

2004 LMS Conference/Convention and Annual Youth Gathering June 25-27, 2004

Visitors are welcome at the Conference, the Sunday Worship Service, and the LMS Convention. If interested in attending, for information on lodging, or any other questions, call Rev. Ralph Spears at 317-637-8870

Youth Conference

Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday afternoon.

Have you ever wondered why worship is so important? Why have so many Christians throughout the history of man sacrificed themselves just to have one or two hours of reflection and praise before God? This year's Youth Conference will examine the different aspects of worship including:

- **Worshipping in Secret:** How did our church fathers and mothers keep the faith alive? Learn the secret language that church members used to protect themselves and others from persecution.
- **Worship Today:** Youth will be challenged to come up with their own worship service, and see how it compares with what we do today. Discussions will center on what the different parts of the worship service are and why we do them.
- **Bible Studies:** Our Bible Studies this year will focus on Worship and what it means to be a Mature Christian.
- **Crafts:** Will include making religious objects to remind us to pray.
- **Service Activities:** To be announced! And, of course, we will be practicing our famous annual play....
- Young people ages 10 and up are welcome.

Conference on Worship

Saturday, June 26

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| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome |
| 9:15 a.m. | Morning Worship |
| 9:45 a.m. | Session 1 - What is Worship? And the Development of Worship |
| 10:25 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 10:40 a.m. | The difference between worship and showmanship. |
| 11:15 a.m. | Why vestments? Their significance. A look at changes in vestments. |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | The Liturgy. Essential and nonessential elements The Lutheran Understanding of the Means of Grace - does it really matter? Getting off on the right foot---or better, on both knees. The importance of the opening confession in Lutheran worship |
| 2:15 p.m. | Worship furnishings - does it make a difference? |
| 2:30 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 3:00 p.m. | Who we worship shapes how we worship. |
| 3:30 p.m. | Active listening --- the lessons, sermon and creed in worship. How do we pray aright? |
| 4:00 p.m. | Summing it all up. |
| 4:15 p.m. | Closing Vesper Service |
| 4:45 p.m. | Choir rehearsal |

Sunday, June 27

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| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 10:30 a.m. | Divine Worship with Holy Communion |
| 12:00 noon | Noon Lunch |

LMS Annual Convention

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| 1:15 p.m. | Business Meeting Closing Devotional |
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