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Homosexuality and Transgenderism

Invite those struggling with sexual difficulties into our lives and church, not to approve of the sin but to love the person.

Celebrate the gift of same sex friendships.

Study the friendship between David and Jonathan.

Share Youth4Life Podcast episodes "Addressing Gender Brokenness" and "Sex & Gender: Is It All Just A Construct?"

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." - Genesis 1:27

Educate about the harms of puberty blockers and gender transition therapy.

Pray for others or ask others to pray for you when you are struggling with sexual temptations.

Affirm God's createdness, including binary sexuality, in friends and neighbors.

Seek or connect loved ones with a Lutheran pastor for counseling.



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Marriage

Pray for married couples that they may remain committed for life.

Help youth compile a list of attributes they should look for in a husband or wife, especially those attributes that God describes for man and wife.

Rejoice in the gift of union and procreation that belongs to marriage.

Prepare for marriage through love and self-sacrifice in the family that God has placed you in.

Host a panel for couples married a long time to speak to newly engaged and married couples.

Affirm that marriage is a priority and there is no "perfect" time to get married.

Listen to the Youth4Life Podcast episodes "Healthy Dating," "The Truth about Pornography," and "The Truth about Sex."

Lead a Bible study on marriage as following the example of Christ and the church.

He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." - Matthew 19:4-6



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Masculinity and Femininity

Host father/son or mother/daughter events at church or school.

Celebrate and affirm the differences between male and female.

Read books like *Male & Female*, *Lady Like*, and *Man Up*.

Rejoice that there are many tasks that don't belong to male or female and that there are tasks specific to male and female.

Pray for men and women that they might embrace the roles that God has given them in family and society.

Lead a Bible study on the complementarianism of male and female.

Listen to the Youth4Life Podcast episodes "Godly Womanhood" and "Biblical Manhood."

Host skill sharing nights for older and younger men and older and younger women.

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates." - Proverbs 31:30-31