

**Organic Youth Ministry** – ELCA Pastor Dave Deckard

This workshop covers how to engage young people in ways that are authentic to their experience and faithful to the God who is *already* present in their lives. We'll explore the sneaky assumptions that contradict our youth ministry before it even starts and examine ways to trust in God and the youth with whom we minister.

**Dave Deckard** has led youth ministry for over 28 years in various venues, including camps and churches. Although he has aged out of the prime years for working with young folks, his experience and insight might provide openings for change, or at least a good laugh or two. He currently serves as lead pastor at Shepherd of the Valley ELCA Lutheran Church in Boise, ID.