

# SW MN Synod Youth and Family Ministry Events 2011-12

More information on these events can be found at [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org)

September 2011, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm *date to be announced*

## Church Staff Workers Retreat

Location: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls  
Contact: Marlis Jacobsen, 507-637-3904 or [marlis.jacobsen@swmnelca.org](mailto:marlis.jacobsen@swmnelca.org)

October 16 and November 6, 2011

## Equipping Youth Ministry Leaders Events

Locations: Peace Lutheran, Cold Spring 2:00 to 4:30 pm  
First Lutheran, Marshall 1:30 – 4:00 pm  
Class: Youth Ministry Events as Faith Formation  
Cost: Free!  
Contact: ELCA Youth Gathering Synod Coach Kathy Ulland-Klinkner [swmnelcayg@gmail.com](mailto:swmnelcayg@gmail.com), 507-233-4430

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## Fall Youth Workers Retreat

Theme: iMinistry: Harnessing Technology and Social Media  
Location: Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar  
Facilitators: Laura Anderson and Jeremy Hallquist  
Cost: \$40  
Contact: Sarah Hausken, [sarah.hausken@swmnelca.org](mailto:sarah.hausken@swmnelca.org), 507-430-2273

Nov. 18-19 and 19-20, 2011

## Junior High Youth Gathering

Theme: "Gracebook"  
Speaker: Arielle Mastellar  
Band: Justin Anderson of Mainstay  
Location: Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Willmar  
Cost: \$40 plus housing  
Contact: Jr. High Gathering Manager, Tessa Anderson, [totessaanderson@gmail.com](mailto:totessaanderson@gmail.com) or (320) 282-7769 or Gathering Registrar, Patrice Luker, [gatheringregistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:gatheringregistrar@yahoo.com) or (507) 276-5908

March 30-31, 2012

## Senior High Youth Gathering

Theme: "Take My Hand" Psalm 40:1 -3  
Speaker: Pastor Matt Hausken  
Band: Avian Sunrise  
Location: Best Western, Mankato  
Cost: \$80 per person  
Contact: Sr. High Gathering Co-Managers Dana Lamb [dlamb@gustavus.edu](mailto:dlamb@gustavus.edu) (507) 327-4758 or Gathering Registrar Patrice Luker 507-276-5908 [gatheringregistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:gatheringregistrar@yahoo.com)

## Equipping Youth Ministry Leaders Webinars

Learn or review key concepts in youth ministry from the comfort of your own home or congregation. The following Equipping Youth Ministry Leaders webinars will be offered free for anyone who works with youth in your congregation.

- Lutheran Theology
- Your Role as a Leader
- Strategic Planning
- Leading a Small Group
- Faith Conversations
- Planning for the Unexpected

Contact: Kathy Ulland-Klinkner [swmnelcayg@gmail.com](mailto:swmnelcayg@gmail.com), 507-375-4792

## The Timothy Project

The Timothy Project sends experienced and wise youth ministers from our synod out to congregations to teach a one-day "Foundations for Youth and Family Ministry" course. This course contains both the why's and the how's of youth ministry and will equip volunteers and professionals alike to engage in the ministry of discipleship among youth. The course is perfect for people who know how to plan a hayride, but want to learn more about walking alongside youth as they encounter Christ. Includes a year of phone coaching following the training event.

Learn how to schedule a training by downloading the information packet at [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org)  
Contact: Sarah Hausken, [sarah.hausken@swmnelca.org](mailto:sarah.hausken@swmnelca.org), 507-430-2273

## **Wider Church Events:**

Feb. 9-12, 2012

## ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza Continuing Education Event

Location: Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, LA  
Details: This is an excellent opportunity for continuing education, restoration, collegial support and more. Plus if you're going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2012 you can scope things out in preparation for the gathering.  
More information: <http://www.elcaymnet.org>

July 18-22, 2012

## ELCA Youth Gathering

Location: New Orleans, LA  
Theme: "Citizens with the Saints" Ephesians 2:14-20  
More information: [www.elca.org/youthgathering](http://www.elca.org/youthgathering)