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Host a Reformation Bookstore

You can sign up with Augsburg Fortress to host a Reformation Bookstore/Fair at your church during March. Your church receives 17 FREE resources for hosting the bookstore at your church.

For all the details and to sign up, go [here](#).

You can also host a Sparkhouse Family Book Fair. Details can be found [here](#).



2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering

From our Synod Coordinator, Mark Anderson:

It is now time to start preparing for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. The first step in that preparation should be to simply ask "why do we have youth gatherings?" The mission of the gathering is "Faith Formation in Teens" and this is achieved by Worship, Interactive Learning, and Bible study. In addition to the Bible study done in the congregation to get ready for the Gathering there will be a Bible study each morning in Houston. Of course there will be the evening speakers, the Synod Day Worship, the opening and closing worship services and interactive learning during the service day and in the center. But much more of the Faith formation will take place with your teaching during the getting ready meetings, the fundraising, the travel, and late night sessions in the hotel. The Gathering is a big deal, yes, but you are even more important to the mission of this giant event.

Each month, we will share more information as it comes in. Our synod has its own page on our synod website where information will be kept up to date. You can access it [here](#).

!!!****!!! There is a great handbook that is available that will answer many, many of your questions! You can download it [here](#)! This truly has great information - check it out! There are even some fundraising ideas

***Want to more about our host city, Houston? Check out this information [here](#).
***You can keep up to date on Facebook as well - search for [ELCA Youth Gathering](#) on Facebook.

Here is a [link](#) to the latest GNews (the official newsletter of the gathering). Sign up to receive in your inbox!

ELCA Colleges and Universities

There is a helpful [website](#) for students and parents as they embark on the college search process. On this site, families can learn more about the value of the Lutheran college experience, read about the distinctive features of a Lutheran liberal arts education and complete one simple form to request college information from individual institutions. There are lots of resources including downloadable posters and bulletin inserts for you to use! Help spread the word!

Resource Highlight

Did you know that the synod website has a lot of cool resources for you to use? Each month, we are going to highlight a couple of those resources that might work well for you!

Looking for a new book to read? We have a short list of books that are great. Go to our [Ideas and Resources page](#) and click on books to find the list!

Do you have some youth who are in crisis? We have some resources for you on a variety of topics. Go to our [Youth In Crisis page](#) for all these resources.

Looking at doing some Cross Generational activities? Check out this [resource!](#)

Upcoming Events

February 9th	Youth Worker Network Meeting St. Paul's, Waverly
March 2nd	Youth Worker Network Meeting Holy Trinity, Dubuque
March 31st -April 2nd	Spring Dirty Feet Retreat EWALU Bible Camp
April 1st	Spring BLAST! Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
April 6th	Youth Worker Network Meeting First, Northwood
April 8th	Spring BLAST! Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
May 4th	Youth Worker Network Meeting St. John, Charles City

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