



# A Gathering of Grandparents: Explore Your Vocation

Thursday, May 6, 2010  
8:00 AM–12:15 PM

**In Cooperation With:**  
Augustana Lutheran,  
Church of St. Joseph,  
Lyngblomsten,  
and Salem Lutheran

**Open to the Community!**

## Schedule of Events:

**8 AM–8:45 AM**

Registration  
Continental Breakfast

**8:45 AM**

Welcome & Devotions

**9 AM–9:45 AM**

Keynote Address  
Marilyn Sharpe  
*Grandparenting:  
Called to Love, Laugh,  
and Leave a Legacy*

**10 AM–10:45 AM**

Breakout Session 1

**11 AM–11:45 AM**

Breakout Session 2

**12 Noon**

Closing & Benediction

*Keynote Speaker, Marilyn Sharpe presenting:*

## **GRANDPARENTING: Called to Love, Laugh, and Leave a Legacy**



Grandparenting is high holy work. Scripture affirms grandparents as vital to transmitting faith to the next generation. Research has come to the same conclusion. Our personal faith stories, too, tell of these cherished people who loved us, brought us joy, and left Jesus' fingerprints all over us. Now, it is our turn to love our grandchildren with the love of Christ, discover delight and laugh joyfully with these children, and to pass on a legacy of faith, sharing time together, our stories, and prayer.

**This conference is for all who are grandparents, grandparent-wanna-bees, and "faith grandparents," all of us Christian adults "of a certain age" who are called by God to nurture faith for children in the congregation and community.**

*Join Marilyn Sharpe, grandparent, parent, parent educator, and faith educator for an inspiring, affirming, and equipping opportunity to learn how we can respond to God's call to us to "Go, make disciples" of these precious children. Whether these children live nearby or far away, you will leave with new ways to braid faith into both daily and special experiences. Come to be equipped; leave, confidently answering God's call, "Here I am, Lord. Send me."*

## **Breakout Sessions Offered:**

*(Detailed descriptions are on the back)*

- Bridging the Generations
- Grandparenting Rights
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Loss of Dreams
- Sharing Your Grandparenting Wisdom
- Youth Culture: What We Are Seeing in the Schools

Date & Time:

**May 6 from 8:15 AM–12:15 PM**

Location:

**Augustana Lutheran Church**  
(1400 So. Robert Street, West St. Paul 55118)

Cost:

**\$15 (includes breakfast)**

Registration due by:

**May 2, 2010**

*(Registration form is on the back)*

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# Breakout Sessions

## Sharing Your Grandparenting Wisdom

Bob and Marjorie Jamieson, *Grandparents*

With nine grandchildren ranging from age 13 to 25, Marge and Bob have discovered effective ways to support, share and connect with their grandchildren, including during difficult circumstances. In this session you will have a chance to share your own wisdom, from your observations and from your experiences as a grandparent, a parent, and as a grandchild yourself."

## Bridging the Generations

Brian Ross and Nancy McLean, *Lakewood Counseling*

Technology, time, distance are just a few of the things scheming to disrupt our relationships with our grandchildren. Join us and learn to better understand these challenges and bridge the gap between generations.

## Loss of Dreams

Diana Diers, *LMFT Center for Grief, Loss and Transition*

Images abound of grandparents, glowing and relaxed; their grandchildren smiling as they share golden moments. But what happens when our 3-generation families do not match our own hopes or the idealized models that surround us? What do we do when, at this stage of life, our experiences and feelings bring deep disappointment or pain? In a safe environment, use this opportunity to share experiences and learn some helpful tools.

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Linda Hammersten, *Lutheran Social Service*

Are you raising a grandchild? Do you know somebody who is raising? There is help available, although not well known! There are approximately 23,000 Minnesota children being raised by their grandparents, without either parent in the home. With a strong background in social services, Linda is an advocate for grandparent-led families who face unique challenges.

## Grandparent Rights

Lisa D. Hill, *attorney, Southern MN Regional Legal Services*

The increasing divorce rate, single parenthood, adult drug and alcohol abuse, and economic issues have brought significant changes to the family. Attorney Lisa D. Hill will review legal options for grandparents often caught in the middle.

## Youth Culture: What We Are Seeing in the Schools

Terry Johnson, *M.Ed., Guidance Counselor, Roseville Area High School*

Culture change is inevitable, but staying informed takes some effort! From the Ed Sullivan show to iPods, Terry has worked with students since 1977 as a teacher, coach and guidance counselor. Join him for an in-depth look at today's youth and what they may encounter on a daily basis.

# More Information

## Questions about this event:

Contact Cindy Albing at (651) 414-5292 or [calbing@lyngblomsten.org](mailto:calbing@lyngblomsten.org)

## The conference will be held at:

**Augustana Lutheran**  
1400 So. Robert Street  
West St. Paul, MN 55118

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(For detailed directions & a map visit: <http://www.augustana.com/map/>)

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# Registration Form

## Registration Deadline: May 2, 2010

## Conference Fee: \$15 per person

(includes continental breakfast)

*Please print clearly.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Send the completed registration form along with a check made payable to "Lyngblomsten Services" to:**

Lyngblomsten Community Wellness & Education  
ATTN: Cindy Albing  
1415 Almond Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55108

## Rank your Breakout Session choices 1-6:

- Sharing Your Grandparenting Wisdom
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