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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:

- 3-4-5 Guide to Youth Ministry
- Bits & Pieces
- "Shaping Future Leaders" Conference
- Youth Ministry Calendar

A Guide to Youth Ministry: 3-4-5

Over the past year, we've been learning about the "3-4-5" guide to youth ministry. Here's a review of what it is:

Definition: Effective Youth & Family Ministry is where faith develops through Christian community for Christ's service.

3 is Triple A (AAA) Adult:

1. Authentic
2. Affirming
3. Available

4 is the Four Keys to Spiritual Formation

1. Caring Conversations
2. Family Devotions
3. Rituals & Traditions
4. Service

5 is the Five Principles (The primary work of the church is to proclaim the Gospel, trusting that the Holy Spirit will provide the gift of faith in Jesus Christ as God & Savior for all.)

1. Faith is caught more than it is taught.
2. Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too.
3. If we want Christian children & youth, we need Christian adults.
4. Faith is formed through personal, trusted relationships—and often in our homes.
5. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home.

"All Who Stand As Masters, Stand in the Place of Parents" - Martin Luther

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. This book would be a great resource for congregations to study together. (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)





Bits & Pieces

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

The Annual CSLYOP'S Meeting or Council of Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Presidents will take place November 8-11 at Camp Wapogasset in Amery, Wisconsin. Attending from our synod are Samantha Chavez, NGLS-LYO President (Trinity, Rhinelander), Larissa Larson, multi-cultural representative (Trinity, Ishpeming), and Brenda White, adult (Grace, Pembine). We pray that these young leaders and the adults who accompany them have a safe and fruitful time together.

Are you a pastor or youth worker who needs a boost in your ministry to young people? Consider attending the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Continuing Education Extravaganza for some quality workshops, as well as uplifting worship, nationally-known speakers, & musicians! The Extravaganza will be held Feb. 7-11 at the Hyatt Hotel in Anaheim, California. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Wendy Black or go to: www.elcaymnet.org

NOVEMBER

8-11 CSLYOP's Meeting, Amery, Wisconsin

9-10 Synod Junior High Retreat,

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

DECEMBER

2-3 "Shaping Future Leaders" Theological Event,

Marquette, MI

FEBRUARY

7-11 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza,

Anaheim, California

APRIL

20 "MARKED!" Event for Confirmation classes

Grace, Pembine, WI 4:00-7:00

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Theological Conference

"Shaping Future Leaders"

December 2-3, 2007 Holiday Inn, Marquette, Michigan

This conference is for Pastors, Licensed Lay Ministers, Associates in Ministry, Diaconal Ministers, lay staff, and other congregational leaders.

Our featured presenter this year will be Dr. Terri Elton who serves as an affiliated faculty at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, working with the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry