



Children, Youth and Family Ministry News November 2012

Dear Friends,

At the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in her sermon Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber commented on how those of us who have grown up using the liturgy every week don't fully appreciate it. But those, like herself, who come to the liturgical tradition later in life, can see more fully the beauty and depth of these ancient words. I think the difference is that those of us who grew up with liturgy were never taught about the ancient history, the format, the reasons behind traditions etc. While people who come to the liturgy later have to have all this explained and so because they know more they appreciate the liturgy more.

How then can we teach young people about our worship traditions in a new and delightful way? Pr. Al Schulz has developed a "Worship Play by Play" where commentators describe the worship the same way they would on a football game. Pr. Schulz has generously shared his script with us but you should feel free to modify it as works for you. You can find it in the new "Teaching Worship/Liturgy" section of the Youth Ministry section of our web site. You will also find these cool resources:

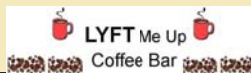
What is the shape of the Liturgy?
The Biblical Roots of the Liturgy

Pastor Schulz "Play by Play" was developed from these resources: Part 1 and Part 2.

Keep in Touch,
Pastor Mark

Idea to Steal

At Zion Lutheran Church in Dysart the



Upcoming Events

Nov 2-4

Junior High Recharge
Riverside Lutheran Bible
Camp

Nov 8

Youth Worker Meeting
Trinity, Mason City

Nov 16-18

High School Recharge
Riverside Lutheran Bible
Camp

Dec 6

Youth Worker Meeting
Bethany, Iowa Falls

2013

Jan 3

Youth Worker Meeting
Synod office, Waverly

Jan 24-28

ELCA Youth Ministry
Network
Extravaganza
Anaheim, CA

Feb 7

Youth Worker Meeting
First Lutheran, Decorah

March 2-3

Wazzup with Supper

high school youth group, called LYFT (Lutheran Youth in Faith Together,) is "opening" the LYFT Me Up Coffee Bar. They are starting with 2 Sundays a month prior to the worship hour with the possibility of being open every Sunday in Jan, Feb and March. LYFT students will take orders and serve specialty coffee/tea/hot chocolate drinks for suggested donation amounts. The goal: LYFT students will get experience serving and working together while taking in donations to support future activities/trips. Additionally the students will interact with more members of Zion and create a multi-generational social time.

Advent Ideas

Need some new ideas for Advent this year? Check out some of the ideas on the synod website [here](#).

WIYLDE 2013

WIYLDE will be held July 21-28, 2013 at Luther College. Registration will be \$400.00 with an early bird discount of \$25.00. The Northeastern Iowa Synod will offer a generous scholarship as well. The theme will be "Take a Walk on the WIYLDE Side" based on the Disciples' encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

Practice Discipleship Phase #2

We are happy (THRILLED) to announce that funding has been committed by the ELCA to continue the Practice Discipleship Initiative. (ALLELUIA!). Additional funding has been invested by Luther Seminary, the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, and a grant from the North Carolina Synod. Practice Discipleship Initiative Phase 2 will be separate from the ELCA Youth Gathering, and administered by the ELCA Youth Ministry Network.

Northeastern Iowa's Practice Discipleship Coach will be Ms. Susan Entriiken, the Director of Youth and Family ministry at St. Timothy in Hudson, IA. The Practice Discipleship (PD) Coach will play a vital role in training and equipping adult leaders for ministry with young people. In addition to the trainings they will lead, PD Coaches will develop partnerships with youth ministry stakeholders and organizations in their synod/area that are already invested in equipping adult leaders. Training sessions will be open to all adult leaders from all congregations. The ultimate goal of the Practice

Retreat
Ewalu Bible Camp

March 7
Youth Worker Meeting
St Petri, Story City

April 4
Youth Worker Meeting
Holy Trinity, Dubuque

April 5-7
Dirty Feet Retreat
Ewalu Bible Camp

April 26-27
A Hike with Martin
Ewalu Bible Camp

May 2
Youth Worker Meeting
St John, Charles City

June 6
Youth Worker Meeting
St John, Cedar Falls

July 21-28
WIYLDE
Luther College

Discipleship Initiative is to use these strategic partnerships to build capacity in synods and congregations for adult leadership development for the sake of faith formation in young people.

The Youth and Public Church Initiative

Augsburg College's Youth and Family Ministry program is launching a new initiative designed to help congregations reimagine their ministry with youth out in the public square and for the common good. The first project of this initiative, the YPCI Fellows Program, begins in January 2013. The Fellows Program will create a cohort of children, youth and family ministers to explore the theory, theology and practices that move ministry into the public square for the common good. You can read more about the YPCI and the Fellows Program and request an application [here](#) or contact [Jeremy Myers](#) . November 30th is the deadline.

Sincerely,

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