

10_{AM} electives

1. Start Here. Go Anywhere. Grounded in God's Word.

AFLBS / JOSH JOHNSON

How will an AFLBS education impact your future? Students and staff from the Free Lutheran Schools will discuss how a season set aside for training in God's Word instills a faith that thrives, even in life's most difficult moments. Thu, Fri · *Reusch Auditorium*

2. Cults and Counterfeits: Holding Firm to the Anchor of Truth

MIKE ANENSON

An examination of fraudulent faiths with a focus to "steal, kill, and destroy" the truth of the Kingship of Jesus Christ. Through the Word we can know the true and living God which will provide us with wisdom and discernment. Tue, Wed · *Wind River A*

3. What Does It Mean to Be a Christian Athlete?

AARON ARNESON

Do you enjoy sports? We can live the Christian life in the realm of athletics by applying principles from the Bible, whether we are passionate participants or fans, or just enjoy being part of the game. Tue, Wed · *Lewis Dick Hall*

4. I'm Here: Supporting a Friend Who is Struggling

JEFF BERRYHILL & ALISSA LAMBRIDES: INTERVENTION RESOURCES TEAM

How can we Biblically help others who are struggling with difficult emotions, relationships, or situations without making things worse? We'll look at how the Bible calls us to care, sometimes confront, and to "bear one another's burdens." Tue, Wed · *Wind River C*

5. Being Lutheran

BRETT BOE

Do I have to be a Lutheran because I grew up in this church? Does it matter if I simply want to be known as a Christian? Why do we have different types of Christians, different denominations? We will look at these questions and learn what Lutherans believe and why we believe it. Tue, Wed · *Rams Horn Lily Lake*

6. Social Media & the Great I AM

ANDREA CHRISTENSON

Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube, and even Google Docs. The choices for connecting with others are endless. Is social media bad? Good? Or possibly somewhere in between? Thu, Fri · *Wind River A*

7. Perfection vs. Excellence

MARION CHRISTOPHERSON

Discover the pitfalls of perfectionism and the eminence of excellence. God's grace covers the gaps of inadequacy and failure.

Thu, Fri • *Longs Peak Chasm Lake*

8. A Mindless Waste of Time, or a Tool for Cultural Engagement

AARON DAHL

Aaron will take a look at video game culture, and how experiences with video games impact faith and open up creative avenues to share one's beliefs with others. Tue, Wed • *Dakota Cabin*

9. Defending the Faith... From Myself?

PASTOR JASON GUDIM

We'll focus on some of the common mistakes and bad habits we can develop in our Christian life that can throw us off track and even threaten to derail our faith. Thu, Fri • *Deer Ridge Fireside*

10. Salty Snacks, Whispering Loudly, and Questionable Choices

TIM HERSET

The post Christian culture we live in squirms when they hear the word evangelical. Even in our Christian culture, the term evangelism is loaded and avoided by most. Consider how evangelism and living your vocation may look questionable to the world, but bring joy to you and Jesus.

Thu, Fri • *Assembly B*

11. When the Thorn in Your Side is Mental Health

JENNIFER HOLT

Whether the person with the diagnosis is yourself, a family member, or a friend, Jen Holt wants to share hope with you! Great peace is to be found in really knowing that God's strength is made perfect in weakness!

Tue Wed • *Longs Peak Chasm Lake*

12. When God Says No

PASTOR CRAIG JOHNSON

Encouragement from God's Word for those times when we pray for good things, with good intentions, but God doesn't give the answer we wanted. Tue, Wed • *Deer Ridge Fireside*

13. Joy in the Journey

EMILY JOHNSON

Do you ever feel discontent or long for true joy in your life? Joy comes when we turn our eyes to Jesus and choose to be grateful for the blessings and trials that come. Thu, Fri • *Emerald Mountain Aspen*

14. What to Do When You Don't Feel Good Enough; Learning the Grace Gifts of God

PASTOR JIM JOHNSON

Looking for validation? Netflix, brand names, Twitter, and Instagram will only take you so far; Selena Gomez can only give you the same old love and Ariana Grande will leave you “With No Tears Left to Cry.” But even though God’s love never changes, it’s new every morning. Learn exactly how God feels about you! Tue, Wed • *Assembly A*

15. Moving Beyond Your Snapchat Streaks: Being a Friend People Want to Have

PASTOR JIM JOHNSON

You can have new friends. God wants to give them to you. When you come to faith in Christ, you get eternal life and true community in Christ. But you’ll have to make adjustments. Pastor Jim shares specific skills about becoming a better friend. Thu, Fri • *Assembly A*

16. We Are Church

DANIEL KEINANEN

At our church, 64% of our teenagers have an active role in our intergenerational Sunday morning worship services. What are ways you can be involved in your church? Thu, Fri • *Longs Peak Diamond East*

17. Sincerely, I Am

ALISHA KNEELAND

The Bible, God’s Word, is a love letter to us. Our relationship with God can grow by establishing a healthy devotional life, spending time with our Father, the Great I Am, in His Word. Thu, Fri • *Twin Sisters Fireside*

18. Not All Tears Are Bad

ANDREW KNEELAND

God doesn’t promise a pain-free life; what do we do when bad things happen? Should you look for distractions? Just keep moving forward? It is healthy to be sad, and healthy to mourn; not all tears are need be avoided. Tue, Wed • *Twin Sisters Fireside*

19. Unhindered?

PASTOR EARL KORHONEN

Do you know the last words in the Acts of the Apostles? Are you on track with that, bringing the message of Jesus to our friends, communities, and a waiting world? Tue, Wed • *Rams Horn Holy Hill*

20. #Selfcarematters

JOEL LAMBRIDES & EMILY BOYKO: INTERVENTION RESOURCES TEAM

With all the hustle and bustle around us, we often forget that we need to slow down and make time to replenish our minds, bodies, and spirits so we can function our best! We'll present truths and myths of self-care from a Christian perspective, and how to effectively integrate self-care into your normal routines. Thu, Fri · *Wind River C*

21. God's Plans Vs. Our Plans

ALISHA LANGNESS

What sport should I play? Classes should I take? College should I go to? Who should I marry? We often go through life anticipating our future, questioning God's plan, continually wanting to know the next step. We can know that God has an ultimate plan for each of us.

Tue, Wed · *Emerald Mountain Aspen*

22. Climbing Down the Mountain

JARED LANGNESS

FLY is great, but what happens when you go back home? How can you put into practice what you learned at FLY? How do you build on the spiritual momentum of the FLY convention when you go back to your normal life? Thu, Fri · *Emerald Mountain Bible*

23. De-Stress

JORDAN LANGNESS

With anxiety on the rise and wondering where God is in all of this, we'll look at the causes, effects, and possible solutions to our stress.

Thu, Fri · *Dakota Cabin*

24. I AM...Life 4 U (and "them" 2)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE / MICHELLE BAUMAN

Does God really value the lives of all people? Using the story of Jonah, we will take a closer look at how God came to save ALL lives, even the lives of our enemies. We will brainstorm ways we can share that same message with others. Thu, Fri · *Wind River B*

25. Ladies Only: Defined by Christ

CASSIE MOAN

The world tries to define what makes a girl "worthy" of a guy's attention, and this is constantly changing. Who does Christ say you are in Him, and how does His unchanging definition impact your relationships with guys? Thu, Fri · *Rams Horn Lily Lake*

26. What's Taking So Long? How Jesus Encourages Us to Pray

PASTOR JERRY MOAN

Do you struggle when you have to wait for God's answer to your prayers? When it seems like God is silent? It is a huge test of faith. Jesus teaches us how to face the test. Tue, Wed · *Texas Cabin*

27. Homosexuality

PASTOR WADE MOBLEY

The Christian Church in America has been largely ineffective in confronting the sin of homosexuality and rescuing those who face the temptation. We'll equip students who struggle with homosexuality (or know those who do) by teaching a robust theology of temptation, sin, and repentance, while answering several common misconceptions about this aspect of human sexuality. Tue, Wed • *Assembly B*

28. Guys Only: Act Like Men; Be Strong

PASTOR JAMES MOLSTRE

In this confusing culture which continually blurs the distinction between genders, what does the Bible teach with regard to being a man, and especially a man of God? Tue, Wed • *Longs Peak Diamond East*

29. Worship of the King

ALEX MONSETH

There's countless things we can choose to worship today, but only one is worthy of our adoration and praise. Why is it important that we worship the Lord? It is more than music. Thu, Fri • *Lewis Dick Hall*

30. Ladies Only: Made for More

DRE MONSETH

In a world that constantly tells them they are either too much or not enough, God calls women into the brave work of bringing His kingdom to earth. Tue, Wed • *Rainbow Fireside*

31. All You Need is Love—Or Is It?

JERRY & KRISTI NELSON

If you are looking, or waiting for the right one...how will you know when you find him/her? Is love enough? Or do actions speak louder than words? The Nelsons will share some surprising insights regarding qualities you'll want to look for in that "special someone" that just might be your spouse someday. Tue, Wed • *Longs Peak Diamond West*

32. Do You Have What It Takes to Join the Journey?

JON NELSON

We'll look at different opportunities within Journey Missions Short Term Mission Trips, as well as options to serve for a summer or longer.

Thu, Fri • *Texas Cabin*

33. My Parents Aren't Married or Even Together: Will I Ever Feel Normal?

PASTOR AARON OLSON

We'll discover 5 easy steps to find our true identity in Jesus while still embracing our "uniqueness." Thu, Fri • *Rainbow Fireside*

34. How to Study Your Bible

MICHELLE OLSON

66 books. Ever try to study 66 books? These particular books include different types of literature written over 1500 years by many different authors...well..there was One perfect Author intricately involved too. We've got ideas for studying the most read, most life-changing, most holy book in history, with a few helpful hints to take home with you.

Tue, Wed · *Wind River B*

35. Parsley\$crilla's Two Cents

OWEN PARSLEY

"Mo Money, Mo Problems." That's not what God wants for us! The Bible is chock full of tips and wisdom for how we should handle our cash not only to help ourselves, but help others, and spread God's love and Word.

Thu, Fri · *Willome*

36. Human Life: From the Womb to the Tomb

PASTOR MATTHEW PILLMAN

There looms a debate over the questions of life. When does life begin? How should it end? What makes humans valuable? Using Scripture, science, and reason, we'll make a case for protecting unborn children, the disabled, and those facing end of life decisions.

Thu, Fri · *Rams Horn Teddy's Teeth*

37. Color Blind

PASTOR ERIC RASMUSSEN

In these times of escalating racial discord, the father of a multi-racial family will discuss what the Bible says about race, conflict, and how Christians should respond. Tue, Wed · *Rams Horn Teddy's Teeth*

38. How Jesus Went Viral!

PASTOR JIM RASMUSSEN

To spread the Gospel, Jesus gave His unlikely messengers an unlikely method called discipleship that is still working today. While the Church can use new technology for the spread of the Gospel, Jesus' basic method remains the same. What can that look like in your life?

Thu, Fri · *Longs Peak Keyhole*

39. Under the Influence: Alcohol and Drugs

NICK SINCLAIR

What does the Bible say about being sober-minded, taking care of your body, and representing Christ well? Thu, Fri · *Longs Peak Diamond West*

40. InstaChurch

BEN SOLLIE

We are bombarded with choices: Instagram filters, music preferences, YouTube channels, whether I go to church or not. How do we make growing in our faith a priority? Why is getting plugged into a church so important in strengthening our relationship with Jesus?

Thu, Fri • *Rams Horn Holy Hill*

41. If God Can Forgive Me, Why Can't I Forgive Myself?

PASTOR KIRK THORSON

Do you struggle in experiencing God's forgiveness? How can you forgive yourself, and move past sorrow and regret for your bad choices? What does the Bible say about the lives of a liar, a complainer, and a person who struggled with immorality, all transformed by God's mercy, and used in a mighty way, so you can know the power of forgiveness in your life too. Wed, Fri • *Rams Horn Giant Track*

42. Guys Only: How to Treat a Woman

PASTOR RYAN TONNESON

Girl Power. Toxic Masculinity. Radical Feminism. In 2019, is there any room for men to still behave like true gentlemen? Yes! We will uncover Biblical principles Godly gentlemen can use to help women feel S.A.F.E. around them, especially in the areas of sex, authority, friendship, and emotions.

Tue, Wed • *Longs Peak Keyhole*

43. Bully-Proof

PASTOR ERIC WESTLAKE

Learn to laugh at yourself and diminish the power of the bully; know "whose you are," and don't worry about "who you are!" Tue, Wed • *Willome*

44. In the Beginning, God Created...

WENDY WESTLAKE

Our desire to create whether it be writing, painting, singing, etc., is testimony that we are made in God's image. He is the most creative being and the original Creator. How do we use the gifts we've been entrusted with to bring glory to Him? Tue, Thu • *Rams Horn Giant Track*

45. Sharing My Faith: Do I Really Have to?

ALEX WOODWORTH

None are perfect when it comes to sharing our faith in Jesus. Why is it so awkward? What do the Scriptures say about evangelism, the importance of prayer, and salvation in Christ alone? How does this relate to our friends, families, and coworkers as we live life in 2019?

Tue, Wed • *Emerald Mountain Bible*

ADULT ELECTIVE SESSIONS

1. One Tool for Engaging Culture

PASTOR JASON HOLT

As a caring adult involved with teens, you can coach them through cultural conversations using this Scriptural tool. Thu · *Assembly Hall C*

2. Rethinking a Culture of Religion

PASTOR DANIEL HURNER

“Where is everybody?” Empty seats may mean people don’t care about their faith; we’ll discuss cultural trends regarding religion and how to foster a positive youth ministry atmosphere. Fri · *Assembly Hall C*

3. Digital Brain

DR. WALT MUELLER

In a world where kids are interacting with technology and media for more than 7 and-a-half hours a day, researchers are now unpacking how that immersion is shaping the way kids think, read, write, and research. Yes, spending life in front of big screens and small screens is rewiring our kids intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. In this seminar, Walt Mueller will guide you into an introductory understanding of the fascinating and frightening world of growing data on kids and technology, along with practical strategies and responses you can employ with the kids you know and love. Tue, Wed · *Assembly Hall C*

CONVENTION CONCERNS

Convention Concerns Staff will be available to receive your feedback on the FLY Convention during the week. From a big matter to a small question, Pastor Jason and Jennifer Holt will welcome your constructive criticism for the national youth gathering’s improvement for future years. In addition to the personal connection hours listed below, you may complete a Convention Concern Form at any time during the week in the FLY Office.

Assembly Hall (South Entrance)

11:30am-12:30pm (Tues–Fri)

3:30-4:30pm (Tues–Thur)