



## Children, Family, and Faith

*October 16-26, 2011*



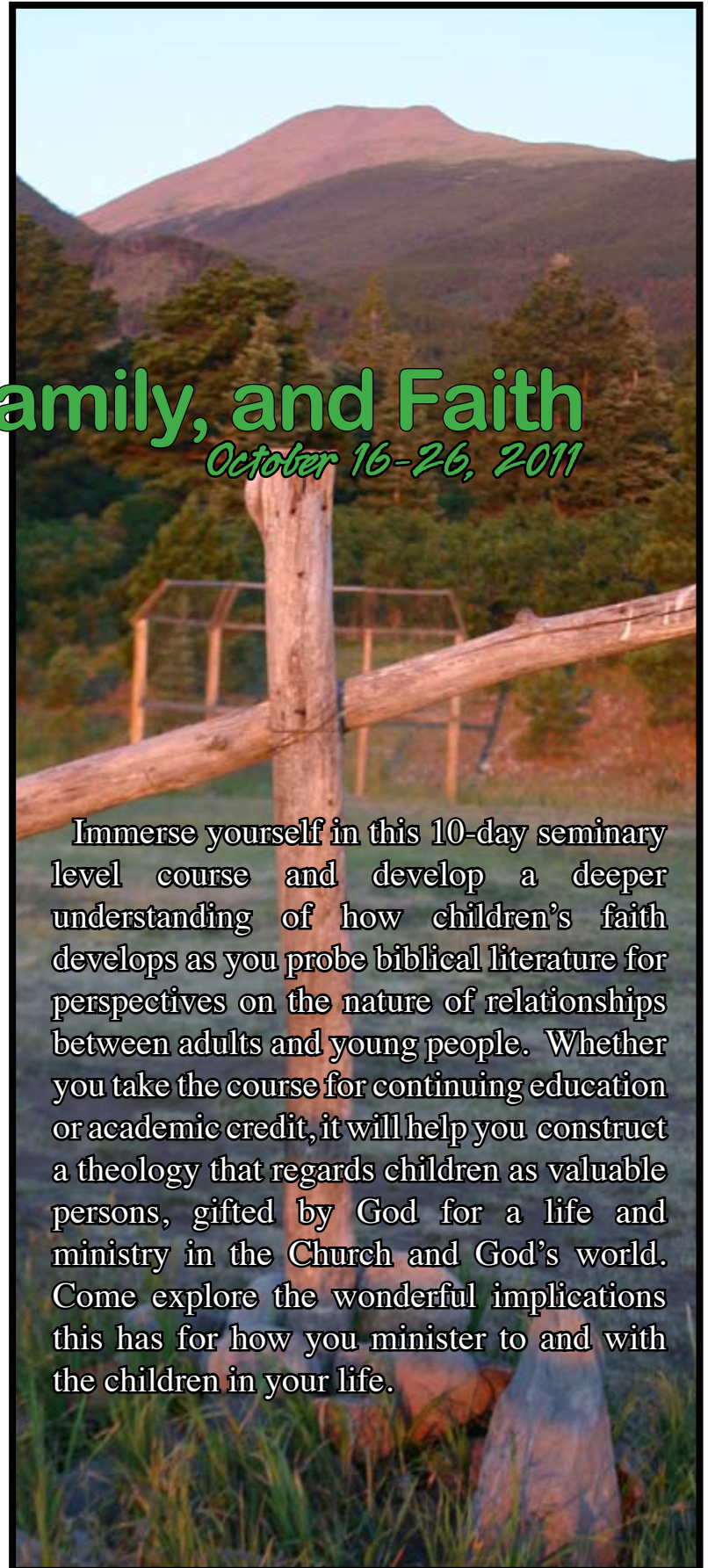
- **Interactive Instruction**
- **Small Class Size**
- **Personal Relationships**
- **Worshipping Community**
- **Adventure Learning**
- **Gorgeous Mountain Setting**
- **Lodging & Food Included**
- **Academic Credit Available**

This course is offered through

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Wartburg Theological Seminary  
Rocky Mountain Synod - ELCA  
Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp



Immerse yourself in this 10-day seminary level course and develop a deeper understanding of how children's faith develops as you probe biblical literature for perspectives on the nature of relationships between adults and young people. Whether you take the course for continuing education or academic credit, it will help you construct a theology that regards children as valuable persons, gifted by God for a life and ministry in the Church and God's world. Come explore the wonderful implications this has for how you minister to and with the children in your life.

*[www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org)*

## Course Overview

Explore the nature of today's child and family, and how to care for their faith development. We will reflect critically on childhood from a variety of perspectives found in the history of Christian thought. These historical, ethical, and theological, views will help you gain better understanding of the changing notion of family in a diverse, pluralistic social context.



## "Class Rooms"

"Class" will take place in a variety of locations ranging from the more formal setting of Columbine Lodge to the outdoor settings of the Ropes Course. Sun filled nooks and quiet corners offer great places for conversation and study.

Instruction is interactive and includes discussion, presentation, video, assigned readings and more. Adventure learning and a worshipping community in a mountain setting will add to the 24-7 immersion learning experience. Surrounded by the hospitality of the RTALC and the course dean, there is ample time for discussion with faculty and other students about how one's learning applies to local ministry and work.



This dynamic seminary level course will be held against the back drop of the gorgeous Rocky Mountains. Held on-site at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, October 16-26, this course is designed for working professionals and volunteers who serve our church in children, youth, and family ministry. It may be taken as personal enrichment, continuing education, or for academic credit\*. It also meets the standards and guidelines suggested by the ELCA Youth Ministry Network.



## Course Credit

This course may be taken as part of your Life Long Learning or Continuing Education. Academic credit is also available for this course if desired. Additional course work and fees may apply for Masters or Certificate Program Credit. Credit is given by Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA. Contact Dr Kristine Stache at [kstache@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:kstache@wartburgseminary.edu) for specific information about your credit needs.

## Location & Travel

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is located 4 miles west of Hillside, CO, approximately 3 hours south of Denver. Competitive prices for flights into Denver or Colorado Springs can often be found. Travel from airports is the responsibility of participants, but RTALC will assist in arranging carpooling between those who are driving and those flying.



## Community Life

Life together is central to this course. Time for learning, worship, eating, resting, and playing is designed to provide time for both personal and group experience, and be a model of what healthy and faithfilled family life can be.



## The Mountain Setting

Located at 8,500 feet, on 19 acres of US Forest Service land in the San Isabel National Forest, RTALC offers a degree of comfort in a rustic mountain setting. Fall weather varies greatly and may be in the mid 60's during the day and plunge into the teens at night. At high altitude the sun is intense and sunscreen is a good idea, even in October. The thin air can leave you a little out of breath but is not a problem for most people.



## Lodging and Meals

A short walk from Columbine Lodge is Bristlecone Lodge. A warm fire in the lounge welcomes you into your home away from home. Hotel style rooms with bunk beds will be shared by 2-4 people and share a common bathroom with an adjoining room. Pikes Peak and great mountain views are visible from the deck, one of the many great gathering spaces.

Healthy and abundant food is served Family Style in the dining hall and is a central part of life together in community. Allergies and special dietary needs can be accommodated in most cases.

Register online at [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org)

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# Faculty and Core Team



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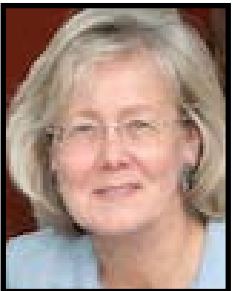
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## Course Fees

Course fees include the following:

Academic Instruction  
Adventure Learning  
Required Books  
Course Materials  
Food and Lodging

Course Fee: \$1100

Not included in Course Fees are travel to and from Rainbow Trail and 2-3 meals during time off during the course. If you desire to take the course for academic credit, additional fees are required and are payable to Wartburg Seminary. A minimum of 12 students is required to offer this course.



## Course Objectives

1. Explore the nature of “childhood,” and what it means to care for children, from a theological perspective.
2. Probe the biblical literature for insights about an understanding of childhood and the relationship between adults and children.
3. Examine broadly the role and care of children from a wide variety of religious (Christian and non-Christian) and cultural perspectives.
4. Engage a wide variety of traditions within the history of Christian thought in a mutually critical conversation regarding the role and care of children.
5. Consider the impact that the perception of adults has on children and their role in a society and/or culture.
6. Reflect critically and theologically on “traditional” and emerging conceptions and configurations of the family.
7. Better understand the faith development of children, and the role of the family and home in faith formation.
8. Discuss the implications of this course in terms of the relationship between children and adults, and the partnership between home and church.
9. Construct a working theology of childhood ministry, paying attention to how this impacts the working of the church.
10. Regard children as valued and valuable persons, gifted by God for life and ministry in the Church and in God’s world.



Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp operates under special use permit from the USDA Forest Service, San Isabel National Forest, and is an equal opportunity service employer and provider.

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