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**Northern  
Great Lakes  
Synod**

# Youth Ministry

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*"This synod supports congregational youth & family ministry through Christ-centered resources, ideas, & powerful ministry events."*

## **THIS MONTH:**

## *A Guide to Youth Ministry: 3-4-5*

- 3-4-5 Guide to Youth Ministry
- Bits & Pieces
- "MARKED" events for '07-'08
- Youth Ministry Calendar

The fourth of the 5 Principles of Faith Formation is: **"Faith is formed through personal, trusted relationships—and often in the homes."**

Have you seen the results of the recent survey on "What makes young people happy" conducted by the Associated Press and MTV of 13-24 year olds? The highlights are:

- Spending time with family was the number one thing that makes young people happy, followed by spending time with friends.
- 73% said their relationship with their parents makes them happy.
- When asked about heroes, half mentioned one of their parents.
- Nearly half say religion & spirituality are very important to their happiness.
- Hardly anyone said money makes them happy.

This month's principle supports the results of the survey. Spending time with family not only makes young people happy, it helps form their faith. Of course, the actual faith formation belongs to the work of the Holy Spirit and the role of baptism. Paul writes in Romans 10:17 "...faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." Think of how the history of God's story developed. Stories in the oral tradition have been handed down through the ages long before the printing press was invented. In many parts of the New Testament, letters to Christian communities were follow-ups to established relationships. Evangelism happened. Faith increased. It's no different today. Young people learn about faith through their relationships with family and other trusted adults.

Do you feel like you're not qualified to pass on the faith? One of the great mysteries of faith is that God uses fallible creatures like us to do God's work and will in the world. This insight can help church leaders, parents, and the whole body of Christ share the love of God and nurture faith in each other. Please contact me for further information. And for more on the 3-4-5 Guide to Youth Ministry see "Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear: Nurturing Disciples in Home and Congregation" by David Anderson and Paul Hill, published by Augsburg Fortress. Next month principle number 5—"The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home." (Previous articles on the 3-4-5 Guide to Youth Ministry can be found in archived issues of the Youth Ministry page of Notes & Quotes. See [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org))



# **BACK TO SCHOOL**



# Bits & Pieces

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

**Leadership School** was a tremendous success this year thanks to a strong relationship with Finlandia University and to the wonderfully dedicated Leadership School staff. Many thanks to the following adults for all their time, energy, commitment, and sharing of faith: Tim Tahtinen, Karen Blakeslee, Tera Kossow, Terri Shoquist, Jeremy Reese, Michael Larson, Peter Mattson, Sarah Zindel, Richard Robinson, and Matthew Monroe.

**Congratulations to the NGLS LYO President and Co-President!** Elections of the Northern Great Lakes Synod Lutheran Youth Organization were held during Leadership School. Our new president is Samantha Chavez (Trinity, Rhinelander) and her co-president is Noah Finegan (Bethany, Republic). May God bless their terms of office as they serve Christ through the NGLS-LYO!

### SEPTEMBER

8 Workshop for Youth Workers with Tiger McLuen  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Wallace, MI

### OCTOBER

14 "MARKED!" Event for Confirmation classes  
Faith, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 4:30-7:30

### NOVEMBER

9-10 Synod Junior High Retreat,  
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

### DECEMBER

2-3 "Shaping Future Leaders" Theological Event,  
Marquette, MI



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***with the cross of Christ forever***

## EVENTS

### FOR THE '07-'08 SCHOOL YEAR

These "day with the bishop" events are for confirmation students, their pastors and guides/mentors. They will be held on:

Sunday, October 14 at Faith Lutheran, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 4:30-7:30 EST

Sunday, April 20 at Grace Lutheran, Pembine, WI 4:00-7:00 CST

Sunday, April 27 at Mission United, Pelkie, MI (tentative) 4:00-7:00 EST

Our hope is that every confirmand in the synod will attend at least one of these events during their confirmation career. To register, please contact the synod office at 906-228-2300 or [ngls@nglsynod.org](mailto:ngls@nglsynod.org) with the location of your choice and the number attending.