

Christ-like Stewardship

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was generous with her wealth. When she was cast out of the Wartburg Castle, she remained generous in her poverty.



In this issue of the *Star* newsletter we raise up the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGMs) who, just out of college, have very little to their name except debt; and yet, because of their love for Jesus, they give their first year out of school to the church to do mission work.

In the same way, this synod gratefully receives generous gifts of Mission Support, funding for YAGMs, gifts to ELCA World Hunger, and contributions to the Fund for Leaders from congregations that have trouble making their own budgets. It is good stewardship to be generous out of our plenty, but it is Christ-like stewardship to give out of scarcity.

The verse below is from the hymn “The Poor Ones,” which was used in worship at the recent Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. The words remind us how God’s love and presence is felt through truly generous giving.

*When the poor who have nothing,
Still are giving;
When the thirsty pass the cup,
Water to share;
When the wounded offer others
Strength and healing:*

*We see God, here by our side, walking our way.
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This hymn By J. A. Olivar/M. Manzano can be heard on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYt8jeBin50>.

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To download this article or other stewardship resources, visit www.neiasynod.org/stewardship.

Middle School Lock-In

Oct. 14-15, 2016

UNI Wellness Center, Cedar Falls

Junior high and middle school students are invited to the Middle School Lock-In Oct. 14-15 at the UNI Wellness Center in Cedar Falls.



With the theme “Loving Our Neighbors,” this event will focus on loving our neighbor and how we serve those around us. The schedule includes devotions, worship, a large group activity, pizza, snacks and lots of recreational activities.

This annual event is sponsored by the partnership of the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Northern Iowa and the Northeastern Iowa Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Network.

Check-in and games begin at 8 p.m. Friday. The lock-in ends at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday. The registration fee is \$35 per youth, if registered before Sept. 30; \$45 after. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the lock-in to support the UNI Student Food Pantry.

Registration materials, a poster and schedule can be downloaded at www.neiasynod.org/youth-ministry.

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