



Youth Retreats at Fortune Lake

Fortune Lake has two youth retreats coming up in April.

“Sacred Waters” - Upper Elementary Retreat (for 3rd-6th graders) – April 4-5, 2025

This year’s theme, “Sacred Waters,” will focus on baptism; what it is, why we do it, and what it means. Campers do not need to be baptized to come to this retreat! Our Bible Studies will take an accessible approach in hopes that everyone comes away with a better understanding of the radical promise that is Holy Baptism.

“In the Body” - Jr/Sr High Retreat (for 7th-12th graders) – April 11-12, 2025

Through this year’s theme, Rachel Kurtz will guide the group through what it means to be “In the Body,” both in our own bodies and in the greater Body of Christ. Rachel will touch on what it means to be truly present and kind to our own bodies, how we can better show up as a member of the Body of Christ, and what that looks like in our lives. She will also be sharing her powerful music with the group throughout the weekend.

You can register for either of these retreats at <https://fortunelake.org/retreats-rentals/>.

Adult leaders and parents are also welcome to attend these retreats at Fortune Lake. There is designated time on Saturday morning for adults to connect and share resources. We are especially excited to have ELCA musician, Rachel Kurtz, leading our adult workshop at the Jr/Sr High Retreat. There will also be a free public concert with Rachel on Saturday afternoon, following the retreat. Thank you to the NGLS Youth Ministry Team for brainstorming

this idea and to Zion-Marquette for a generous endowment distribution to help make this special event possible!

Multi-Synodical Youth Conference Entangled – July 8-11, 2025

The NGLS is once again partnering with the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin to offer a Multi-Synodical Youth Conference for high schoolers (students who have completed 8th-12th grades are eligible to register). The event will take place July 8-11, 2025 at UW River Falls. Please visit <https://nswi.org/entangled> for more details.

An invitation to share with parents and faith leaders is included in this edition of Northern Lights. Please help spread the word!

