

# Children, Youth and Family Ministry News

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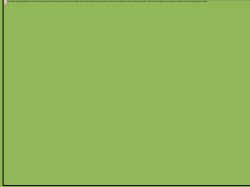
Dear Friends,

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING SESSIONS  
2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21  
"Working Together in Solidarity"  
& "Dog Eating Chicken"

Decorah Lutheran, Decorah  
OR  
2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28  
St. John Lutheran, Cedar Falls

Youth leaders and volunteers are invited to attend two live sessions of the Practice Discipleship Initiative in April. The training sessions are designed to help youth leaders in their faith formation work with young people. Susan Entriken, youth and family minister at St. Timothy, Hudson, will present both sessions. The "Working Together in Solidarity" session will look at accompaniment and what it means to walk with youth through mission trips. This session will be especially helpful for congregations planning youth mission trips this summer. The "Dog Eating Chicken" session will teach leaders how to talk to youth about their own faith so that they can be witnesses in Christ. Both sessions are free and open to those who work with youth. To learn more or to pre-register, contact Susan Entriken at 319-988-3571 or [email](#).

Keep in Touch,  
Pastor Mark



## High School La Vida

This Sunday, April 14th, is the last High School La Vida of the school year. Bring your students to the Lutheran Student Center (corner of College Street and University in Cedar Falls) for a great night (7-9pm) of games, fellowship and free drinks and snacks. Open to all high school students and their friends! Got questions? Contact AJ Houseman at [aj@stjohncf.org](mailto:aj@stjohncf.org).

## Resource Review

This [article](#) from Psychology today is a nice summary of adolescence. You will not find anything here that will be new to a youth ministry professional but it would make a great reprint to handout or post for parents and youth alike. Especially parents with their first teenager.

## Mission Trip Locations

Are you looking for some locations for you to work with on some mission work this spring or summer? ELCA Luther Disaster Response has a website that has locations and contact information of places that are in need of volunteers. You can check it out [here!](#)

## Upcoming Events

April 13	Junior High/High School Riverside Blast Riverside Bible Camp
April 14	High School La Vida Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls
April 21	Youth Ministry Training Decorah Lutheran, Decorah
April 26-27	A Hike with Martin Ewalu Bible Camp
April 28	Youth Ministry Training St John, Cedar Falls

May 2

Youth Worker Meeting  
St John, Charles City

June 6

Youth Worker Meeting  
St John, Cedar Falls

July 21-28

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