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Dear Friends,

Here is the second issue of the new Youth Ministry Newsletter. What should you do with it? First, read it carefully. Second, use the forward button at the bottom of the page to send it to your youth committee members, friends or relatives; they can then subscribe to the newsletter for themselves. Third, print the document off and post it on your youth ministry bulletin board for all to see.

Poverty Simulation

Wartburg College's department of Social Work is sponsoring a poverty simulation on Nov 2nd, 2008 at 3pm. Jr. High, Sr. High youth and adults are welcome to attend. For more information contact Professor Tammy Faux at tammy.faux@wartburg.edu.

LWR Virtual University - Fair Trade



Lutheran World Relief is offering a "Virtual University" where participants can "Hear the stories and innovations of LWR's work, ask questions, be involved. Work with us toward a world in which each person and every generation lives in justice, dignity and peace." A recent virtual class was held on "FAIR TRADE WORKS." The class covered gourmet coffee, fine chocolate and indigenous handcrafts. Students learned how our consumer choices can secure basic human needs for multitudes of people by ensuring a fair price for farmers, artisans, and their families. Want to see the class or show it your youth? Go to <http://www.lwr.org/university/courses/2008-9/> where all the previous classes can be viewed.

La Vida

Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNI is offering a high school coffee shop night on Sunday, **November 2nd from 7 pm to 9:30 pm**. Everything is, as usual, free - including cookies, coffee drinks, smoothies, and sodas. The Lutheran Student Center is located at 2616 College Street in Cedar Falls, IA. For more information call Matt at 266-1653

The November Lutheran - Colleges of the Church

The November 2008 issue of The Lutheran pages 40 - 63 have some very helpful information about the colleges of the church. The first article "Making College Affordable" (40) is helpful in understanding how our colleges are not as expensive as you think; the article on the "Sense of Vocation" (44) helps to explain what makes a college "of the church" and other pages talk about life on campus.

Here are some ideas: 1) get extra copies of this issue for all your high school kids; 2) send them emails or place in the newsletter the link to www.thelutheran.org/feature/november; 3) cut out the many cool college ads and make a cool bulletin board display; 4) contact the church relations folks at Luther College and/or Wartburg College and invite them to your youth group to talk about this article and the colleges of the church.

Mark's Comments

In their book, Wikinomics How Mass Collaboration Changes Everything, Don Tapscott and Anthony Williams point out that when people my age hear the word "collaboration" they think about people talking over coffee. They add that "We're talking about something dramatically different. The new promise of collaboration is that with peer production we will harness human skill, ingenuity, and intelligence more efficiently and effectively than anything we have witnessed perviously."

In other words, the Internet allows us to share and combine our skills and experience and so in collaboration we are better than the sum of our members. Today we added to the synod website a place where youth (and family) workers have contributed some of their work to share with others. Please check it out and please email to me your own contributions.

<http://www.neiasynod.org/youth/lessons.htm>

Church Youth Fest



Plan now to join us **November 8-9, 2008** for a great weekend for high school youth to get away and think, get a larger sense of the church by hanging out with other high schoolers and college students, and grow in their faith all at the

same time! Music will be provided by "Lost & Found," Pr. Jules Erickson will serve as keynote speaker and there will be plenty of workshops and fun. Registration and the answers to most questions can be found at <http://www.luther.edu/student-life/ministries/cyf/index.html>

Things to Write Down

November	1, 2008	Jr. High Event, Wartburg College
November	2, 2008	Poverty Simulation, Wartburg
November	2, 2008	LaVida, Lutheran Campus Center
November	8-9, 2008	Church Youth Fest, Luther College
November	15, 2008	LYO Board
December	9, 2008	Youth Ministry Network
Jan 29- Feb 1	2009	Extravaganza! New Orleans
March	21-22, 2009	Sr.High Youth Event, Wartburg College
March	7-8, 2009	LYO Assembly, Dubuque
May	3-6, 2009	Feed My Starving Children, Wartburg

June	5-7, 2009	Synod Assembly
July	9-16, 2009	WIYLDE, Luther College
July	22-26, 2009	ELCA Youth Gathering, New Orleans

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