

# **A THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
420 1<sup>ST</sup> ST SE, GWINNER ND**

## **Presenter**

**Rev. Bob Riggert Executive Assistant for Youth, Education, and Stewardship  
Iowa District West**

**Registration Fee 25.00 per congregation  
(regardless on how many you send)**

**Please contact Pastor Kirk Douglas  
by November 7<sup>th</sup> with the amount of people who will attend  
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Biography—Rev. Bob Riggert

Rev. Bob Riggert serves as Executive Assistant for Youth, Education, and Stewardship in Iowa District West. He has served in this ministry position since 1997. Bob is a graduate of Concordia, Seward ('70) and began teaching at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Euclid, Ohio. While in Ohio, he received a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Kent State University. From 1973-1980 he was principal of Trinity Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. While in Fort Wayne he began attending Concordia Theological Seminary and graduated with a Masters of Arts in Religion and completed the colloquy program ('82) for pastoral ministry. Iowa District West parishes served included St. Luke's, Cylinder; Immanuel, Lone Rock; and Zion, Manning.

The Riggert family includes wife Diane (a Concordia, Seward graduate and an early childhood educator) and children Jennifer, Jodi, Jonathan, and Julie. They are also blessed with three sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law and eight grandchildren. Pastor Riggert and Diane reside in Manning, Iowa.

Pastor Riggert describes himself as an advocate for Christ, children, and the changing power of the Gospel. He was privileged to be the Bible study leader at the July 2008 "Christ+Children+Community" LCMS national children's ministry conference in Schaumburg, Illinois and will be serving in that role again at the July 2011 "Sandals to Sneakers" LCMS Children's Ministry Conference in Orange, California.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**9:00** opening devotions/introduction

**9:15** Session I--a Theology of Children's Ministry (Where do we find power and direction in God's Word for ministry to and with children?)

**10:30** Children in the church--Challenges and celebration today (some general information/discussion)

**lunch**

**1:00** Children in OUR church--How are the children in our congregation and community?

**2:00** What do we do now? Beginning of some specific planning for children's ministry

**3:15** closing comments, devotions