-8

Extravaganza
Charlotte, NC

March 7

Safeguarding Training at St. Paul in Monona and Our Savior in Osage

March 13-14

LYO Assembly

April 8

Family Ministry "Swap Meet"
Bethlehem, Cedar Falls,
6:00pm

The Middle School Lock-In Date Has Been Changed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Due to conditions, situations, communications, schedules and cataclysmic events beyond our control and the cause of our enormous frustration the date of the LSC-LYO Middle School Lock-In must be changed to **October 23-24, 2009.**

Registration Materials will be mailed soon.



LYO Board

The 2009-2010 LYO Board elected Dan Meyers from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly as it's

new President. Congratulations Dan!

Family Ministry Swap Meet

The Home Life Work Group's "Christian Formation Network" is offering four "Swap Meets" during this school year. A "Swap Meet" is an event where those interested in Christian Formation i.e. Sunday School teachers, Youth and Family Ministers, pastors, and parents can gather to "swap" resources, ideas experiences and crafts, to pass on the faith to the children of their home and congregation.

Nov 12: 6:00pm, First, Cresco - Advent Christmas Epiphany

Jan 14: 6:00pm, St. John, Nashua - Lent and Easter

April 8: 6:00pm, Bethlehem, Cedar Falls - Pentecost and VBS

August: Rally Day and Fall Curriculum

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What ELCA Hunger Appeal Says about the now complete "Tour de Revs..."

We have also already seen new financial giving inspired by the Tour. As of 9/3/2009, the total amount raised for ELCA World Hunger attributed to TdR is **\$175,348.33**. We are also confident that there were gifts made to ELCA World Hunger because of TdR that did not have any designation and thus were not directly attributable to TdR.

Giving to ELCA World Hunger in June is the **highest on record** and giving in July was the second highest in the last six years. June giving was nearly \$300,000 higher than the previous six year average for that month and July giving was nearly \$400,000 higher than the six year monthly average. This reverses a six month pattern of

reduced giving from previous years. It is impossible for us to know how much of this can be attributed to TdR, but clearly the inspiration and special event giving is part of the story. We are still receiving gifts regularly and are confident that the seeds planted by TdR, including the educational work, will grow and bear fruit in years to come. We are grateful to them.

LYO Web site: www.neiasynod.org/youth