



EaND FALL YOUTH RETREAT ... SEPTEMBER 26-28

EaND Synod Fall Youth Retreat

We are excited to host the Eastern North Dakota Fall Youth retreat this September 26-28 at the Castaway Club. This retreat is geared toward students in grades 6-10. For those older than grade 10, we invite you to check out the work crew options below.

Please pass this information on to youth ministry contacts in your congregation. Registration for this event will be handled online. We anticipate the event reaching capacity – so register early!

This year, there will be two opportunities for you to ask questions and hear from retreat leaders about what the weekend will look like.

[Monday, August 25 at 12:00 pm.](#)

Join us for a lunchtime Zoom.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88104696431?pwd=745UEXsU9YDGFMnWX0lw7buB86alKa.1>

Meeting ID: 881 0469 6431
Passcode: 552050

[Tuesday, September 23 at 1:00 pm.](#)

Log in for a WEEK OF Zoom for any last-minute details and questions.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88154241534?pwd=nA4b9waVVYrTCocaaQ8wnBaYnK5i8C.1>

Meeting ID: 881 5424 1534
Passcode: 621652

Hope to see you in September
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theme



Join us for a powerful weekend where faith meets action as we explore what it means to *Do Good Better*.

Inspired by Galatians 6:10 — “*Let us do good to all...*” — this retreat invites us to live our faith out loud in a world that longs for compassion, courage, and creativity.

We’re thrilled to be joined by **Pastor Emily Harkins** of *The Dwelling* in Winston-Salem, NC — a bold and inclusive church without walls that walks alongside people experiencing homelessness. Pastor Emily brings a deep passion for justice, community, and the kind of faith that shows up in real and radical ways.

Don't miss this unforgettable weekend filled with connection, purpose, and a whole lot of good.



location

THE LOCATION

The location of the retreats returns to Castaway Club. Castaway Club is located in the heart of Minnesota's beautiful lake country, 13 miles south of Detroit Lakes. Fall in the lake country is gorgeous!

A few features of Castaway are:

- *game rooms, a climbing wall, waterfront
- *frisbee golf course, soccer field, basketball courts, tennis & volleyball, and a gaga pit
- *great food & coffee shop

leaders & details

GRADES 6-10

September 26-28

LEADERS & DETAILS

All adult leaders must be over the age of 18. At least one leader from each congregation must be 21 or older in age.

RATIOS

There needs to be **1 adult leader per 5 youth**. **Pay attention to gender categories.** Leaders will be engaged with the congregation's young people during the retreat.

When looking for adult leaders for these retreats, do just that - look for them. Pay attention to adults and how they interact with youth. See potential. Recognize abilities. Talk to them. Plant a seed. Ask them to "think about it." Avoid advertising if at all possible. If someone volunteers and you have no idea who they are or what they're about, don't say yes or make a commitment to them. Check them out first. Talk to people who might know them. Talk with them to better understand who they are. If you feel they have potential, get them involved with the youth in a group setting to see how they connect and interact.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Background checks are required for all adult leaders. The safety, health and well-being of the young people we are entrusted with are worth the extra work and every penny of the cost. Each congregation is responsible for completing background checks and the costs associated.

FORMS

Each person attending the retreat must complete the following forms. Please bring completed forms to the event.

- [Heath & Expectations](#)
- [Camp Consent Form](#)

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

On Friday please arrive between 7:15-7:45 p.m. - make sure your group eats prior to camp. The weekend retreat will begin at 8:00 pm with session one in the Anchor building. We will point you in the right direction upon check-in. This year, we will have onsite registration in the loop. The weekend ends with a sending worship on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Please make sure to have buses/transportation at camp no later than 10:15 a.m.

SCHEDULE SAMPLE

Many of these particular students haven't been away from home for a day or more. To help with transparency, we are providing a sample schedule to share with your groups. We used the word sample to highlight that there can be modifications made as needed but, basically, this is how we will spend our time together.

[SAMPLE SCHEDULE](#)

housing

HOUSING

Safety is a core value of ours while at these retreats - both emotionally and physically. We also know we have made some big assumptions about gender in the past. The sleeping arrangements at camp include sharing a room. You know the youth you are bringing but you too may have assumptions about their gender identity. We encourage you to take this opportunity to talk about how they feel the safest in sleep environments. There are some smaller rooms available at camp and leadership is available to brainstorm and work together on how to serve this precious population.

For questions or further discussion, please reach out to kim@lcmndsu.org.

registration

HOUSING

Registration fee covers all program and expenses, t-shirt, snacks and meals.

We invite you to register your group with the total number of participants and leaders. You are welcome to add more adult leaders, students and work crew at a later date. **\$184 (youth + adults)**

[REGISTER NOW](#)