

NAD FALL 2016 REPORT



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Regional Youth Rally 2017 The preliminary details have been set for next year's regional rally. In line with the 500th anniversary celebration of the Lutheran Reformation, we have named the rally Here We Stand. The location will be Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH and will happen July 17-20, 2017. The keynote speaker will be Pastor Phil Kiecker from Gethsemane, Raleigh, NC. Each congregation should receive at least one 11" x 17" promotional poster at the fall pastor's conference. If you didn't receive one, you can contact Pastor Karl Schauland. Registration will begin January 15 on welsyouth.net where you will also be able to keep up-to-date with more details as they become available.

Camp Chi Rho 2017 - Camp will again be at Elk Neck State Park in North East, Maryland. Dates are July 24-28, 2017. Although it was not a record attendance, this past summer we had a record number of congregations participate. Keep up the great work of publicizing this camp.

School of Youth and Family Ministry This project, based on the success and model of ongoing Schools of Outreach and Schools of Worship Enrichment, is designed to aid congregations who are either struggling with family ministry or wanting to expand or improve their efforts. Workshops include a look at current youth ministry trends; experiential faith opportunities; mixers, games, and activity planning; ministering to seventh grade and beyond; youth-driven Bible studies; the importance of Christian mentoring; marriage growing ministries; and birth-to-sixth grade focuses. More information about offerings will be coming out shortly.

WELS Marriage Enrichment Weekend - Pray for blessings upon the 13 couples who will be enriching their marriage in Kingstion, Ontario this weekend.

Transformed Teen Devotions- In January of this year, the commission launched a weekly devotional series entitled "TRANSFORMED: Devotions Connecting Teens to Christ." This series of devotions has been well received and is being used by teens and congregations throughout the synod. To subscribe or to read past devotions, visit wels.net/transformed.

Combined Director - The 2015 synod in convention resolved that calling a full-time director for the Commission on Youth and Family Ministry be listed on the Synodical Council's Unfunded Priority List. Noting the variety of unfunded priorities and a family ministry basis for service to youth, families, and many adults, the Conference of Presidents has recommended to the Synodical Council that a full-time director be shared between the Commissions on Youth and Family Ministry and Adult Discipleship and that the calling for this position take place as soon as funding becomes available.

In Christ,

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