



Youth Ministry News 4.3

Northeastern Iowa Synod Youth Ministry

February 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has committed itself to help every member become more fluent in the language of our faith - the Holy Scriptures. This is an urgent and important task. You are already familiar with the "Book of Faith" materials designed mostly for adult Bible study. Now it is time to extend this invitation to youth and family ministry!

Augsburg Fortress has just released the **[New Sunday School Curriculum, SPARK](#)**. You can [preview](#) it at the Augsburg Fortress web site. I suggest you watch the "[Virtual Overview](#)" and also give special attention to the [Spark Bible](#). Also note, that there will be webinars and that there is a great deal of free samples you can download.

I am very impressed with the move towards family involvement, Scripture, and multiple learning styles.



LYO Assembly

There is still time, but not much, to register for the annual synod LYO Assembly, "Jesus, Justice, Jazz: Upriver" in Dubuque, IA on Mach 7-9-, 2009. The Assembly will include Bible study, Worship, Christian Rock, a ministry Fair and all this in the context of the largest Water Park in NE Iowa. The deadline for a discount on the hotel rooms (which includes a Water Park Pass for each occupant) is February 21, 2009. All the information including

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Upcoming Events

March 1, 2009
La Vida @
Lutheran Campus
Ministry, UNI

March 7-8, 2009
[LYO Assembly](#),
Dubuque

March 12, 2009
Youth Ministry
Network
Bethlehem, CF
10:00am

registration forms, agenda, and more is a
www.neiasynod.org.

March 27-29,
2009
Dirty Feet
Retreat, EWALU



Gathering Update

NEW: There is a lengthy essay on how to write group covenant for the ELCA Youth Gathering now available at

http://www.neiasynod.org/synod_news/pdf/Cov

[enant%20suggestions.pdf](http://www.neiasynod.org/synod_news/pdf/Covenant%20suggestions.pdf)

March 21-22,
2009
Sr. High Youth
Event, Warburg
College

New: There is an interactive map of which shows all the hotels the Gathering is using at [Hotel](#). Use it to see where your hotel is; what is near by; how far it is to the main Sites, what the contact information of the hotel is and much more.

March 28, 2009
Recharge,
Riverside

New: There are pictures of landmarks related to the Gathering you can use in PowerPoint, documents or as you please at

http://www.neiasynod.org/synod_news/pdf/NO%20Pix.pdf

April 2, 2009
Youth Leader
Day
EWALU 9:30am

You can still find a list of what congregations are attending, where they are staying, how they are traveling and who they are traveling with at <http://www.neiasynod.org/youth/WHO%20and%20HOW.htm>

An 8 page report of information about the details of the gathering can be found at http://www.neiasynod.org/synod_news/pdf/PMA%20Gathering%20notes.pdf

April 4, 2009
Recharge,
Riverside

A description of New Orleans food can be found at http://www.neiasynod.org/synod_news/pdf/Gathering_Ideas.pdf

April 16, 2009
Youth Ministry
Network, Decorah
Lutheran 10:00

Youth Ministry Network

The Northeastern Iowa Youth Ministry Network has voted to increase their meetings to monthly. This group will now meet on Thursday from 10:00am-Noon at hosting congregations. The network meets for the mutual support and encouragement of professionals in youth ministry. For more information please see

<http://www.neiasynod.org/youth/synodyouthministrynetwork.asp>

May 3-6, 2009
Feed My
Starving
Children,
Wartburg

Youth Leader Day @ EWALU

[EWALU](#) Camp and Retreat Center in partnership with the Northeastern Iowa Synod is offering a **FREE** (professional) Youth Leader Day on April 2, 2009, 9:30-3:15. Come and sharpen your skills for building Christian community within your youth group and between youth and the church using "retreats." After lunch those who like can use the zipline, leap of faith and other elements. RSVP by March 10 to robin@ewaly.org

May 14, 2009
Youth Ministry
Network,

St. John
Arlington,
10:00am

June 5-7, 2009
Synod Assembly

June 11, 2009
Youth Ministry
Network,
EWALU, 10:00am

July 9-16, 2009
WIYLDE, Luther
College

July 15-29, 2009
Wartburg
Seminary
**Youth Leadership
School**

July 22-26, 2009
ELCA Youth
**Gathering, New
Orleans**

August 6, 2009
Youth Ministry
Network,
Riverside,
10:00am

October 16-17,
2009 **Jr. High
Lock-in** at UNI
(tentative)

November 14-15,
2009 **Church
Youth Fest**,
Luther College

LYO Assembly March 7-8, 2009 Dubuque, IA www.neiasynod.org/youth

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