

WELS Commission on Youth and Family Ministry

Highlights

- *Kids Connection*
- WELS International Youth Rallies
- Schools of Youth and Family!



- A monthly video series for congregations and schools
- Celebrating our 20th season!
- It's our prayer that *Kids Connection* and the gospel it shares encourages kids from 2 to 102 to stay connected to each other, to WELS, and, most importantly, to Jesus!



Serving Jesus by serving others

- \$99/year for 9 episodes September to May
- Subscribe at wels.net/kidsconnection
- Questions and story ideas: kris.snyder@wels.net



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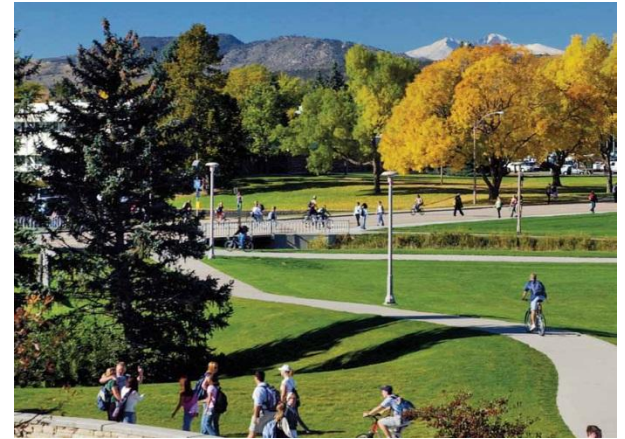
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A look ahead

2016 WELS International Youth Rally

- June 28-July 1
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins
- Registration booklets in congregations and online during November
- Online registration opens in March
- Pens and magnets in your WELS convention packets: use and share!



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Youth Rally

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Fort Collins, Colorado





SCHOOLS OF

YOUTH & FAMILY

Super stoked 4 SOYAF!!

- Schools of Youth and Family will be set up like Schools of Outreach and Schools of Worship currently being used by our Synod.
- Super encouraging presentations with a ton of ideas geared to be immediately and easily implemented!

SOYAF continued...

- Mentoring will be same set up, with lessons learned from other “schools” to try to ensure successful and regular follow up from mentors!
- In process of beta-testing right now. Will look at bringing to Districts in fall of 2016!

Sessions @ SOYAF:

- Moving Target! Understanding the development of youth to and in our culture
 - Marriage-growing ministries: implementing “marriage cafes” in your church
 - Cradle to 6 years old
- Beyond Confirmation - plugging our youth into our congregations

Sessions @ SOYAF:

- Purpose and Goal driven youth activities
- Help with “organic,” participant-driven (whether youth or family) Bible studies
 - Games and Mixers
- Youth Ministry 3.0 (Mentoring)
- Transforming Faith Outside the Nest

WELS and PNWD Commission on Youth and Family Ministry

Questions?

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