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Useful Youth News Northeastern Iowa Synod

Start Thinking about Jazz!

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NETWORK NEWS

Mark's Comments:

LIVE Web Broadcast!

The next Synod [Youth Ministry Network](#) Gathering will be Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City Iowa at

10:00am, Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

What: A Pre-Event for the ELCA Youth Gathering: Jesus, Justice, Jazz

Who: This is an ideal Event for Leaders Considering taking youth to ELCA Youth Gathering, Youth thinking about attending, parents of those youth, & congregational leaders.

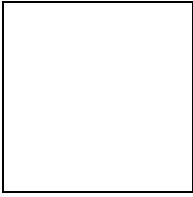
When: Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 1:30pm

at Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA in Mason City Iowa you can attend in person or attend by live broadcast on the web at:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/jesus%252Cjustice%252Cjazz-in-mason-city%252C-ia>

or simply go to www.neiasynod.org/youth

What: Mr. **Jason Wilkinson** the Texas-LA Gulf Coast Synod's New Orleans Area Youth Minister will speak about New Orleans, why we should attend the Gathering, the exciting opportunities for Christian Witness in New Orleans and much more. I will also be there to answer speak about the gathering and answer your



Gathering News

-emcee

Pastor Care For Youth

Emcee Application

The application for the emcee at the 2009 Gathering is way below. I don't have to tell you how cool it would be for the emcee to be from Northeastern Iowa! Please encourage your youth to apply.

Youth in Mission announces conference "Pastoral Care for Youth"- April 20-22, 2009

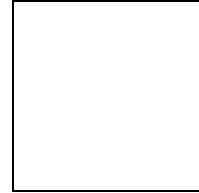
Chicago, Ill. – Youth in Mission ministry at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, invites both youth ministry workers and clergy to its first annual YIM Conference for Youth Ministry Workers April 20-22, 2009. The topic, "Pastoral Care for Youth," was identified by a survey of youth ministry workers as a topic which they thought needed more coverage in the youth ministry field.

The Keynote Speaker/Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Robert Dykstra, professor of pastoral care at Princeton Theological Seminary and author of several books including *Counseling Troubled Youth* and co-author of *Losers, Loners, and Rebels: The Spiritual Struggles of Boys*. Prof. Dykstra's colleague Kenda Creasy Dean said, "In addition to being one of the most popular and provocative teachers on campus (Prof. Dykstra's "Pastoral Care for Adolescents" course at the Princeton Seminary is legendary – and packed...every time he teaches it) Bob is a prophetic voice on behalf of students and young people in general...His own ministry has walked many, many young people into faith in Jesus Christ."

For more information on the conference including possible workshop topics, registration and housing information check out our website at <http://yim.lstc.edu/news/> or by calling 800-635-1116 ext. 725.

Church News

<http://www.elca.org/stewardship/PDFs/SOFIA/2008ELCAdollars.pdf>



Things to Write Down

- ☞ **May 18, 2008** [ELCA Youth Gathering Pre-Event](#), Mason City
- ☞ **June 13-15, 2008** Synod Assembly, [Wartburg College](#)
- ☞ **June 17, 2008** Youth Ministry Network at Trinity, Mason City
- ☞ **August 19, 2008** Youth Ministry Network at Bremwood
- ☞ **July 22-26, 2009** [ELCA Youth Gathering](#), New Orleans, LA

Position Opening

Half-time youth director (25 hours per week) at St. Petri Lutheran Church, Story City, IA beginning in August 2008 To work with kids in grades 7-12 If interested, call 515-733-4623 or email stpetri@storycity.net to receive a job description and further information. Applications, including cover letter, resume and letters of reference must be received by May 1.

"Youth Director needed to coordinate youth activities for grades 3-12 at Bergen Lutheran Church in Roland, IA. Seeking authenticity and availability. Part time/flexible (30 hours) hours. Contact 515-388-4047 for job description and more info."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Waverly, Iowa, is currently seeking a full-time Director of Family and Youth Ministry to establish faith-formation partnerships among church, home, school and community. The position is weighted heavily on interpersonal relationship skills, the ability to minister in a Lutheran context, and demonstrated leadership and organization skills. The Family and Youth Director will connect with the congregation's pre-school, ELCA Elementary School and provide leadership to committees implementing solid programming for families and youth. Waverly is located in Bremer County, recently rated as one of the top ten places to live in rural America, with a wide variety of cultural and leisure activities. The community is home to institutions with longtime ties to the congregation: Wartburg College, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Bremwood Campus and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. The office of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA is also located in Waverly. A copy of the

job description is available at www.stpaulswaverly.org
May 12th, 2008.

Deadline for applications is

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Pastor Mark A. Anderson
Assistant to the Bishop

Jesus Justice Jazz

2009 ELCA Youth Gathering
July 22-26, 2009

New Orleans, LA

WAKE UP! THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

One of the great things about our faith in Jesus Christ is the power of God to change the world one person at a time.

This could be your opportunity to change the world. Do we have your attention?
New Orleans, LA is preparing to host the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering,

“Jesus Justice Jazz.”

Imagine welcoming 36,000 high school students, just like yourself, in the Louisiana Superdome to the Youth Gathering. The Dome Creative Team is searching out the best, the brightest, the most creative of Lutheran high school and college students to become emcees for the two weeks of the gathering. So now that you’re paying *ATTENTION*...

HERE ARE THE DETAILS...

If you will be between the ages of 15 and 21 in July 2009, and you are available July 19-28, 2009 without interruption, we need an audition DVD or VHS Video from you with the following...

1. An introduction of you.
2. A mock introduction to the first night of the Youth Gathering including:
 - a. Welcome to New Orleans and the Youth Gathering
 - b. Opening Prayer
 - c. Introduction of Presiding Bishop
 - d. Thank the Bishop and introduce the band. (of your choice)
 - e. Thank the band.
 - f. Introduction of Speaker (of your choice)
3. Please share a (3-5 minute) retelling of an event or experience that impacted your life and/or faith. We would ask that you look into the camera and feel as if you are speaking to a close friend.

Your recording should be about 4 minutes. We would appreciate a presentation of the above using your own creative talents—make it memorable! Begin the DVD or VHS Video recording with an introduction of yourself followed by your mock introduction. Send your recording to the following address:

**Rev. Nancy J. Connor
Campus Ministry Office
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA 98447**

Please label the audition DVD or VHS Video with your name, address, phone number, and the title—Emcee Audition. All auditions need to be received in the Campus Ministry Office of PLU between the dates of July 1, 2008 and October 1, 2008. We are excited about the coming Gathering and look forward to receiving your recording.
DVD and VHS Video recordings will not be returned.

In Christ,

Rev. Nancy J. Connor, Dome Creative Team Leader

Email: Connornj@plu.edu / PLU Campus Ministry Office: (253) 535-7465

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FROM JULY 19-28, 2009?

YES

NO

What is your public speaking
experience? _____

Names of Parents: _____
Parents' Home Phone: _____

References: Name: _____
 Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Name: _____
 Relationship: _____

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