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# Northeast Indiana Family Life Ministry Council



Despite the snow fall this week, spring really is here. As winter weather sputters to a close, we begin to focus our ministry planning toward the summer months. This newsletter offers a few ideas for summer ministry programs others have tried with success. We encourage you to explore these ideas and others on our website at [www.theflmc.org](http://www.theflmc.org).

## Featured Events

### Father, Son, & Man of Faith

Messiah Lutheran Church

April 26-27

[Click here for more info.](#)

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### Family Life: The Partnership of the Church and the Home in Faith Formation

St. John Lutheran Church-  
Bingen, Decatur

Sunday, April 21  
12:00 pm

[Click here for more info](#)

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### Parenting Seminar with Dr. B. Scott Roland

Wyneken Lutheran School

Saturday, May 11  
9:00-2:30

[Click here for more info](#)

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### Love Beyond

## Summer Day Camps

Spring has sprung and summer will be here before you know it...and that means your kids will be out of school and ready to go to summer camp! Keep your kids in the Word this summer and sign them up for Christian Summer Camp.

Below are two camps who will be taking registrations very soon! If you would like to add your camp or summer program information to our [website](#), submit your information to [Michelle Leahy](#).

### Little Disciples' Summer Camp

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road  
June 10 thru August, Monday through Friday from 8:30am-3:30pm.

Now accepting applications for this summer program. Under the theme "Go Tell It on the Mountain," this camp provides a Christian alternative to summer daycare and offers music, art, drama, sports, field trips and outdoor playtime for camper's ages 5-12 years. Camp costs are \$14/half day, \$28/full day and \$120/week. Supervised care is also available before and after regular hours at 7am and until 5:30pm for 3 cents per minute.

For more information, call Kay Howard or Meghan Martin at 750-7496, or email Kay at [kayh@deeplyrootedtogrow.org](mailto:kayh@deeplyrootedtogrow.org). Register online at [www.sblchchurch.com](http://www.sblchchurch.com).

### Peace Lutheran Church

4900 Fairfield Ave.

For children ages 3 to those who just finished 4th grade

This Christ-centered camp will offer music, crafts, Bible lessons, snack and playtime in a safe and loving environment. Campers will meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am for six weeks, beginning June 18 and ending August 1 (no classes 1st week in July). The cost is \$50/child, \$40 each/2 children from same family, and \$30 each/3 from same family.

For more information, please contact Rose Murphy at 260-744-3869 or [youth@peacelutheranfw.org](mailto:youth@peacelutheranfw.org).

## Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Lutherhaven

### Family Retreat

What's in store for your life this spring? Camp



## Measure Marriage Get-a-way

E. J. Sauder Heritage  
Inn & Village  
Archbold, OH

August 2-4, 2013

[Click here for more info](#)

Lutherhaven will be having a family retreat on April 20-21 with an optional Friday overnight on April 19. The theme is LIFE where we will be learning what it means to have LIFE to the full in Jesus' name. There will also be time to grow with your family playing board games, taking hikes, and learning more about God's Word. [Read more...](#)

## Summer Camps

Summer Camp is right around the corner! Many church leaders already know the potential faith impact on children and youth for those who attend a Lutheran camp session - not to mention all the fun. Camp Lutherhaven in northern Indiana invites you and those with whom you're in ministry with to come away this summer for a fun faith adventure. Sessions include programs ranging from kindergarten through high school and also family camps. One to six day programs are offered and financial aid is available. [Read more...](#)

## Camp Lutherwald, Lutheran Hills, & Lake Luther

### Family Days

A late Saturday morning through early Saturday evening program packed with activities for the whole family, including games for kids, swimming, boating, campfire programs, and more. Meals include Saturday lunch and dinner (a Sunday morning continental breakfast is provided to overnight guests). Families can opt to spend Saturday overnight and attend the Sunday morning worship and barbeque/picnic the next day (offered at each camp). [Read more...](#)

## Connection and Outreach through Summer Growth Groups

### What Are Growth Groups?

The idea for Growth Groups, at Emmanuel Lutheran in Fort Wayne, came from our desire to connect the body of Christ. Growth Groups are a type of small group, with a focus on connecting people to one another within our church family, so that they might feel a sense of belonging. Growth Groups have become part of our Discipleship Ministry, and their purpose remains centered in 'growing together in Faith, Fellowship and Friendship'. We have four main categories of Groups-- Bible Study, Book or Movie Study/Club, Social, or Service. We have three sessions of Groups in one year.

**Fort Wayne Parks and Picnic** is an example of a social Growth Group that we had last summer. This was an excellent opportunity for families to connect while enjoying the outdoors. The Group met twice a month, on a Sunday, for two hours. A different Park in town was chosen for each outing. Families either ate supper beforehand, or brought their own to the Park. Typically, there was a brief devotional time, meal time, play time, and fellowship throughout.

[Click here to learn more about Growth Groups.](#)

## We Want to Hear from YOU!

We would love to hear anything you might share with us for the good of Northeast Indiana family ministry efforts! Do you have a program or ministry idea you would like to share? Do you have a particular topic you would like us to cover? Feel free to [contact us](#) at any time.

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