

THE WYOMING DISTRICT'S FIFTH ANNUAL HOME SCHOOL RETREAT

Join fellow Missouri-Synod homeschooling families for worship, instruction, and encouragement

ARS DOCENDI: THE BEST TEACHING METHODS FOR YOUR STUDENTS

July 16-18, 2023 at the Lions Camp in Casper, WY

Entire families are welcome to attend this FREE event! Presentations, lodging, and meals are included. Activities will be provided for children, and free time will be scheduled for families to mingle.

AGENDA

Tuesday – July 16

12:00 Registration
1:00 Afternoon Prayer & Welcome
2:00 Session 1 – The Art of Reading
3:00 Break
3:15 Guided Discussion
4:00 Vespers
5:00 Dinner
8:00 Compline

Wednesday – July 17

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Matins
10:00 Session 2 – The Art of Writing
11:00 Break
11:15 Guided Discussion
12:00 Afternoon Prayer
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Free time (hiking, yard games, etc.)
5:00 Dinner
8:00 Compline

Thursday – July 18

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Matins
10:00 Session 3 – The Art of Teaching
11:00 Break
11:15 Guided Discussion
12:00 Afternoon Prayer & Closing
12:30 Lunch & Clean-up



Love Instructed by Wisdom, Christian Gottfried Schulze.
German, c. 1781. From the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

RSVP by July 2

For questions, please call Rev. Jacob Benson at 307-254-9541.

Registration is FREE, however, families are asked to make a donation to help cover the cost of food and lodging. Please make checks payable to "Wyoming District-LCMS."

Thank you!

THIS YEAR'S THEME

ARS DOCENDI: THE BEST TEACHING METHODS FOR YOUR STUDENTS

Which techniques of instruction and which kinds of assignments serve children best in homeschooling? When should children read whole works, excerpts, or secondary-source summaries? When should they write short reflections or longer papers? Applying twenty years of college teaching experience and fifteen years of homeschooling, Dr. MacPherson will share wisdom for the classroom, from high school down to the elementary levels. By weighing the pros and cons of five types of reading assignments, six types of writing assignments, and five types of classroom instructional techniques, participants will discover which methods are best suited for their own children.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Dr. Ryan MacPherson serves as the Academic Dean of Luther Classical College. He holds a Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science from University of Notre Dame and is author/editor of several books, including: *Rediscovering the American Republic*, *Studying Luther's Large Catechism*, and *The Culture of Life*. He and his wife, Marie, are homeschool parents to seven children. Dr. MacPherson comes to LCC with 20 years of previous experience in Lutheran higher education. He is passionate about leading his family in home devotions and guiding his students through the primary texts that have shaped Western Civilization and Christian thought.

— S A P I E N C E —

THE FACILITIES

The Homeschool retreat is held on Casper Mountain at the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp



This is indeed a Mountain-Style Camp! The Lions Camp does have some amenities including electricity, wi-fi in the buildings, and running water. However, this will be a gloriously rustic experience for all!

WHAT IS PROVIDED

- Dormitory-Style Housing
- Family bedrooms (intended for families with infants who may be noisy)
- Showers
- Meals, Coffee, Water

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING

- Bedding (pillow, sleeping bag, blankets)
- Toiletries
- Notebook, pens, pencils for note-taking during Dr. MacPherson's Sessions
- Hiking Shoes/Boots
- Sunscreen, bug spray, and any medications
- Warm clothes for evening Gemütlichkeit

Please note: Camper (Fifth Wheel) and Dispersed Tent Camping is allowed if you would prefer that to the dormitories. If you plan on taking advantage of this, please let Pastor Benson know when registering.

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register online at www.wylcms.org/homeschoolretreat

or complete and mail this sheet to:

Lutheran Ministries
2400 Hickory Street
Casper, WY 82604

Adult Registrants: _____

Names & Ages of all accompanying children: _____

Is your teen child(ren) willing to help with outdoor games? _____

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