

11 AM ELECTIVES

“...be filled with the knowledge of his will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding”

COLOSSIANS 1:9b



1. Race. What Does The Bible Say About Race?

WED, FRI » [LONGS PEAK CHASM](#) | [ADAM ERICKSON](#)

As a result of God's work of creation and recreation, there is no place for racism in a Christian worldview. We are all made in the image of God, and Christ died for us all. How can we address racism as Christians in talking with others?

2. Anxiety. How Do I Deal With It?

TUES, THUR » [WIND RIVER B](#) | [PASTOR MATTHEW NELSON](#)

Anxiety and stress are often related to such things as performance, looks, status or friends. Anxiety is real, and the causes can be dealt with in ways that are healthy, God honoring, and Christ centered.

3. Loneliness. Are Relationships Really That Important?

WED, FRI » [DAKOTA CABIN](#) | [JEN HOLT](#)

In a world of connection, people are more lonely now than ever. Why is that so prevalent? Are there consequences to living the lonely life? How can valuable relationships with God and others make a difference?

4. Value. Why Am I Valuable?

TUES, THUR » [WIND RIVER C](#) | [PAM OLSON](#)

Our value lies in that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image. True value can only be found through a living relationship with Jesus.

5. Church. Why Do I Need to Belong?

TUES, THURS » [LONGS PEAK DIAMOND EAST](#) | [PASTOR ANDY COYLE](#)

God's design for His church involves you; that's where He nurtures your faith which is vital to your spiritual health. Your attendance is only the beginning. How does being part of a congregation affect you and your faith?

6. Truth. Can Your Truth Be Different From My Truth?

TUES, THUR » ASSEMBLY B | PASTOR JASON GUDIM

There is one absolute truth; God's perfect law and teachings. There is no your truth or my truth. What you believe about truth will affect your faith, and how you live your life.

7. Love. How Do I Love Others Without Abandoning The Truth?

TUES, THUR » REUSCH AUDITORIUM | PASTOR MICAH HJERMSTAD

The words love, acceptance, and approval are often considered synonymous in our culture. Being armed with clear definitions of love and truth will help us to know how to love others without accepting or approving what they believe or do.

8. Sports. How Do I Live Out My Faith On The Field?

TUES, THUR » LONGS PEAK KEYHOLE | LOGAN STRAND

Sports can be fun, and good. Sometimes sports can be something we love and find our identity in more than God, which then becomes idolatry. How does one balance faith and doing our best with competition and idolatry?

9. Creative Arts. How Can My Gifts Be Used To glorify God?

WED, FRI » LONGS PEAKS KEYHOLE | MONICA COYLE

How can my creative gifts reflect the beauty of Christ in a broken world? How can I join with Him in His work of restoration, as both an image-bearer and creator? What could it look like to steward my creative gifts for God's glory within the church and beyond?

10. Death. How To Deal With It?

TUES, THUR » LONGS PEAK DIAMOND WEST | MOLLY BARSENESS

Since the fall of mankind, we are constantly faced with the reality of death. Do we deny it or ignore it, or believe there will eventually be a cure? We can deal with death by looking to the one who conquered the grave, and gives us hope and peace in the midst of grief and fear.

11. Forgiveness. How Do I Forgive Even When It Seems Impossible?

WED, FRI » ASSEMBLY A | JORDAN LANGNESS

The Bible says to forgive and forget, but that's not as easy as it seems. How can I let go of hurt when the wrongs done to me are painful, perhaps even unimaginable? Forgiveness can happen, not in a way that will guilt you, but that will bring healing and health.



12. Guys Only: God Made You Relational; What Does That Look Like?WED, FRI » [WILLOME](#) | [PASTOR AARON OLSON](#)

Throughout life, you'll have relationships with both guys and girls, but are they healthy relationships? The Bible has some good advice when it comes to looking for, and nurturing, good friendships, and dealing with romantic love.

13. Girls Only: God Made You Relational; What Does That Look Like?WED, FRI » [ASSEMBLY B](#) | [EMILY HERSET](#)

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14. Gender. What Does The Bible Say About Male and Female?TUES, THUR » [WIND RIVER A](#) | [PASTOR JUSTIN NELSON](#)

Biblical masculinity and femininity is God's perfect design. The Word can equip us to thoughtfully engage others who would challenge what God has to say about gender, gender fluidity, and tolerance of how others choose to express themselves.

15. Religion. How Is The Christian Faith Different?WED, FRI » [LONGS PEAK DIAMOND EAST](#) | [PASTOR NATE JORE](#)

Do all roads lead to God? Christianity stands apart from other religions in the world. This is done by emphasizing salvation by grace through faith, much different from working for it.

16. Leadership. Am I Called To Lead?WED, FRI » [REUSCH AUDITORIUM](#) | [PASTOR WADE MOBELY](#)

Christians have a variety of gifts, and these gifts can be expressed through different leadership styles. Servant leadership is possible even for those who feel they cannot lead because they are too quiet or unqualified, as exemplified by Christ himself.

17. Lutheran. What Does It Mean To Be A Lutheran?WED, FRI » [WIND RIVER A](#) | [PASTOR TIM JOHNSON](#)

What exactly is a Lutheran? Why is Lutheranism distinct from other church bodies? How did it get started in the first place? Why is it important to someday find/attend a congregation that holds to the authority of God's Word, preaches Law and Gospel, and points you to Jesus?



18. Music. How Is What I Listen To Shaping Me?

TUES, THUR » LEWIS DICK HALL | TIM HERSET

I don't listen to the words, I just like how it sounds." Music we listen to leaves an imprint on minds; God has designed our brains to easily remember the words put to music. We can learn to discern between edifying and harmful lyrics, and God can restore us through the power of His Word in song.

19. Calling. God's Calling You...To What?

TUES, THUR » DAKOTA CABIN | JOEL RASMUSSEN

Some feel called to professional ministry. Many don't. God's call isn't something only pastors, youth leaders, and missionaries receive; God calls all His redeemed to live lives in accordance with His will and unto His glory. What does the doctrine of calling, or vocation, mean for me, and how is it relevant where God has placed me in the world?

20. Purity. How Do Purity And Restoration Relate?

TUES, THUR » ASSEMBLY A | PASTOR ADAM OSIER

We are not by nature pure; who is truly pure in all of their thoughts, words, and deeds? Christ has come to restore us to purity; this happens when we confess our sins. He is faithful and just, forgives us, and purifies us from our unrighteousness.

21. Stewardship. What Should I Do With What God Has Given Me?

WED, FRI » WIND RIVER B | SHARON RYKHUS

God's common grace is shown to us all in the things we are given each day. What do we do with these things? We can steward what God has blessed each of us with, whether that be time, relationships, money, or possessions. God is in the business of restoring all things, and that should motivate us to give liberally, with thanksgiving and praise.

22. The Bible. Why Is This Ancient Bible Relevant Today?

WED, FRI » LEWIS DICK HALL | PASTOR BRETT BOE

The Bible was written thousands of years ago. Why in the world should I look to, listen to, study, and share this book? The Word of God, even though old, is not only true, but applies to the world we live in now. It can speak to us today if we read, study and apply what it says.



23. Conversation. How Do I Converse With Someone Who Thinks Differently Than I Do?

TUES, THUR » WILLOME | PASTOR JASON HOLT

Whether in youth group, at school, or while hanging out with friends, there will always be differences of opinion, conviction, or beliefs. Instead of canceling, learn to converse with others, pointing them toward the truth of God and His Word.

24. Joy. I Want It; How Can I Have It?

WED, FRI » WIND RIVER C | PASTOR STEVE JENSEN

Joy is often something people long for. Are we looking in the right place? Where can it be found? The joy that is found in Jesus Christ is everlasting, even when difficult circumstances make it difficult to discern.

25. Distractions. What Takes My Eyes Off Of Jesus?

WED, FRI » LONGS PEAK DIAMOND WEST | SETH AND KIRSTIE SKOGERBOE

In a world that is constantly competing for our attention, what can we do to keep our attention focused on the Lord? What are some ways we can be pulled away from Jesus, and what does it look like to stay fixed on Him?

26. Holy Spirit. Does The Spirit Work?

TUES, THUR » LONGS PEAK CHASM LAKE | PASTOR DAVID HANDSAKER

The Holy Spirit, as part of the Trinity, is an important part of our faith. As a Christian, am I filled with the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is living and active; what does that mean for us as believers?



YOUTH LEADER TRACK

4 Electives: Tuesday–Friday

AFLC Youth Ministries is excited to have Dr. Walt Mueller at FLY 2023 to present through the week for our Youth Ministry Leaders' Elective Track designed for youth leaders, parents, pastors, and other interested adults.

Understanding and Teaching God's Design for Sex and Gender

ASSEMBLY C | DR. WALT MUELLER

Our children and teens are growing up in a world where “It’s all up to you!” is the mantra that guides – or more accurately mis-guides – our students into embracing and living out ideologies on sex and gender that undermine their human flourishing. In this four-part seminar, Walt will walk you through how the Sex Positive movement and LGBTQ+ ideologies are forming the beliefs and behaviors of our kids, along with how and what to teach about the beauty of God’s sex-and-gender-positive design as the path to spiritual growth, relational growth, and sexual flourishing.



Dr. Walt Mueller is the founder and President of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding, a non-profit organization serving schools, churches, and community organizations across the U.S, Canada, and worldwide in their efforts to strengthen families. Walt has been working with young people and families for over 35 years. He is a recognized authority on youth culture and family issues, and has appeared on numerous media outlets internationally to discuss teenagers and their world.

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)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Tues–Fri) | 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Tues–Thur)