

## Southeastern Synod Youth Ministry Resources

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Southeastern Synod Website [www.elca-ses.org](http://www.elca-ses.org) - Click on youth news and click on sign me up for Rachel's monthly e-news with latest opportunities for training, events, resources, and much more! Look for pictures, information about upcoming events, resources, and more at [www.sesyouth.org](http://www.sesyouth.org) of past events and sign up online for Affirm.

### ELCA

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) (Mainpage)

[www.elca.org/youth](http://www.elca.org/youth) (ELCA Youth Ministries)

[www.elca.org/lyo](http://www.elca.org/lyo) (Lutheran Youth Organization)

### Books that are Must-haves!

Book of Uncommon Prayer (Steven Case- Youth Specialties)

The Lutheran Handbook (Augsburg Fortress)

### Children

[www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com) (bible stories and faith stepping stones)

[www.cfchildren.org](http://www.cfchildren.org) - Committee for Children

[www.boystownpress.org](http://www.boystownpress.org)

[www.cef.org](http://www.cef.org) Child Evangelism Fellowship

[www.kidsownworship.com](http://www.kidsownworship.com)

[www.logosproductions.com](http://www.logosproductions.com) children's worship bulletins, clip art, church supplies

[www.incm.org](http://www.incm.org) International Children's Ministry

[www.childrensermons.com](http://www.childrensermons.com)

[www.childrensministry.com](http://www.childrensministry.com)

[www.ultimatecampresource.com](http://www.ultimatecampresource.com)

### Christian Camps

[www.lutheridge.com](http://www.lutheridge.com) NC

[www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org) NC

<http://www.carolinefurnace.org/> VA

[www.awanita.org](http://www.awanita.org) (Marietta, SC)

Rauwood Nashville, TN [www.lutheransonline.com/rauwood](http://www.lutheransonline.com/rauwood)

Lutherwood at Lake Allatoona North Atlanta, GA

Ebenezer Retreat Center Savannah, GA [www.newebenezer.org](http://www.newebenezer.org)

Gray Retreat and Convention Center (Episcopal) Jackson, MS [www.graycenter.com](http://www.graycenter.com)

Camp Calvin (Presbyterian) Hampton South Atlanta, GA

<http://www.campmcdowell.com/> (Episcopal) AI

### Confirmation

[www.logosproductions.com](http://www.logosproductions.com) Making Disciples – mentor-based

[www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com) Head to the Heart

<http://www.herewestandconfirmation.org/>

[www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org)

### Drama and Puppets

[www.contemporarydrama.com](http://www.contemporarydrama.com)

Emergent Ministries

[www.emergentvillage.com](http://www.emergentvillage.com)

### Ecumenical

<http://www.nccusa.org/>

<http://www.lesm.org/> Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi

## **Great Youth Ministry Programs**

[www.lifekeys.com](http://www.lifekeys.com) - Teen resource - Finding Your Fit by Janet Kise! Program to teach teens about their spiritual gifts, personalities, passions, values, and putting it together so they can serve in the church and the world

## **Family**

[www.georgiafamily.org](http://www.georgiafamily.org)

## **GBLBTAIQ**

"Made in God's Image"

"God Loves Each One"

The Naming Project

## **Intergenerational**

[www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com)

## **Internet Safety**

<http://tcs.cybertipline.com/>

<http://www.netSMARTz.org/>

<http://www.missingkids.com/adCouncil/>

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Play it Safe – by Georgia Family Council

## **Mission Trip – Preparing For**

[www.deeperroots.com](http://www.deeperroots.com)

[www.stempres.org](http://www.stempres.org)

[www.leadertreks.com](http://www.leadertreks.com)

[www.myfootpring.org](http://www.myfootpring.org)

[www.thenextmile.org](http://www.thenextmile.org)

## **Mission Trips – Short and Long Term**

Drew Benton SafeHouse Outreach [drew@safehouseoutreach.org](mailto:drew@safehouseoutreach.org) ATLANTA

[www.prayingpelicanmissions.org](http://www.prayingpelicanmissions.org) belize, jamaica

[www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org) – Southern California

[www.sosmemphis.org](http://www.sosmemphis.org) Memphis, TN

[www.campcoastcare.org](http://www.campcoastcare.org) -Mississippi Coast

[www.luthersurfboards.org](http://www.luthersurfboards.org) California/Mexico- Lutheran

[www.centerforglobaleducation.org](http://www.centerforglobaleducation.org)

[www.groupworkcamps.com](http://www.groupworkcamps.com) Group

[www.coiusa.com](http://www.coiusa.com) Christian Outreach International

[www.reachwc.org](http://www.reachwc.org) Reach Work Camps

[www.onechallenge.org](http://www.onechallenge.org)

[www.lam.org](http://www.lam.org) Latin American Mission

[www.crossworld.org](http://www.crossworld.org)

[www.vimm.org](http://www.vimm.org) (Volunteers in Medical Missions)

[www.missionmakermagazine.org](http://www.missionmakermagazine.org)

[www.calebproject.org](http://www.calebproject.org)

[www.1615.org](http://www.1615.org)

[www.amfi.org](http://www.amfi.org)

[www.comebuildhope.com](http://www.comebuildhope.com)

[www.ok2k.org](http://www.ok2k.org)

[www.christianfreedom.org](http://www.christianfreedom.org)

[www.forwardedge.org](http://www.forwardedge.org)

[www.sim.org](http://www.sim.org) Serving In Mission

[www.globalurbantrek.org](http://www.globalurbantrek.org)

[www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org)

[www.worldteam.org](http://www.worldteam.org)

[www.abc-ghana.org](http://www.abc-ghana.org) Africa

[www.tcci.org](http://www.tcci.org) Teams Commissioned for Christ International

[www.chrisapp.org](http://www.chrisapp.org) Christian Appalachian Project  
[www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)  
[www.ifmus.org](http://www.ifmus.org) International Family Missions  
[www.gemission.org](http://www.gemission.org) Greater Europe Mission  
[www.yom.org](http://www.yom.org) Youth on Mission - Appalachian  
[www.thehandsofchrist.org](http://www.thehandsofchrist.org) Western NC  
[www.recreationexperiences.org](http://www.recreationexperiences.org) Asheville, NC  
[www.citymissions.org](http://www.citymissions.org) Miami, FL  
[www.reconstruct.org](http://www.reconstruct.org) Nolensville, TN  
Youth with a Mission – Costa Rica, [ywamcr@racsa.co.cr](mailto:ywamcr@racsa.co.cr) 506-267-7063  
[www.realimpact.com](http://www.realimpact.com)  
[www.worldchangers.com](http://www.worldchangers.com) (Southern Baptist)  
[www.streetreach.org](http://www.streetreach.org) Memphis, TN (Baptist)  
[www.lutheranborderministry.org](http://www.lutheranborderministry.org)  
[www.rmselca.org/cristo\\_rey.htm](http://www.rmselca.org/cristo_rey.htm) Lutheran Border Immersion - EL Paso, TX  
<http://web.mac.com/twobill> Transformational world Ministries - San Diego/Mexico  
[www.recreationexperiences.org](http://www.recreationexperiences.org) Weaverville, NC 888-254-1710

### **Parenting/Relationships**

[www.screamfree.com](http://www.screamfree.com)  
[www.cpyy.org](http://www.cpyy.org) Center for Parent and Youth Understanding – Youth Culture  
[www.marriagebuilders.com](http://www.marriagebuilders.com)  
[www.nojerks.com](http://www.nojerks.com)  
[www.graceandtruthbooks.com](http://www.graceandtruthbooks.com) (purchase books from this site)  
[www.marriagenet.org](http://www.marriagenet.org) (a part of GA Family Council)

### **Publishers**

[www.elca.org/eteam](http://www.elca.org/eteam) Christian Education and Evangelism  
[www.augsburgfortress.com](http://www.augsburgfortress.com)  
[www.group.com](http://www.group.com)  
[www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)  
[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)  
[www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)  
[www.zondervanchurchsource.com](http://www.zondervanchurchsource.com)  
[www.ivpress.com](http://www.ivpress.com)  
[www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com)

### **Risk Management**

[www.churchlawtoday.com](http://www.churchlawtoday.com) Church Law and Tax Report  
[www.safesanctuaries.org](http://www.safesanctuaries.org)  
<http://www.guideone.com/SafetyResources/Churches/legalindex.htm>  
[www.screenow.com](http://www.screenow.com) [www.choicepoint.com](http://www.choicepoint.com)  
<http://www.reducingtherisk.com/>  
[www.adultssavingkids.org](http://www.adultssavingkids.org)

### **Seminaries**

Lutheran Theological Seminary  
[www.ltss.edu](http://www.ltss.edu)

### **Service Project Ideas**

[www.ArkALMIGHTY.com](http://www.ArkALMIGHTY.com) (bible study from Youth Specialities about changing the world)  
[www.elca.org/churchinsociety/](http://www.elca.org/churchinsociety/)  
[www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org)  
[http://www.rmhc.org/content/rmhc/index/programs/ronald\\_mcdonald\\_house/pop\\_tab\\_collection.html](http://www.rmhc.org/content/rmhc/index/programs/ronald_mcdonald_house/pop_tab_collection.html) Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Information  
[www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org) International Justice Mission  
[www.standwithafrica.org](http://www.standwithafrica.org)  
[www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) (Lutheran World Relief)  
[www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger)  
[www.elca.org/grantinghope](http://www.elca.org/grantinghope) (grants – See list of agencies that receive ELCA monies for their ministries)  
[www.lutheranpeace.org](http://www.lutheranpeace.org) (Lutheran Peace Fellowship)

[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)  
[www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org) (Hunger)  
[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) (Operation Christmas Child - Christmas Shoe Boxes – Franklin Graham)  
[www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)  
[www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

## **Sex**

### **Dating and Relationships**

Next Time I Fall in Love  
Boundaries

## **Skiing**

[www.skicti.com](http://www.skicti.com) Rachel Highly Recommends! Ask for RUDY and tell him I recommended!

## **Speakers and Musicians**

[deoadvocates@msn.com](mailto:deoadvocates@msn.com) Kari Lyn Wampler

[www.speedwood.com](http://www.speedwood.com) Lost and Found

[www.jesuspainter.com](http://www.jesuspainter.com)

[www.integritymusic.com](http://www.integritymusic.com)

[www.rachelkurtz.com](http://www.rachelkurtz.com)

[www.speedwood.com](http://www.speedwood.com) Lost and Found!

[www.themaxpowerband.com](http://www.themaxpowerband.com) Christian Rock/Worship Band

[www.fitzfamily.org](http://www.fitzfamily.org)

[www.jeffroberts.com](http://www.jeffroberts.com) (booking agent for many bands)

[www.dereksandstrom.com](http://www.dereksandstrom.com)

[www.petermayer.com](http://www.petermayer.com) (performed at San Antonio Gathering)

[www.exit9music.com](http://www.exit9music.com)

[www.boywonder.com](http://www.boywonder.com)

[www.tangledblue.com](http://www.tangledblue.com)

[www.smallfishadventures.com](http://www.smallfishadventures.com) 813-220-0014

## **Stewardship Resources for Youth**

[www.elca.org/stewardship](http://www.elca.org/stewardship)

[www.10-10-80.org](http://www.10-10-80.org)

[www.sharesavespend.com](http://www.sharesavespend.com)

[www.generousgiving.org](http://www.generousgiving.org) (To the Castle: A musical for Stewards and Rags 2 Riches to plays)

[www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org) (families)

[www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) (Super Bowl Sunday)

[www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com)

## **Sunday School Curriculum**

[www.livingthegoodnews.com](http://www.livingthegoodnews.com) Lectionary Based

[www.grouppublishing.com](http://www.grouppublishing.com) Hands On, Faithweaver, [www.faithweaver.com](http://www.faithweaver.com)

[www.spiritseasons.com](http://www.spiritseasons.com)

[www.augsburgfortress.com](http://www.augsburgfortress.com) Witness, Life Together

[www.logosproductions.com](http://www.logosproductions.com) Come Join the Circle, Power-Xpress, Godly Play

[www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org)

[www.godlyplay.com](http://www.godlyplay.com)

[www.standardpub.com](http://www.standardpub.com)

[www.cookministries.com](http://www.cookministries.com)

[www.zondervan.com](http://www.zondervan.com)

[www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com) (bible stories)

## **Supplies and T-shirts**

[www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)

[www.ssw.com/christian](http://www.ssw.com/christian) S and S Christian Activities

[www.discountschoolsupply.com](http://www.discountschoolsupply.com)

[www.eventextras.com](http://www.eventextras.com) – Inflatables

[www.whatsupsportswear.com](http://www.whatsupsportswear.com) (t-shirts)

[www.creatordesigns.com](http://www.creatordesigns.com) (t-shirts)  
[www.newlifetees.com](http://www.newlifetees.com)

### **Training and Networks**

[www.growgrace.com](http://www.growgrace.com) SES Grow IN Grace Youth and Family Ministry Training  
cym@wartburgseminary.edu WARTBURG Youth and Family Ministry Certification School  
[www.elcaymnet.org](http://www.elcaymnet.org) ELCA Youth Ministry Network  
[www.youthspecialties.com/nywc](http://www.youthspecialties.com/nywc)  
[www.youthministry.com/conference](http://www.youthministry.com/conference) Group Youth Ministry  
<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/en-US/NPC/NationalConvention/> National Pastors Convention

### **White Water Rafting**

[www.whitewaterexpress.com](http://www.whitewaterexpress.com) Rachel Highly Recommends!

### **Worship**

[www.christianguitar.org](http://www.christianguitar.org)  
[www.worshiptogether.com](http://www.worshiptogether.com)  
<http://www.ccli.com>  
<http://www.HeartsToGod.com>  
<http://www.WorshipFlow.com>  
<http://www.WorshipMax.com>  
<http://www.WorshipIdeas.com>  
<http://www.HymnCharts.com>  
<http://www.HymnChartsLite.com>  
<http://www.WorshipHomePage.com>  
<http://www.DailyPowerWorkout.com>  
<http://www.PraiseSongStore.com>  
<http://www.WorshipHouseMedia.com>  
<http://www.SermonVideos.com>  
[www.tasteworship.com](http://www.tasteworship.com) (Peter Eide)  
[www.crossthesky.com/youth\\_worship.htm](http://www.crossthesky.com/youth_worship.htm)  
<http://worshipconnection.cokesbury.com/>  
[www.hotworship.com](http://www.hotworship.com) (amazing list of worship resources – keep on scrolling it's long!)

### **Worship Media**

[www.propresenter.com](http://www.propresenter.com)  
[www.mediaserveinternational.org](http://www.mediaserveinternational.org) - Christian films  
[www.mediaforministry.com](http://www.mediaforministry.com)  
[www.angelhousemedia.com](http://www.angelhousemedia.com)  
[www.ignitervideos.com](http://www.ignitervideos.com)  
[www.highwayvideo.com](http://www.highwayvideo.com)  
[www.easyworship.com](http://www.easyworship.com)  
[www.mennomedia.org/resources](http://www.mennomedia.org/resources) - Rhythms of peace

### **Youth Ministry Websites**

[www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com) See You At the Pole (9/24/08)  
[www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm](http://www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm)  
[www.pastor2youth.com](http://www.pastor2youth.com) (there is a sign up process)  
[www.biblestudytools.net](http://www.biblestudytools.net)  
[www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)  
[www.gospelcom.net](http://www.gospelcom.net)  
[www.youthpastors.net](http://www.youthpastors.net)  
[www.egadideas.com](http://www.egadideas.com)  
[www.friendsofthegroom.org](http://www.friendsofthegroom.org)  
[www.leaderresources.org](http://www.leaderresources.org)  
[www.cometothefeast.org](http://www.cometothefeast.org)  
[www.churchartworks.com](http://www.churchartworks.com) (t-shirts)

[www.sacredgateway.org](http://www.sacredgateway.org)  
[www.dramashare.org](http://www.dramashare.org)  
[www.elca.org/youth](http://www.elca.org/youth)  
[www.groupmag.com](http://www.groupmag.com)  
[www.group.com](http://www.group.com)  
[www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)  
[www.dramatix.org](http://www.dramatix.org)  
[www.skitguys.com](http://www.skitguys.com)  
[www.gocampus.org](http://www.gocampus.org)  
[www.christiancentury.org](http://www.christiancentury.org)  
[www.oldlutheran.com](http://www.oldlutheran.com)  
[www.thewords.com/index.htm](http://www.thewords.com/index.htm)  
[www.stephensministry.org](http://www.stephensministry.org)  
[www.tyfi.org](http://www.tyfi.org) Youth and Family Institute  
[www.peerministry.org](http://www.peerministry.org)  
[www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org)  
[www.pastors.com](http://www.pastors.com)  
[www.simplyyouthministry.com](http://www.simplyyouthministry.com)  
[www.inword.org](http://www.inword.org)  
[www.preparingforsunday.com](http://www.preparingforsunday.com)  
<http://www.exemplarym.com>  
[www.teenlifeministries.com](http://www.teenlifeministries.com) (requires a fee)  
[www.youthministryhelper.com](http://www.youthministryhelper.com)  
[www.youthleadership.org](http://www.youthleadership.org)  
[www.funatic.com](http://www.funatic.com)  
[www.youthpastor.com](http://www.youthpastor.com)  
<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/games.asp>  
[www.funandgames.org](http://www.funandgames.org)  
[www.cyberfaith.com](http://www.cyberfaith.com) (Catholic resource)  
[www.youthwalk.org](http://www.youthwalk.org) For Youth - Devotional magazine  
[www.virtuousreality.com](http://www.virtuousreality.com) Christian Website for girls and women YadaYada Events for girls and moms  
[www.uthstuph.com](http://www.uthstuph.com) t-shirts  
[http://www.ymarchitects.com/resources\\_free.html](http://www.ymarchitects.com/resources_free.html) Mark Devries, Nashville, TN  
[www.familybasedym.com](http://www.familybasedym.com)  
<http://www.ileadyouth.com> (Cokesbury)  
<http://www.dare2share.org/free/>  
[www.everystudent.com](http://www.everystudent.com)  
<http://www.behaviordocor.org/index.htm> = Help/support for an adult working/parenting a child(ren)

<http://www.nermen.org/index.php> = State and national marriage and family resources developed and available through Extension agencies.

<http://www.bestfreestuffonline.com/kidstuff.htm> = The web address says it all.

## **The Key 8 Faith Factors in Children, Youth, and Young Adults** “THE CHALLENGE”

High percentages (approx. 50-95%) of baptized children participate in children’s ministries and confirmation.

High percentages (approx. 65-75%) of baptized and confirmed youth cease participation in worship and congregational ministries by age 21.

High percentages (approx. 50-60%) of baptized and confirmed youth who ceased participation in worship and congregational ministries by age 21 have not returned to participate in any faith community by age 35.

The baptized and confirmed youth who ceased participation in a faith community by age 21 and have not returned by age 35 have an anemic, distorted faith and theology, which neither glorifies God nor serves humanity nor blesses them.

Approximately 10% of baptized children/youth continue in the life of the church and “grow in grace”/vocation leadership within the faith community and its mission in the world.

**A group of educators from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and several key leaders in the Roman Catholic Church joined together to study the faith lives of youth and young adults. For a complete list of those involved in this project and all the papers and results of the study visit their website at [www.faithfactors.com](http://www.faithfactors.com).**

**Wouldn’t it be great if we could increase the 10% of youth who continue to participate in our churches to 100%? The Faith Factors are a summary of what these educators found in the “10% youth”. How is your congregation doing on these faith factors?**

**“THE 8 FAITH FACTORS IN CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS”**

**Faith integrated into family identity and practice**

**Three or more adult mentors of vital faith**

**Three or more months service in the name of Jesus Christ**

**Apprenticed early into leadership in their church**

**Engaging, meaningful church experience in which youth are valued**

**Excellent senior high/young adult ministry**

**Encouraged by strong Christian friend(s)**

**Support within an engaging Christian community during a personal crisis**



## **Characteristics of Mature Christian Youth**

[www.exemplarym.org](http://www.exemplarym.org)

### **Seek Spiritual Growth, Both Alone and With Others**

1. Are heard referring to having prayer, devotions, and meditation times.
2. Ask sincere and searching questions about the nature of a life of faith in God.
3. Prefer and attend gatherings where they can learn more about the Christian faith.
4. Accept opportunities for learning how to speak naturally and intelligently about their faith.
5. Are involved in Bible study and/or prayer groups.
6. Join Christian groups to build friendships and learn how to be a friend.

### **Believe God is Present in the World**

7. Speak openly about seeking or experiencing God's guidance.

8. Are heard asking each other about what God has recently done in their lives or the lives of others.
9. In times of trouble, reassure others that God is active to make things work out all right in the long run.
10. Occasionally speak of having been keenly aware of the presence of God.

## **Act Out of a Commitment of Faith**

11. Speak publicly about their relationship with Jesus Christ.
12. When providing a rationale for their actions will at times cite specifics of their faith.
13. In conversation with family and friends brings up topics of faith or Christian living.
14. Pray for people especially needing God's help.

## **Are Active With God's People**

15. Regularly attend worship services.
16. Have willingly participated in two or more of the following:
  - taught Sunday School, Bible class, or Vacation Bible School
  - served with a group to improve conditions at school or neighborhood
  - made a presentation before a faith group or in worship
  - helped in raising money for a Christian project or mission trip
  - served on a congregational or denominational committee or task force
17. Regularly contribute money to a congregation or faith project.

## **Possess a Positive, Hopeful Spirit**

18. Enjoy being together, as evidenced by their laughing, singing, and conversation.
19. Show a gracious, loving attitude to people not easy to like (e.g., the difficult, rude, shunned, loser).
20. Have friends of widely diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, and religious background or persuasion.
21. Have been heard describing the Christian faith as a necessary force in society, helping people develop attitudes of understanding, sympathy, and cooperation.
22. Are known for their general optimism, trust, and positive expectation of other people, being convinced that one person can do much to make the world a better place.
23. Are eager, responsive, and cooperative rather than unresponsive, disinterested, and apathetic.

## **Live Out a Life of Service**

24. Give portions of time and money for helping people.
25. Attend conferences or workshops that present the challenge of service professions such as the ordained ministry.
26. Speak out publicly against specific social injustices.

27. Try to offer comfort or support to a friend or neighbor in the event of a death or tragedy either by talking or by action (personal presence, help with routine tasks, transportation, visit in hospital, etc.).
28. Defend a friend or acquaintance who is being talked about when he/she isn't there.
29. Organize and participate in study or action groups to address injustice or immorality.
30. Are involved in activities of service related to church, community, or world.
31. Are assuming responsibility for some aspect of their youth ministry.

## **Live a Christian Moral Life**

32. Are heard referring to seeking help from scripture in deciding what is right and wrong.
33. Actively seek to discourage friends from cheating at school.
34. Have a reputation for not participating in activities such as lying, stealing, substance abuse, etc. and have a reputation for honesty, integrity, hospitality, and acts of kindness.

## ALPHABETICAL LISTING of Lutheran Colleges

### [Augsburg College](#)

Minneapolis, MN 55454  
800-788-5678 Admissions  
612-330-1000 General Number  
[www.augsburg.edu](http://www.augsburg.edu)

### [Augustana College](#) (Illinois)

Rock Island, IL 61201  
309/794-7341 Admissions  
800/798-8100 General Number  
[www.augustana.edu](http://www.augustana.edu)

### [Augustana College](#) (South Dakota)

Sioux Falls, SD 57197  
605/336-5516 Admissions  
800/727-2844 General Number  
[www.augie.edu](http://www.augie.edu)

### [Bethany College](#)

Lindsborg, KS 67456  
800/826-2281 Admissions  
785/227-3311 General Number  
[www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu)

### [California Lutheran University](#)

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
805/493-3135 Admissions  
805/492-2411 General Number  
[www.clunet.edu](http://www.clunet.edu)

### [Capital University](#)

Columbus, OH 43209  
800/289-6289 Admissions  
614/236-6011 General Number  
[www.capital.edu](http://www.capital.edu)

### [Carthage College](#)

Kenosha, WI 53140  
800/351-4058 Admissions  
262/551-8500 General Number  
[www.carthage.edu](http://www.carthage.edu)

### [Concordia College](#)

Moorhead, MN 56562  
800/699-9897 Admissions  
218/299-4100 General Number  
[www.concordiacollege.edu](http://www.concordiacollege.edu)

### [Dana College](#)

### [Luther College](#)

Decorah, IA 52101  
563/387-1430 Admissions  
800/458-8437 General Number  
[www.luther.edu](http://www.luther.edu)

### [Midland Lutheran College](#)

Fremont, NE 68025  
402/721-6500 Admissions  
800/642-8382 General Number  
[www.mlc.edu](http://www.mlc.edu)

### [Muhlenberg College](#)

Allentown, PA 18104  
484/664-3245 Admissions  
484/664-3100 General Number  
[www.muhlberg.edu](http://www.muhlberg.edu)

### [Newberry College](#)

Newberry, SC 29108  
803/321-5131 Admissions  
803/276-5010 General Number  
[www.newberry.edu](http://www.newberry.edu)

### [Pacific Lutheran University](#)

Tacoma, WA 98447-0003  
253-535-7151 Admissions  
253/531-6900 General Number  
[www.plu.edu](http://www.plu.edu)

### [Roanoke College](#)

Salem, VA 24153  
800/388-2276 Admissions  
540/375-2500 General Number  
[www.roanoke.edu](http://www.roanoke.edu)

### [St. Olaf College](#)

Northfield, MN 55057  
800/800-3025 Admissions  
507/646-2222 General Number  
[www.stolaf.edu](http://www.stolaf.edu)

### [Susquehanna University](#)

Selinsgrove, PA 17870  
800/326-9672 Admissions  
570/374-0101 General Number  
[www.susqu.edu](http://www.susqu.edu)

### [Texas Lutheran University](#)

Blair, NE 68008  
402/426-7220 Admissions  
800/444-3262 General Number  
[www.dana.edu](http://www.dana.edu)

**Finlandia University**

Hancock, MI 49930  
906/487-7324 Admissions  
800/682-7604 General Number  
[www.finlandia.edu](http://www.finlandia.edu)

**Gettysburg College**

Gettysburg, PA 17325  
800/431-0803 Admissions  
717/337-6000 General Number  
[www.gettysburg.edu](http://www.gettysburg.edu)

**Grand View College**

Des Moines, IA 50316  
515/263-2810 Admissions  
800/444-6083 General Number  
[www.gvc.edu](http://www.gvc.edu)

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

Saint Peter, MN 56082  
800/487-8288 Admissions  
507/933-8000 General Number  
[www.gustavus.edu](http://www.gustavus.edu)

**Lenoir-Rhyne College**

Hickory, NC 28603  
800/277-5721 Admissions  
828/328-1741 General Number  
[www.lrc.edu](http://www.lrc.edu)

Seguin, TX 78155  
800/771-8521 Admissions  
830/372-8000 General Number  
[www.tlu.edu](http://www.tlu.edu)

**Thiel College**

Greenville, PA 16125  
724/589-2345 Admissions  
800/248-4435 General Number  
[www.thiel.edu](http://www.thiel.edu)

**Wagner College**

Staten Island, NY 10301  
800/221-1010 Admissions  
718/390-3100 General Number  
[www.wagner.edu](http://www.wagner.edu)

**Waldorf College**

Forest City, IA 50436  
641/585-8112 Admissions  
800/292-1903 General Number  
[www.waldorf.edu](http://www.waldorf.edu)

**Wartburg College**

Waverly, IA 50677  
319/352-8264 Admissions  
800/772-2085 General Number  
[www.wartburg.edu](http://www.wartburg.edu)

**Wittenberg University**

Springfield, OH 45501  
937/327-6314 Admissions  
800/677-7558 General Number  
[www.wittenberg.edu](http://www.wittenberg.edu)

**Lutheran College LISTING BY STATE**

**California**

[California Lutheran University](http://www.california.lutheran.edu) — Thousand Oaks, California

**Illinois**

[Augustana College](http://www.augustana.edu) — Rock Island, Illinois

**Iowa**

[Grand View College](http://www.grandview.edu) — Des Moines, Iowa

[Luther College](http://www.luther.edu) — Decorah, Iowa

[Waldorf College](http://www.waldorf.edu) — Forest City, Iowa

[Wartburg College](http://www.wartburg.edu) — Waverly, Iowa

**Kansas**

[Bethany College](http://www.bethany.edu) — Lindsborg, Kansas

**Michigan**

[Finlandia University](#) — Hancock, Michigan

### **Minnesota**

[Augsburg College](#) — Minneapolis, Minnesota

[Concordia College](#) — Moorhead, Minnesota

[Gustavus Adolphus College](#) — Saint Peter, Minnesota

[St. Olaf College](#) — Northfield, Minnesota

### **Nebraska**

[Dana College](#) — Blair, Nebraska

[Midland Lutheran College](#) — Fremont, Nebraska

### **New York**

[Wagner College](#) — Staten Island, New York

### **North Carolina**

[Lenoir-Rhyne College](#) — Hickory, North Carolina

### **Ohio**

[Capital University](#) — Columbus, Ohio

[Wittenberg University](#) — Springfield, Ohio

### **Pennsylvania**

[Gettysburg College](#) — Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

[Muhlenberg College](#) — Allentown, Pennsylvania

[Susquehanna University](#) — Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

[Thiel College](#) — Greenville, Pennsylvania

### **South Carolina**

[Newberry College](#) — Newberry, South Carolina

### **South Dakota**

[Augustana College](#) — Sioux Falls, South Dakota

### **Texas**

[Texas Lutheran University](#) — Seguin, Texas

### **Virginia**

[Roanoke College](#) — Salem, Virginia

### **Wisconsin**

[Carthage College](#) — Kenosha, Wisconsin

### **Washington**

[Pacific Lutheran University](#) — Tacoma, Washington

**SAMPLES to be adapted for use in congregations**

CTK Church Youth and Adult Covenant

***Webster says that a Covenant is a Contract, a compact, and a written document containing the terms of an agreement. A covenant is a legally binding promise or obligation. Webster says that a Commandment is a precept of moral law, an authoritative rule of action.***

God gave us commands to live by. These commandments are like blueprints for living. They give us boundaries so that no harm will come. It is important to live in a Christian community and covenant together on this trip together.

We promise to abide by this covenant at all times on all events affiliated with Christ the King Lutheran Church. If anyone breaks this covenant then the following actions will happen. The first time, a reprimand of the person privately (taken aside with no embarrassment) and the incident brought to the person in charge. After the second time, a reprimand publicly before your peers, brought to the person in charge, and the pastor and parents will be notified. After the third time, the parents of the youth will be notified immediately and asked to pick up their youth to go home. Any adult breaking the covenant for the third time will be asked to leave immediately also.

This covenant binds us together, youth, parents, adult youth leaders, pastors, and the people we will serve. We will treat everyone as a child of God and everything we have as a gift from God. We will try to be welcoming and a positive example to the people we meet, friends, adults, other youth and younger youth. We will abide by this covenant so that we can live, as God would want us to in our small community but also in the greater Christian Community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Youth/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Parent/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Coordinator of Youth/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor/Date

## Our Promises

1. **As a part of this community where respect for self and others is vital, it is imperative that we live to support, love, encourage, and care for each other in our words and actions.**

Therefore, we will not gossip, put down, verbally abuse, argue with, or disrespect each other. We will participate in each activity. We will have a spirit of cooperation and encouragement and an attitude of openness with fellow youth and adults. We will be sensitive to each other's needs and listen to each other as we speak. The words from our mouth will be in a Christian manner and pleasant to everyone. We will keep our conversations in confidence between each other, if asked, unless the youth or an adult is in danger and their safety and/or well being is effected. The youth will be asked to speak with their parents and/or the pastor or the adult will be asked to speak with the pastor about the situation. A parent will be notified immediately if an adult feels that some outside factor could cause danger to a youth. Adults will not speak to a youth behind closed doors in a private place. Doors need to be open and another person should be present if possible.

2. **In remembering that our bodies are God's temples, we will abide by the following.** There will be no consumption of alcohol during our time together except wine at Holy Communion. There will be no smoking or use of drugs. There will be no wrestling, aggressive physical behavior, or touching at any event. There will be absolutely no sexual activity at any event. Your conduct and behavior should at all times be appropriate to both your peers and adults. Even holding hands at the wrong time makes others feel uncomfortable. Adults and youth of the same gender will stay together. If accommodations allow, no youth and adult will share a bed. Separate rooms will be designated for males and females and only with adult permission shall individuals visit areas/rooms designated for members of the opposite sex.
3. **We will respect the property of Christ the King Lutheran Church and any other place where we will be visiting.** There will be no vandalism, stealing of church or personal property. We will pick up our belongings, pick up and take out trash, and clean up after all events. This includes cleaning up after ourselves at restaurants too!

4. **There will be no weapons real or fake.** No fireworks will be brought or purchased at any event.
5. **It is encouraged, expected, and vital that all youth and adults arrive on time.** Transportation is complicated because of our large number of youth. We must be able to plan vehicles with seatbelts for each youth. All youth and adults must wear a seatbelt when in a moving vehicle.
6. **Adults will be fair and consistent.** When disciplining, adults will focus on the behavior and not on the person. No corporal punishment or physical force will be used to discipline a youth. If and when disciplining a youth or adult, we will show forgiveness and grace and wipe the slate clean. We will follow the laws of the State of Georgia especially in regards to the following behaviors. We will not physically abuse, sexually abuse, touch, fondle, or coerce a minor into a sexual act or let a minor coerce an adult into a sexual act. No exploitation or coercion in regards to pornography, prostitution, or other illegal acts is allowed also.
7. **We will encourage and support each other as we are All a part of the Body of Christ at Christ the King Lutheran Church.**

Lutheran Church of St. Thomas the Apostle  
Youth Activity Permission Form

This is a permission form for your son/daughter to participate in all activities on or off of the church grounds for the current year, September 2008-September 2009. All activities will be announced ahead of time on the church bulletin board, calendar, and at youth events. No youth will be allowed to participate unless a permission form is on file with the Church.

Permission is hereby granted for:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in this year's youth group activities, at the church and off of the church grounds. It is understood that all reasonable caution will be taken by those in charge to prevent injuries, but neither those persons in charge or Lutheran Church of St. Thomas the Apostle shall be held responsible in case of accident or death.

In the event of a medical emergency, it is understood that all reasonable efforts will be made to get in touch with parent(s)/legal guardian(s) prior to the use of this authorization. All information on the "Emergency Form" will be used and given if needed to a hospital or physician. I/we understand that it is our responsibility as parent(s)/guardian(s) to update the Emergency Form if our insurance or other information changes within the year. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required. But it is given to provide authority and power on the part of an aforesaid treatment, or hospital care, which a physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. I (we), the undersigned, Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the minors listed above, do hereby authorize the Youth Director, Pastor, and Adult Volunteers of Lutheran Church of St. Thomas the Apostle to be agents for the undersigned, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by and is rendered under, the general or specific supervision of any surgeon or physician, licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act, on the medical staff of any accredited hospital, whether such diagnosis is rendered at the office of the physician or hospital. Every effort will be made to contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to the use of authorization.

It is further agreed that the above youth will abide by their signed covenant. The youth will conduct themselves in a manner, which is consistent with the Christian Faith.

Date:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth

**ELCA SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD**

**“Be A Reformer” Trip to Germany**

**July 23-August 9, 2008**

*Please Print Clearly*

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list restrictions on exercise \_\_\_\_\_

DO you have any special needs or problems that the leaders should know about before the trip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you on regular medication? If so, list drugs, dosages, and special instructions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

In consideration of being accepted by the Southeastern Synod, ELCA for participation in youth ministry events.

I (we) do for myself (ourselves) on behalf of my child/participant/myself do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to forever hold harmless the Southeastern Synod, ELCA, the employees, and agents thereof, from any and of all liability, claims and demands for personal injury, sickness and death, as well as property damage and expense of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by me or my child/participant resulting from participation in the synod sponsored youth events, including travel, recreation and all associated activities.

Further, I (we) (and on behalf of our child/participant under 18 years of age) hereby assume all risk of said personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expenses as a result of participation as above set forth. I understand that staff and volunteers are not responsible for the administration of prescribed medication and I (we) have made private arrangements for any medication taken on a daily schedule by my child/participant.

I (we) am (are) the parents(s) or legal guardian (s) of this participant, and hereby grant my (our) permission for him/her to participate fully in said youth events, and hereby give my (our) permission to take participant/myself to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment including, but not limited to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume responsibility of all medical bills incurred by my child/myself.

I (we) give permission for my child/myself to receive over the counter medication such as Tylenol, ibuprofen, anti diarrheal medication, anti bacterial ointment, throat lozenges, eye wash solution, and the like.

I (we) also release the synod and ELCA unrestricted rights to use, alter, and reproduce any images (still and video) from the event, in any medium with compensation.

Participant Signature: (if over 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Phone Number and Address of Company \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_