

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Report

1. Reported By: Joel Halvorson
2. Organization: Bethany Lutheran Church
3. Date: September 19 2010
4. Report Purpose and Scope:
Use of Bequest Funds for continuing education request
5. Summary for Council:
The attached plan has been reviewed and approved by Pastors Ron and Ruth Ann. It is being submitted to Council for funding approval through the Bequest Fund.
6. Detailed Plans or Next Steps:
None.



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Dear Bethany Lutheran Church Council Members,

I am writing to request continuing education money for the ELCA Extravaganza in January of 2011. The dates are Jan 21-24 and it is being held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri. The Extravaganza is an amazing event. The Extravaganza is an annual 4-day conference that draws together anywhere from 500-750 adults who work with youth in congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the premier renewal, education and networking event of our church. It is for the professional and the volunteer. It is for the old and the young. It is for the urban, the suburban and the rural. It is for pastors, it is for laypeople. It is for all who share in the adventure we call youth and family ministry.

The Extravaganza is put on by the ELCA Youth Ministry Network. For more information on the Network, you can visit www.elcaymnet.org/comeandsee.

A basic primer: The Extravaganza is about Renewal, Education and Networking: Besides the networking, workshops and renewal, there are about 45 Workshops offered during this 4 day event and a few that I would be interested in attending are:

Gender Differences in Adolescence and the Implications for Youth Ministry How come guys don't take part in your youth program? Why do girls avoid certain activities? Male and female brains form and function in distinctly unique ways throughout childhood and adolescence. Participants will evaluate their current programs and cultures seeking to identify male or female style biases. Youth and Family Proficiencies.

FULL CIRCLE: TRIPLE-A TRAINING Effective faith formation asks, How many faithful adults can I relationally encircle each of our youth with? Full Circle: Triple-A offers a system to deliver practical skills and methods for adults to be in the lives of kids. Empower and equip parents, grandparents, godparents, next door neighbors, congregational leaders and other adults whom parents invite to participate. Youth and Family Proficiencies.

Coaching Your Leaders to Excel in Ministry How are you currently equipping and encouraging your leaders to grow in faith and ministry effectiveness? What might you consider doing in the future? This workshop will provide participants with a wealth of creative ideas to maximize your own leadership capacities as well as those you lead. Professional Growth and Personal Renewal.

The total amount I am requesting is \$900 which includes the registration fees, transportation, food and lodging.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Dragseth