



Feb. 13, 2018
INTERACTIVE LEARNING DAY

Dear Gathering Grown-ups,

The third day (or maybe fourth) of the Gathering will be our Synod's turn to go to the Interactive Learning Center.

At the appointed time, you will take your group to the NRG Center and join all your friends from the Northeastern Iowa Synod, plus other Synods. The NRG Center has 700,000 square feet. How big is that? Well, imagine a football field, now imagine four football fields placed long-ways and three deep!

What will you find there? This is a learning place, it is a program day that can accommodate all styles of learning from mass active games to one-on-one conversations. There will be a high ropes course, bumper boats, sports and many, many booths with information for every conceivable Lutheran organization including ELCA Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, WELCA, the colleges, universities, and seminaries, outdoor ministries, prison ministries and many more. In addition, there will be organizations that are friends of the ELCA like Habitat for Humanity and the One Campaign. There will literally be more than 100 things to do or see.

This is also the time participants can make two offerings:

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive, so students and adults can stop and give a pint. Younger participants will need a consent form signed and that will be available before the Gathering. Make sure your group eats breakfast before giving blood and stays very hydrated before and afterwards!

LOCKS OF LOVE

There will also be hair stylists available for those youth and adults who have let their hair grow out to be donated to locks of love (or a similar group). Donate your hair and get a new look for free!

Food? Yes, there will be food available for purchase in the Interactive Center, plus there are restaurants nearby (within a mile) and a grocery store across the street.

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