



## EWALU CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

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*In the rhythm of Christian life, Ewalu serves as a place apart  
to connect the Word of God with the world of God.*

Dear Friends in Youth Ministry,

Greetings from Camp Ewalu! We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the Spring weather.

Although the weather is pleasant, the economic outlook these days is still somewhat ominous. In tough times, everyone – including youth – needs to find support and encouragement in the Church.

That's why Ewalu is offering a **FREE Youth Leader Day** on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It's your chance to get together with other youth ministry professionals to sharpen your skills for building Christian community within your youth group and between youth and the church, using one of the oldest and most powerful ministry tools available: retreats! The training covers how to do them... why to do them... locations in your area... what works best... why kids get involved... and opportunity for us to learn from one another. The event is co-sponsored by the Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA. We are offering the training on two days, each especially focused on your needs:

April 2 (Thursday) for *Youth Ministry Professionals*

April 4 (Saturday) for *Volunteer Youth Ministry Coordinators*

You'll enjoy lunch, quality networking time, special topics, a tour of the camp, and more. Special topics include Environmental Education in the Church, Designing Fun and Meaningful Retreats, Youth Retreat Philosophy, discussion time, and some amply-deserved pats on the back for doing what you do. ☺ After lunch you'll have a chance to experience the Zipline, the Leap of Faith and other challenge course elements, first-hand! The event goes from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enclosed are two RSVP postcards. Please return them (or email me) a.s.a.p. so we can plan for meals and materials. If you have any questions, please call our office at 563-933-4700 or email [robin@ewalu.org](mailto:robin@ewalu.org).

We hope you can join us on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. May God bless your efforts in youth ministry!

In Christ,

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***Serving as a "place apart" since 1961***