

The First Biennial Herring Barrel
for Lutherans
Marriage and Celibacy:
Honorable Estates

Young Adults Retreat

Friday through Sunday, January 5-7, 2018
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
1309 Grand Ave
Laramie, WY 82070

Register online (copy and paste link):

<https://standys.typeform.com/to/ND1bY4>

Summary

God calls all of us to be chaste. God calls his unmarried children to be celibate. God calls those who struggle with desire to look for a spouse. But it is hard and getting harder in this culture to do either. It's time to stop messing around. With a few exceptions, we are meant to get married. Marriage gives us companionship under God, children to love and work for, and helps us control our desires. Celibacy isn't a time for idleness, but to pursue works of love. Let's examine ourselves and our culture, our attitudes and goals as we struggle to live a God-pleasing life through faith in Christ our Savior, who has redeemed us from living a life of futility and prepared good works beforehand for us to walk in.

Main Themes: Celibacy, Finding a Spouse, Living in the Grace of God

Speakers: Rev. John Hill, President of Wyoming District (LC-MS), Rev. Joshua Hayes, pastor of University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO, Rev. Mark Preus, pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Laramie, WY.

Who can come?: Young Lutheran adults, married or single, ages 18-30. Required for attendance is the letter to be signed by your pastor, available at the end of registration, indicating that you attend church regularly and are a member in good standing of a Confessional Lutheran congregation. If you are over 30, please have your pastor contact Pr. Mark Preus at markpreus@gmail.com, to ask for an exception.

Cost: \$35 This covers speaker, food, and banquet expenses (additional funds should be brought for dinner on your own, dates, cross country skiing or bowling)

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Accommodations: Bring sleeping bags, air mattresses, pillows, toiletries. The women will sleep downstairs in a few rooms we have with a few mattresses and couches. The men will sleep upstairs in the library. There are bathrooms downstairs for both sexes, but only one shower in

the unisex bathroom upstairs. We are trying to add showers downstairs, but this will take a year or two. You will be somewhat roughing it! Women will be given a longer space for the shower in the morning and on Saturday afternoon.

Banquet: Please bring something nice to wear for the banquet. We recommend “western formal” attire. We will be teaching country swing before the banquet. It’s fun.

Alcohol: We encourage the godly and responsible use of alcohol. Drunkenness and under-age drinking will not be tolerated. Such behavior would ruin our reputation in the community and prevent us from ever doing this again. We need to obey Caesar. Those who resist him resist God.

Tentative Itinerary

Friday

5-8:30pm Registration (pizza available for dinner)
8:30pm Evening Prayer
9:15pm Meet Rev. and Mrs. Hill
9:30pm Cocktail Hour (only 21 years and older may drink alcohol)
10:00pm Free time at Church or Downtown
12:00am Compline
1:00am Lights Out

Saturday

7:30-9:00am Breakfast
9:15am Matins
10-10:50 am First Session (Men with Pr. Hill: *What women need from men*; Women with Pr. Preus: *Dropping the handkerchief and such: getting a Christian man’s attention*.
10:50 Break
11:00 am Second Session (Men with Pr. Preus: *Non Cave-man techniques of pursuing a prospective bride: pursuing the same woman your whole life long*; Women with Pr. Hill: *What men need from women*.)
11:50 – 2:00 lunch on your own
2:00 – 4:00 pm Cross Country Skiing or Bowling
4:00 – 6:00 pm downtime, getting ready for banquet and dance.

5:00 Lessons for dancing?
6:00pm Gemütlichkeit
7:00pm Banquet
7:45pm Speaker
8:15pm Dance

Sunday

9:00 am Final Session: *Living the Celibate Life* (Pr. Joshua Hayes)

10:30 am Epiphany Divine Service
Lunch on your own.