

Registration forms  
can be found at the  
Wyoming District  
website:

[www.wylcms.org](http://www.wylcms.org)



- Registration is \$25 per person
- The annual banquet will be \$20 per adult and \$10 per child, with Pr. David Ramirez as the banquet speaker
- Guests who stay at the Ramkota will have a continental breakfast available
- Day care and VBS will be provided for Saturday
- \$72.99 per night rate available at the Ramkota — ask for the “Lutheran Conference” rate
- Please return your registration form to the district office by **January 23**.



Annual Evangelism Convocation  
January 30-31, 2014  
Best Western-Ramkota, Casper, WY  
\$25 Registration Fee

# The Other 166 Hours



If you spend an hour  
a week in Divine  
Service and an hour a  
week in Bible study,  
what sorts of habits,  
routines, and  
resources can help to  
sustain you during  
the rest of the week?  
How can you teach  
these to your children?

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## There and Back Again:

No, we're not talking from The Shire to The Lonely Mountain. Even better, though, this session will deal with how family devotional time flows from the altar of the Church and back again. We will look at some practical ways in which we can incorporate the richness of the Church's liturgy, hymnody, and Christ's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation into the Monday through Saturday life of the Christian. This will also help you understand what the *Catechism* means when it says that the Holy Spirit *daily* forgives your sins and the sins of all believers.

## Christ and the Psalms:

David, Korah, and Asaph, O my! The liturgy is full of bits and pieces of the Psalms. This collection of poetry and hymns can be a little intimidating for 21st century Christians who aren't use to the language of sacrifice, but it doesn't have to be this way. During this session, we'll take a look at the liturgy's use of the Psalms and how they teach us about Christ. By doing so, you will gain a greater appreciation for this "prayerbook of the Bible," by driving you further into the very wounds of Jesus, our Sacrifice, that he suffered to bring to you the forgiveness of sins.

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**The Rev. Jordan McKinley** serves as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bennett, IA, and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stanwood, IA, so he's never confused as to where he is supposed to be. He is the husband of but one wife, Andrea, and the father of but three children: Naomi (4), Collin (3), and Theodore (1). He is above reproach (as much as a native Hoosier can be), and manages his household as well as can be expected. He does not like long walks on the beach, because there are none in Iowa, but he does enjoy making a yearly pilgrimage to the future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk in nearby Riverside, IA, and teaching his children Klingon.

## Family Devotions.

One of the prayers for Holy Matrimony asks God: "Bless our homes that they may ever be a shelter for the defenseless, a fortress for the tempted, a resting place for the weary, and a foretaste of our eternal home with You." Only God's Word in our homes can create the answer to this prayer. Family devotions are not just a Christian duty; they are a way of life for the Christian home. Who, what, when, where, and how do we make this happen? Here is encouragement and help for those who have family devotions as well as for those who would like to start.

## Lutherans Love Good Hymns!

Which are you more likely to remember from church last Sunday: the pastor's sermon, or a favorite hymn the congregation sang? Sorry pastors, it's a simple reality. Most people remember the hymns long after the sermon has been forgotten. The sermon and the Lord's Supper together are the high points in our worship, yet the hymns are often the most memorable reinforcements of these gifts. How do we pass the hymns of our faith on to the next generation? How can home and congregation work together to endow the love of great hymns to our children?

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**Rev. John Hill** received his B.A. from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, in 1986. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1990 and was called to serve Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbes, North Dakota. Since 1996 he has served as pastor of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School in Casper, Wyoming. He earned the S.T.M from CTS in 2009. Pastor Hill serves as the Education Executive and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Wyoming District. Pastor and Angela Hill married in 1992 and have five children: Andrew, Christina (and Nickolas) Lewallen, Marie, Catherine, and Michael.

## Banquet Presentation: Be a Man!

What could possibly be more masculine, or "manly," than establishing, heading, and caring for a household? It should be obvious. It is what men were created, commanded, and called to do. This is where all evangelism begins—with our closest neighbors. Yet being the shepherd of a household, being a *Hausvater*, is looked down upon by society at large and shirked by even many Christian men. Being a man fundamentally means leading those in your care in the fear of The Lord. It means more than having a man cave to retreat to, but looking to our Lord in faith and following in the footsteps of the saints of old such as Joshua, David, Peter, and John.

## Catechesis in the Home:

Jesus said as He rebuked Satan, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Teaching the faith (catechesis) in the home should be built upon around two main pillars: 1. Bible History, the studying of the Holy Scriptures; and 2. Learning the heart of Biblical Doctrine by the Catechism. Whether your home has children, teenagers, a couple, only yourself, or all of the above, continued learning of the Word of God is essential. This presentation will provide guidance on how to approach catechesis in the home and provide detailed suggestions on how to receive the Scriptures—to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them in the blessed hope of everlasting life in Jesus Christ.

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**Rev. David P. Ramirez** is a 2008 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne. After spending an additional year in Fort Wayne as the historical theology department's graduate assistant, he received a call to Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL, and has served there since 2009. A topic of interest and research for Pr. Ramirez is catechesis, particularly the teaching of Bible History. He is married to Lisa and has 5 children.