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Youth Supports

A resource to encourage and empower youth
leaders for the expansion of the Lord's kingdom.

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A resource that has been mentioned in the *Youth Supports* newsletter is YOUTH MINISTRY E-BULLETIN . . . a monthly email newsletter from LCMS Congregational Services - Youth Ministry. In case you haven't had the inkling to check it out, here are some excerpts from the June and July issue in order to whet your appetite for the kind of help that is available in this resource:

From the June Issue:

Hey! Are you blowing the youth budget every time you fill up the gas tank on the church van for the next youth trip? This CHEAP GAS SPOTTER site asks for your zip code, and then tells you the cheapest gas in your area!

http://www.gaspricewatch.com/USGas_index.asp

Ever wish you had a good way to get the adults and youth at your meeting or function to really talk to one another? IN GOOD COMPANY: TOOLS TO HELP YOUTH AND ADULT TALK, a new hands-on workbook includes introductory and get-acquainted activities perfect for any time youth and adults meet. To order this new resource, check out <http://www.search-institute.org/catalog/>

TEENS & TRENDS . . .

Bad Bets . . .

Two-thirds of all teenagers admit they have gambled within the past year. The National Council on Problem Gambling also speculates that four teenagers in every middle or high school class may be battling a serious gambling problem. (Time, April 9, 2001)

They're Wearing What? . . .

Teenagers have started showing up in flannel plaids, prints, and solid-colored fleece bottoms, although these bottoms aren't exactly pants. They're pajama bottoms, and they're the newest fashion rage of young people in search of comfort and style. The problem is: schools and organizations aren't sure whether or not they're appropriate. (Minneapolis Star Tribune, April 5, 2001)

From the July issue:

OTHER EVENTS & RESOURCES . . .

Valparaiso University & Wheat Ridge Ministries announce the release of the "Forming Life, Forming Youth" Conference video. Physicians, counselors, theologians, ethicists, teachers, youth ministers, and journalists gathered to discuss study papers for two topics. The first raised religious and

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ethical questions surrounding the increasing scientific intervention in the formation of human life. The second took up religious and moral questions regarding how to “form” children and young people within contemporary American culture. Available in VHS or DVD, DVD allows viewers to take in the sessions; but also to select one of seven distinct themes for each topic, and then view only those clips that deal with the chosen theme. To order the Conference video, indicate format, and send a check for \$24.95 to Dr. David G. Truemper, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN 46383; or to www.Wheatridge.org.

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More Two-Parent Families . . .

The number of two-parent families may be on the rise, reports the Census Bureau. Researchers are finding that the largest gains are occurring in Black and Latino families. (Minneapolis Star Tribune, June 14, 2001)

Involving Parents in Sex Education . . .

Teenagers are more likely to become serious about abstinence and avoid risky sexual behavior when they participate in sex-ed programs that involve their parents in homework assignments. Researchers found that encouraging teenagers and their parents to talk about the issue is extremely important. (Time, May 21, 2001)

Have these excerpts captured your attention? Want to see more of this kind of information? See just below for instructions on how to have the E-BULLETINS sent right to your computer!

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Find past issues of Youth Supports at:
<http://www.nowlcms.org/Youth/ysupportslist.html>

The Department of Youth Ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has several Internet resources available to you.

One of the items is a monthly E-Bulletin to “provide current information on youth events, resources, updates, plus various & sundry items of interest to youth workers (and youth) of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.” To subscribe to the Youth Ministry E-Bulletin send this message: SUBSCRIBE E-BULLETIN to MAILSERV@crf.cuis.edu.

To unsubscribe send the message: UNSUBSCRIBE to MAILSERV@crf.cuis.edu.

To find out about Bible studies, song books, and other resources available from the Department of Youth Ministry, check out the DYM Web site: <http://cs.lcms.org/youth>.

Youth Ministry Consultants in Your Area

Youth Ministry consultants help you to either fine tune your youth ministry, refresh it or get you started on a complete overhaul. Contact Dick Weniger at the district office at 503/288-8383 or email him at dickw@nowlcms.org for more information on how a Youth Ministry Consultant can help you and your congregation!

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