



March 6, 2018
COMMUNITY LIFE

Dear Gathering Grown-ups,

On pages 41-42 of the *Official Gathering Handbook*, there are helpful suggestions about how to plan your Gathering Schedule. You don't want to forget to find time to participate in Community Life. Now, "Community Life" and "Interactive Learning" are near each other, but they are not the same thing. As the name suggests, the Interactive Learning Center is an opportunity to learn more about the various ministries of the church. Community Life is a place to have fun, rest, and recharge.

Community Life is a "One Stop Shop" for Youth and Adults. Community Life events will be happening in The NRG Arena daily starting June 27, and offer a place for youth to play games, inflatables, live stages with prizes and our own live bible studies that will happen in the afternoons. We will also offer a place of relaxation for participants in our Hammock Village. The number one thing that Community Life does is to create fun and organic places for groups to have fun and to enjoy their time being together ... a one-stop shop of fun!

- Opening in the NRG Arena on Wednesday, June 27, 1 pm–6:30 p.m.
- Thursday-Saturday, June 28–30 from 11 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

What will you find in the Community Life Center?

- 150,000 square feet of games, inflatables, food and a place for your group to play together
- Live Arena Stage with giveaways, bands and Lip Sync Battle
- A place for your group to eat and play
- 2 Trackless Trains for the ELCA Carpool Karaoke
- Live Bible studies everyday with speakers and artists from the main stage — Bishop Eaton will do the first one

- Meet and Greet with the speakers and bands after the Bible studies each day
- Hammock Village with game room

200 Community Life volunteers will also be in your hotel to greet you upon arrival and make sure you have the wristbands and transportation information. Community Life will also provide Adult Leader Training in 3 ways:

1. In-person training at the ELCA Youth Ministry Extravaganza.
2. An Adult Leader Training Video — released Feb. 1.
3. A Top Ten Video for Adult Leaders, Youth and Parents.

Things To Remember

- Tuesday, June 26, 3–8 p.m., Hotel Check-In
- Wednesday, June 27, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Hotel Check-In will resume
- Wednesday June 27, 1–6:30 p.m., NRG Arena Community Life "one stop shop" will open
- Thursday, June 28–Saturday, June 30, 11 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Community Life will be open
- Wednesday June 27, at 3:30 p.m. in the NRG Arena Pavilion, Live Bible Studies with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- Thursday, June 28–Saturday June 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Live Bible Studies to continue with a special guest each day

Please note that this email is being sent to the primary leader of each group registered for the ELCA Youth Gathering from Northeastern Iowa. Please share this email with other adult leaders, parents, and youth as you see fit.
Your Gathering Partner in Ministry,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Mark".

Pastor Mark A. Anderson