



# CONNECTIONS

## YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE I/K SYNOD

MAY 2007

The HANDS belonging to the youth in this picture are anonymous. We can only imagine their faces. Have we met any of these people? CONNECTIONS make it possible to know one another. Faces, personalities, actions & reactions help us to build RELATIONSHIPS that are vital to youth ministry & a Christ-centered life. As youth & adults connect with GOD and one another in youth ministry across the I/K Synod, the Internet enables us to stay connected through exchanges of news & notes on these pages & e-mails. Please send information to [ymconnections@yahoo.com](mailto:ymconnections@yahoo.com)



### WHAT IS 5 ALIVE???

It is a small group, relationship-based approach to youth ministry with a long-range plan! Youth & adults build relationships with the church, their community, each other, their family and above all our loving Lord.

5 ALIVE is a team approach to adult/teen leadership that was created by Rev Dick Borrud who has “road tested” and revised it over a number of years in Lutheran churches across the nation. Hope Moran, who will lead our 5 ALIVE WEEKEND of training, has been the 5 ALIVE director for several summers at Lee Valley in South Dakota. She is the youth director at St. James Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Indiana and very active in the Indianapolis Conference ministry.

This program is built on a strong Biblical base that involves a cross-generational approach to nurturing faith & youth ministry in congregations of any size. The systematic steps are easy to follow as youth ministry grows & impacts the Christ-centered lives of youth for a lifetime of healthy living.

## EXPECTATIONS & RESULTS

The 5 ALIVE program has a record showing these traits over several years:

- Reducing post confirmation youth dropout up to 50 %
- Increasing regular youth group participation up to 80%
- A long range plan for quality youth ministry
- Sustainable adult/teen youth ministry leadership that nurtures the next wave of leaders
- Greater youth involvement in church life
- Reaching out to “unchurched” & “underchurched” youth & parents
- Spiritual growth in youth as well as those who share faith experiences with them
- Amazing servant projects, nurturing of future church workers & more

## GETTING STARTED

**THE 5 ALIVE PROCESS STARTS WITH PRAYERFUL SELECTION ...  
A CONGREGATION CAN JUMPSTART DYNAMIC CHANGE BY CAREFULLY  
GATHERING A 5 ALIVE TEAM OF 2 ADULTS AND 3 HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) Determining who are the adults in your congregation that really have hearts for teens & truly want to share their faith with them. The prayerful & careful selection of these key people is very important! **INVITE** two of these adults to be on the 5 ALIVE TEAM. Explain that they have a specific, manageable role with other adults & teens involved.
- 2) Prayerfully selecting 3 teens that show leadership potential in your group & **INVITE** them to share in this special opportunity for growth & sharing of talents. Parents & youth need to be partners in this opportunity/commitment of tremendous growth potential. Experiences on a leadership team at church develops traits that college admissions screeners are seeking! These opportunities build the 40 developmental assets that we all want in our young people. The teens /adults chosen to be on the 5 ALIVE team will be developing those assets in the whole youth group & outside the church doors!
- 3) **SEND your 5 ALIVE team to the 5 ALIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING WEEKEND!**

**5 ALIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING WEEKEND  
FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2007 – SUNDAY JULY 15, 2007  
LAKE LUTHER LUTHERAN CAMP • ANGOLA, INDIANA**

# **5 ALIVE WEEKEND - INFORMATION SHEET**

## **LAKE LUTHER - DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

**5215 N 45 W - ANGOLA, IN 46703**

**CAMP PHONE 260-833-2383**

**TIMES:** Plan to arrive sometime between 5:30 & 6:30 with supper during travel time. Activities will begin at 7:00 eastern daylight time (camp time). This will give your team time to finish registration & settle into your cabin.

**DIRECTIONS:** These directions plus a map can be printed from [www.lomik.org/maps](http://www.lomik.org/maps)  
**FROM I- 69**

Take I- 69 to Exit 150 (Crooked Lake, Lake James, CR 200). Go W (LEFT) about 1 mile & turn LEFT ( Orland Road just past Fun Spot Amusement Park & Caruso's Italian Restaurant). Go about ½ mile to Crooked Lake & turn RIGHT at the "Y" at the Sunset Inn. Continue on Orland Road through the 4-way stop. Continue about a mile & turn RIGHT onto 425 W. LAKE LUTHER is 2 ½ miles on LEFT.

**FROM INDIANA TOLL ROAD (I 80, I 90)**

Exit onto I-69 at Rt. 120 Take 120 about 5 miles. Turn LEFT toward Nevada Mills on 450 W about 2 miles. Go over dam and turn LEFT at "T". Lake Luther is ½ mile on RIGHT.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

### **TEAM LEADER:**

#### **1) MEDICAL FORMS:**

You need to bring an emergency medical form for adults as well high school students. This can be the form your church uses or the one at [www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org) Please keep these forms available while you travel & during our weekend at camp.

#### **2) PAYMENT:**

The cost is a nominal fee of \$70 per person (adult or youth) for the 5 ALIVE WEEKEND. Each team should send in a **\$70 deposit by June 10, 2007**. The balance will be due when the team registers at camp. The church generally pays the cost. This is an important way for the congregation to nurture faith & leadership in its youth.

TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE WEEKEND

**ALL TEAM MEMBERS:** PLEASE LEAVE IPODS, CD PLAYERS, ETC. AT HOME

**SLEEPING BAG & PILLOW**

**CLOTHES & 2 PAIRS OF SHOES (sneakers/hiking shoes & sandals/beach shoes)**

**REGULAR TOWEL & WASHCLOTH**

**SOAP/SHAMPOO / TOOTHBRUSH / TOOTHPASTE / COSMETICS**

**BEACH TOWEL / SWIMSUIT / SUNSCREEN / SUNGLASSES**

**CLOTHES / SWEATSHIRT / COAT / RAIN GEAR**

**FLASHLIGHT / INSECT REPELLENT / BIBLE / PAPER & PENCIL / CAMERA**

# REGISTRATION 5 ALIVE TRAINING WEEKEND!

REGISTRATION IS BEING DONE FOR YOUR WHOLE TEAM ON 1 FORM

**PLEASE PRINT THE FORM (2 PAGES) & FILL IT OUT. SEND IT VIA US MAIL WITH A CHECK FOR THE \$70 DEPOSIT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.**

Christ Lutheran Church, 2610 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso, IN 46385 Attn: Sue Schoech

**THE BALANCE NEEDS TO BE PAID BY CHECK WHEN YOUR TEAM ARRIVES AT LAKE LUTHER. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "Lutheran Outdoor Ministries" with 5 ALIVE WEEKEND on the MEMO Line. The cost for each participant is \$70.**

**Church :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM INFORMATION:** The 5 ALIVE team leader is the adult who will be in charge of the team during the weekend. Usually the team leader will be the youth coordinator at the church. The ideal number on a team is 2 adults & 3 high school teens. If you need to come with a smaller team we plan to link smaller teams in pairs for some activities.

**TEAM LEADER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** Area code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM INFORMATION:** Registrations can be sent in with some names left blank. When you arrive at camp each camper needs to fill in a form.

**TOTAL NUMBER of people on your church 5 ALIVE team** \_\_\_\_\_

**The number listed here must be the number of team members arriving at Lake Luther for the weekend. Please notify us of any changes to this total number.**

**NAME OF 2<sup>ND</sup> ADULT** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** area code \_\_\_\_\_ number \_\_\_\_\_

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## HIGH SCHOOL TEEN TEAM MEMBERS

### PARENT NOTE...

Your signature gives your child permission to attend the 5 ALIVE weekend from July 13-15, 2007 at Lake Luther as well as permission for the use of 5 ALIVE camp pictures in publicity.

- TEEN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_
  
- TEEN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_
  
- TEEN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH COORDINATOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE KEEP THE INFORMATION PAGES & SEND ONLY THE 2 PAGE REGISTRATION FORM & THE \$70 DEPOSIT CHECK MADE OUT TO "LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES" with "5 ALIVE WEEKEND" on the MEMO LINE.**

Send to Christ Lutheran Church, 2610 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso, IN 46385  
ATTN: Sue Schoech

QUESTIONS ??? Call Sue at 219-464-2858

SEE YOU IN JULY AT 5 ALIVE !!!