

Northern Great Lakes Synod's

Youth Leadership School

Finlandia University—Hancock, Michigan

July 28—August 1, 2008

- **Come**
- **Share**
- **Grow**
- **Lead**



For over 30 years, Leadership School has been changing lives.

Leadership is best learned through experiences. That is what this week is all about. We believe in raising up future leaders. It is through experiencing authentic Christian community that we come, share, grow, and lead for Christ's service.

Leadership School is a Christ-centered Lutheran event that will strengthen your faith through large & small group time, worship, Bible study, and adventure.

**Registration is open to students who have completed grades 9-12.
Cost is \$200 and includes food, lodging, and all materials.**

"Leadership School is a fun, faith-building experience that nurtures disciples. Congregations should encourage their young people to participate."
Bishop Thomas Skrenes

"This one week entirely changed my daughter's life. It gave her the confidence to make more friends and stand up for what she believes in." Sally (parent)

"At Leadership School, we learned there is a difference between having a religion and having a relationship with God." Molly (student)

"This was the best week of my life." Trey (student)

"The Holy Spirit works in amazing ways during Leadership School. Many students say it makes a huge difference in their lives. And besides that, it's a blast!" Wendy Black, NGLS Youth Ministry Coordinator

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Dear Pastors & Youth Advisors,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Enclosed you will find information on this year's youth Leadership School. It will be held at Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan July 28 through August 1, 2008. We are pleased to announce that Pastor Peter Warmanen will be serving as our co-director this year.

Our synod's Leadership School is one of the best things we have to offer young people. It is intense, challenging, and life-changing. It is not strictly for the current leaders of your youth group, but for any young Christian who is interested in deepening and exploring their faith. I can say without a doubt that there are young people in each and every congregation who could benefit from attending. Please share this registration information with them.

The enclosed information may be copied and distributed to all high school age youth who have completed grades 9-12. Feel free to post copies of the poster on your church bulletin board. Take some time to personally speak with some individuals about this opportunity! A word of encouragement from someone like you tends to go a long way on the faith journeys of our young people.

Leadership School is partially funded by a grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation of Milwaukee, in cooperation with the Northern Great Lakes Synod. The cost to participants for 2008 will be \$200. This includes lodging, meals, and program costs for the entire week. I would like to encourage your church council to consider helping defray part of the cost of this event for any of your young members who want to attend. It's a great investment in God's Kingdom! A limited amount of scholarship money is also available.

Thank you for your help in passing this information along. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me at 715-282-5882 or WKBlack@yahoo.com.

God's richest blessings,



Wendy K. Black
Youth Ministry Coordinator
Northern Great Lakes Synod

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out the form below and the emergency medical/covenant of conduct form. Make sure all forms are signed. Please keep a copy for your records. Send completed forms together with a check for \$200 (Payable to: Northern Great Lakes Synod) to:

Wendy Black, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Northern Great Lakes Synod
9469 Rocky Run Road
Harshaw, WI 54529

- ◆ The number of participants will be limited so register soon!
- ◆ Registrations will be accepted in the order they are received.
- ◆ Registrations are due on July 1 unless the program is filled before that date.
- ◆ Refund policy: Any cancellations received by July 1 will be refunded in full.
Cancellations received after July 1 will be refunded less \$100.
- ◆ The \$200 registration fee includes lodging, meals, and program costs for the entire week. We will be housed in a dormitory. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag (or linens), towels, and personal items. You will receive confirmation (via email if possible) of your registration and some final instructions the week before the event.

NAME _____ **AGE** _____ **GENDER** _____

ADDRESS (street, city, zip) _____

LAST GRADE COMPLETED _____ **HOME PHONE** (____) _____

STUDENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHURCH NAME & CITY _____

YEAR IN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (circle one) **Year 1** **Year 2** **Year 3** **Year 4**

YOUTH'S SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL 2008 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM

(student's name) _____ has my permission to attend Leadership School from July 28-August 1, 2008. I authorize any recognized adult leader at Leadership School to give permission for all medical treatments that may be considered advisable or necessary in the judgment of attending physicians in the event that my child should be admitted to any hospital or be in need of any medical treatment. I expect that every attempt will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

Signature Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Allergies (food/medication) _____

Prescriptions/Medication currently being taken _____

Other medical concerns _____



COVENANT OF CONDUCT

As a participant of Leadership School 2008, I agree to abide by the following rules of the whole community:

- ◆ Participation in all large and small group sessions & worship.
- ◆ No use or possession of alcohol, tobacco products, or other controlled substances.
- ◆ In our dorm wing by 11:00 p.m., in our own room by 11:30 p.m., and lights out by 12:00 midnight.
- ◆ No use of personal vehicles will be allowed during Leadership School.
- ◆ Any other rules that may need to be established at the event.

Signature Youth Participant _____

DIRECTIONS TO FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY

Coming from the south on either US 41 or M-26:

As you cross the bridge from Houghton to Hancock, continue on US 41 into and through downtown Hancock, where US 41 is one-way (also called Quincy Street), until you come to Finlandia University (formerly Suomi College) on right side of street. You will see the Finnish-American Heritage Center (blue roof). The next building is the Hoover Center, and then the historic Old Main. Proceed past Old Main to Scott Street and turn right (between the Northern Auto car dealership and Monticello's Grocery). Go two blocks up the hill and turn right following the signs to Finlandia Hall, the dorm where we will be staying. As you enter Finlandia Hall, registration will be to your left in the cafeteria.

For more information about Finlandia University, visit them on the web at:

www.finlandia.edu

ARRIVAL—DEPARTURE INFORMATION

STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE BETWEEN 12:30 & 1:30 EASTERN TIME ON MONDAY, JULY 28 AND NEED TO EAT LUNCH BEFORE ARRIVING.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ENDS BY 11:00 AM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, AND ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY THAT TIME.