Education Youth Family Life

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Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference Postponed until 2021

New Date: October 21-22, 2021

Same theme, location, and God-willing the same

speakers.

Theme: VISION 2020 Focus on the Ministry

Conference Location: Sheraton, West Des Moines



SHARE IDEAS with OTHERS - We can learn from each other

Please share with us what you have been doing or what you plan to do for families for Sunday school. We would love to share best practices so other congregations can glean ideas on how to continue to reach children, youth, and parents with the Gospel.

Learning God's Word and staying grounded is so important. There is nothing greater than the foundation that Jesus has for us. As the great hymn says, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness – all other ground is sinking sand." We need to continue to point people to JESUS and help equip them to lead their families in faith. Email me at Rhonda@iowadistrictwest.org to share what you are doing.

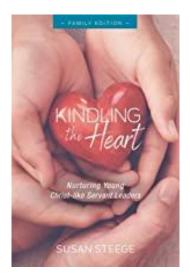
Concordia Publishing House (<u>www.cph.org</u>) continues to be a great place to look for Christ centered resources for children, youth and families.

Should we gather in person for Bible class and Sunday school? What are churches doing?

Churches are varied on gathering for Sunday school. Some are comfortable because of smaller numbers and their ability to social distance, others are doing an online version, others have decided to hold off until January. I would suggest you take into consideration the following:

- 1) How are we staying connected with families?
- 2) How are we equipping families to share God's Word within their homes?
- 3) What can we do to assure families that we have taken precautions to keep them safe to gather at church?
- 4) What are we as a church doing to promote spiritual growth in addition to providing worship service opportunities?

Resources



Family Edition KINDLING the Heart

Kindling the Heart: Nurturing Young Christ-like Servant Leaders provides 52 devotions. Each time you meet around God's Word this book has

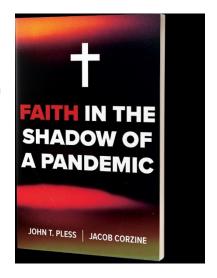
- a Big Idea
- Talking Points
- Try this Action with your family

Bit by bit you plant seeds and water the hearts and minds of your children. God will be faithful in providing the growth.

KINDLING the Heart can be ordered through Amazon.

Concordia Publishing House
The way forward is with courage.

Every crisis brings disorientation. Whether you're dealing with a natural disaster, political unrest, or something as strange as the COVID-19 pandemic, life changes. In the middle of crisis and change, Jesus Christ remains the same. As Christians, we are called to live by faith in Christ and in love toward our neighbors. Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic discusses the impact of upheaval, important lessons learned from COVID-19, and how we can best serve our neighbors during times of chaos.



Households of Faith Kit from Lutheran Hour Ministries



Explore ways you can nurture the faith of your household with tools, based on Barna research, for your individual household and those of your congregation. Each kit includes one Barna HHF monograph, The Spiritually Vibrant Home book, Households of Faith Small Group Study DVD, selected Project Connect booklets, The Household Magnet, Vibrant Conversations deck, and online course info.

YOUTH GATHERINGS COMING TO YOU VIRTUALLY

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Junior Youth

October 17, 2020

Virtual Event 7-8:30 pm

Where: Your Church

Featuring: Guest speaker, Music with Swen and Dean, Trivia

Fun, Camp Okoboji!

How: Online

Senior Youth



November 20, 2020

VIRTUAL EVENT 7-8:30 pm

Where: Your Church

Featuring: Guest Speakers Shelly Schwalm and Tanner Olson,

Izaak from Camp Okoboji, and interactive fun!

How: Online