



TUNE-UP TALK

Husband

When I do periodic maintenance on my house, I gather together and use all of the tools I need, hammers, screwdrivers, measuring tape, whatever is needed to get the job done. We're here today to suggest that you consider doing periodic maintenance on your marriage relationship. A Marriage Encounter experience could be just the thing you need to re-energize your relationship.

Wife

Many of us wouldn't dare not do maintenance on our homes to keep them in good repair. The systems all need to stay in tip-top shape to run efficiently and effectively. But we may expect our marriage to run smoothly from the wedding day to our graves without so much as a routine check!

Husband

If our furnace or air conditioner goes out, we immediately call an expert to fix it. If only we listened as carefully to our spouse! Sadly, we often pay more attention to our homes and cars than to our marriage.

Wife

We even do maintenance on our careers by attending workshops, seminars, conventions, and meetings to help us become better at our jobs. Many people even travel across the U.S. to pursue these opportunities. Doesn't your marriage deserve the same careful attention?

Husband

Well, this is your lucky day. Because we're here to tell you about an opportunity to tune up your marriage. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience will be held [month/days] at the [hotel name] at [address]. A Marriage Encounter experience is for all married husband and wife couples who love each other and want to continue living out the vows they made at their wedding. It's for couples desiring a richer, fuller marriage – whether you've been married a short time or for many years.

Wife

The setting for the experience is in the comfort of a hotel. The format is a series of presentations made by three trained lay couples and one clergy couple. These are ordinary couples who share from their own personal experiences. Following each presentation there is a time for personal reflection and then private discussion between husband and wife in the privacy of their hotel room. Couples share privately with each other. There are no group discussions or group sharing requirements. It's a positive, relationship-building experience.

Husband

[Number] years ago we thought we had a really good marriage and an active church life. Then we went on a Marriage Encounter experience – and we haven't been the same since. Our commitment to each other has grown deeper than we could have ever imagined, our love is stronger, and our spiritual life more meaningful – all because of the 44 hours we spent on our Marriage Encounter experience.

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Wife

We thought we had a good marriage, but we discovered that we could have a GREAT marriage. We learned how to communicate on a much deeper level than we ever dreamed possible. We found new understanding of each other, more trust, and a feeling that Christ is the cement that holds our marriage and our family together. The experience has affected our lives so profoundly that we want to spread the good news and personally invite all married couples to have the same wonderful experience.

Husband

Marriage Encounter began in Spain in 1952 when a young priest began developing a series of conferences for married couples. It has since grown to include 94 countries in every part of the world.

Wife

Each Marriage Encounter experience is paid for through donations made by couples who have attended the experience, and no couple is ever turned away because they can't afford to attend. The only fixed cost is the \$275 registration fee. At the end of each experience, couples are invited to make a donation toward giving the experience to another couple who may be experiencing financial stress.

Husband

Not convinced yet? Well, when you buy a house, a car, or even a computer or smartphone, you have access to a User's Manual. Unfortunately, marriage doesn't come with a manual or even a maintenance schedule. Is your marriage due for a 3000 mile check up? Many couples tell us they don't need a Marriage Encounter experience. We say every couple **deserves** a Marriage Encounter experience. After all, if your furnace and air conditioner deserve routine maintenance, your marriage surely deserves it too!

Wife

Thank you all for listening. We have FREE informational brochures available. We'll be in the [lobby] and will be happy to give you one!

