

2017 State Youth Gathering

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells



Breakout Sessions

Saturday, November 3
10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Session A

Lead Bold, Lead Humble - Trevor Kunze, DCE, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI

Leading by the world's standards is a bit different than leading by God's standards. Following God's standard will undoubtedly get us into uncomfortable situations. But with bold purpose and humble hearts, He stretches us into leadership.

Session B

Truth in the era of "Post-Truth" – Rev. Mark Kiessling, LCMS Youth Ministry

The apostle Peter wrote, "...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with **gentleness and respect...**" (1 Peter 3:15, ESV, emphasis added). Surely Peter wasn't talking to us in our current context? As Christians, we often receive little gentleness and respect for our beliefs and actions, why should we lovingly respond to others with whom we disagree? How would our "Hero" have us stand for truth, even when we are in the minority? This workshop and discussion will give an overview and insights to engaging your friends, culture, and "enemies" with the love and hope of Christ.

Session C

When God Doesn't Seem Real – Sarah Salzberg, Theology Teacher, Lutheran High School of Orange County/UnPaved

If you're anything like me, you feel more like a wandering Israelite than a disciple sitting at the feet of the Savior. It'd be a whole lot easier to be a Christian if you could just see Jesus in the flesh. We'll talk about what it's like when our feelings betray us and what God gives us in times when it may feel like He's far from you.

*Everyone needs a hero.
Jesus, our hero who comes to save.*