



Children, Youth and Family Ministry News

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Dear Friends,

Yes, there is an awful lot of continuing education opportunities available now with the seminars, webinars, tweet-ups, on-line classes and even more. They are all excellent resources, but there is nothing like getting away with fellow Christians who have similar ministries to share resources, laughs, and food. Please give real thought to attending the lock-in on April 8-9 but please don't bring your youth group, this is for professionals only.

Keep in touch,
Pastor Mark

Malaria Concert

Want an excellent family event? March 16 the Wartburg College Malaria Initiative will host a Benefit Concert. There will be 21 performing groups, food, and fun fair games. Doors open at 6:00pm and the music begins at 6:30pm. For posters and bulletin inserts please contact

Kelsey.nulph@wartburg.edu for more information, go [here](#).

Youth and Family Ministry Lock In with No Kids!

April 8-9, 2013 Walnut Lodge EWALU Camp & Retreat Center

Cost: Thanks to the generosity of EWALU Camp and Retreat Center and significant financial gift from a generous donor there is no registration fee.

Registration: via Facebook event or by contacting the synod office
Bring: Bible, casual clothes, snacks and beverages to share, musical instrument and/or favorite recorded music

Monday, April 8, 2013

2:00pm Welcome

Snacks, find a bed, explore the Lodge, and settle in, a tour for those who have not yet been on camp.

3:00pm Continuing Education Unit #1
Practice Discipleship II by Susan Entriiken

4:30pm Continuing Education Unit #2
Bible Study led by Pastor Mark on the 21st chapter of John

6:00pm Supper
A lovely meal served by Lynette Matter at her home on camp

7:00pm Continuing Education Unit #3
More of Practice Discipleship II by Susan Entriiken

9:00pm Team Bonding & Sharing
Snacks and Beverages (note: beverages will not be provided by the synod but you are welcome to bring and share your beverage of choice)

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

8:00am Breakfast

Adrian will make pancakes and waffles and fry bacon. Everyone will help clean up and generally straighten up the lodge

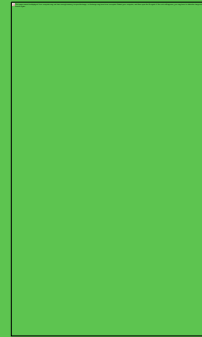
9:00am Continuing Education Unit #4
Bring your 2014 calendar and we can pick dates for the next LYO Assembly. Then we can share our best ideas for the end of the school year, summer programming, and getting ready for Detroit in 2015.

10:30am Closing Worship
Pastor Mark will lead us in worship and Holy Communion. If you have an instrument to help with worship music please bring it along.

11:00am Leave

Idea to Steal

From St. John, Bennington the youth group gave each member household a package of microwavable popcorn with a note "we are glad you popped into our lives" signed by every kid.



Book Review

Flowers, John, and Karen Vannoy. 10 Temptations of Church: Why Churches Decline and What to Do about It. Nashville: Abingdon, 2012. Nook.

When a congregation is in decline there are some members who actually benefit by acquiring greater attention, great power, greater voice, or avoiding a change in what is comfortable. These people will resist any effort for renewal or evangelism. This book discusses the 10 temptations people face to resist growth. The whole book is very interesting but chapter 7 on why people who resist growth will resist a nursery or a nursery upgrade will be of interest as well as a fascinating discussion on why people who resist growth support youth workers. There is a section on the difference between a child focused and family friendly congregation that will blow your mind.

Upcoming Events

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| March 3 | Inculturating the Gospel
Webinar with Dr. Colleen Windham -Hughes |
| March 7 | Youth Worker Meeting
St Petri, Story City |
| March 10 | High School La Vida
Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls |
| March 17 | Dog Eating Chicken
Webinar with Heather Hansen |
| April 4 | Youth Worker Meeting
Holy Trinity, Dubuque |

April 5-7 Dirty Feet Retreat
Ewalu Bible Camp

April 6 Juniors Riverside Blast
Riverside Bible Camp

April 7 Going Public
Webinar with Jeremy Myers

April 8-9 Youth Worker Retreat
Ewalu Bible Camp

April 13 Junior High/High School Riverside Blast
Riverside Bible Camp

April 14 High School La Vida
Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls

April 26-27 A Hike with Martin
Ewalu Bible Camp

May 2 Youth Worker Meeting
St John, Charles City

May 12 High School La Vida
Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls

June 6 Youth Worker Meeting
St John, Cedar Falls

July 21-28 WIYLDE
Luther College

**Sincerely,
Pastor Mark Anderson
Northeastern Iowa Synod**

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