

## Christian Experience Weekend

The Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) IS a retreat for ANYONE. This retreat is for people from all Christian churches, not only Catholics. You will enjoy speakers, group sharing, prayer, and a chance to worship together. The retreat will help you grow in your faith in Christ as you reflect on your relationship with yourself, with others, and with God. Each person is welcome to chat and share with others in helpful ways. You are welcome to share in the manner most comfortable to you.

### Why a CEW?

Many of us lead busy lives, and at times our faith life can be neglected. Daily we encounter many challenges to living our lives as God wants.

CEW allows you time away from the business of daily life and provides a time to reflect on your faith journey – where you have been and where you would like it to go.

As Christians, we are part of a community of believers. During CEW, you will experience this Christian community on a variety of different levels and come to understand its importance in our lives.

Jesus came and helped the early Christian disciples form a community, and in turn they were energized by one another. That process continues through CEW.

### What to expect

- Separate weekends are held for men and women, ages 18 and older.
- CEW begins with registration at 7:00 pm on Friday and closes at 4:00 pm on Sunday.
- Participants sleep at the retreat site in order to maintain a sense of community. Special arrangements can be made for those with special needs.
- Shower areas are available.
- Wonderfully prepared meals are served throughout the weekend.
- Your hosts will be a team of lay and ordained members of the Ankeny area CEW community.

During the weekend you will experience a faith sharing community through presentations, group prayer, and reflections. Each person is welcome to share their experiences at their own comfort level.

CEW is held at:

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church  
510 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Ankeny, IA

A \$50 donation is suggested for the weekend, with \$10 requested at time of registration. No one will be turned away if this is a hardship.

Detach and mail the registration form, or register online at <http://www.olih.org/cew-retreats/>

## Central Iowa Christian Experience Weekend

### Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church Ankeny, Iowa

Women: January 19 - 21, 2024  
Men: February 2 - 4, 2024

Please fill out this application as completely as you wish. It will help the team to know you as an individual and enable them meet your needs. This is not a permanent record - it will be destroyed at the end of the weekend.

*Please print information:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Age \_\_\_\_\_

Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced

Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of work: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever made a retreat?  Yes  
 No

Do you know anyone who has attended a CEW?  Yes  
 No

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Was CEW recommended to you?  Yes  
 No

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

What influenced you to attend this weekend?

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Please note any health or dietary restrictions below:

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Detach and Return This Portion

**Mail registration to:**

**Women's CEW**  
**Dawn Martin**  
**510 E First St**  
**Ankeny, IA 50021**

**Men's CEW**  
**Rob Schweers**  
**510 E First St**  
**Ankeny, IA 50021**

You will receive confirmation that we received your registration, and additional information about the weekend will be sent to you shortly before your weekend.

**Checks should be made out to: OLIH**  
**For more information, contact:**

**Women: Dawn Martin**  
Womenscew2024@gmail.com

**Men: Rob Schweers**  
menscew2024@gmail.com



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