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God's Purpose: Relationship with Christ

I'd like to take a few lines to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Doug Weinrich, and I'm the other DCE at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Puyallup, WA. I moved to Puyallup in February, and my call is to youth ministry here at Immanuel. This is the third church that I have had the privilege to serve in my 10 years of ministry as a DCE.

Being in church work for ten years, I have had my ups and downs. I have at times questioned why God has put me in youth ministry, as well as question whether or not I should even continue working as a DCE. As is obvious by the fact that I am writing this article, God has not allowed me to change careers, only churches. As I look back on my previous two churches, I can see why God put me in those places, during those times. God used me to help accomplish what He wanted done. It isn't that someone else couldn't have accomplished those things equally as well, but God had me in mind for those certain situations.

As I was doing some personal study the other day, I came across Acts 13:36-38 which helped me better understand why God has placed me where he has:

"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you." (NIV)

God placed David in that time of Israel's history as king for a certain purpose, and used him in great ways despite all of his faults and shortcomings. God places us in the churches we serve, whether as full-time youth workers or youth volunteers, to serve the youth of this generation. We may not completely understand why he put us in a certain place or asked us to do certain thing, but complete understanding isn't something God promised. He did promise to be with us as we serve Him and trust Him.

That purpose, as we see in the second half of the Acts verse is to do what we can to let people know Jesus, to give them an opportunity to have a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus is the answer for all people of all times and all generations, and God uses us in our time to let people know there is hope in a fallen world.

That
purpose...is...to
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http://www.nowlcms.org/educational_services/NetworkingMinistries/YouthSupports.aspx

E-Newsletter from Synod Board of Youth Ministry

The Board of Youth Ministry for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has a monthly e-bulletin with youth ministry information. To subscribe to it, go to <http://www.lcms.org/enews/> and follow the directions.

Want Some Ideas for Your Youth Program?

The Board of Youth Ministry for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with a grant from Thrivent started a new electronic youth ministry resource available for free on the internet. Check out <www.youthsource.com/> The web page is not just for adults, but for youth too with a number of links to other great web sites. Pass it on to your own youth!

Some of the items currently on the web page deal with the subject of sports from the Bible's perspective. There's also an article about parents having to compete for time with their youth's schedules. There are even some youth reviews of current movies. Check it out!

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