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WIYLDE 2015

Yes, there will be WIYLDE in 2015! Here is what we can tell you now:

Date: June 14-17 (Sunday through Wednesday) - we will start Sunday afternoon following Synod Assembly

Where: Wartburg College in Waverly

Cost: \$150 (there will be a synod scholarship of \$50 available)

More details will be coming soon, but mark your calendars now!

High School Lock-In

Jan. 17-18, 2015 at Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center in Waverly

High school students from across the synod are invited to participate in a synod-sponsored High School Lock-In set for Jan. 17-18 at the W: Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center. The lock-in will follow the theme "The Amazing Race" based on Hebrews 12:1-2, which says to "let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..."

Youth will have use of the W facilities for recreational activities that include swimming, volleyball, basketball, racket ball, and wall climbing. Also on the agenda are worship, Bible study, movies, games, prayer stations, free time, snacks and breakfast.

The event begins at 8 p.m. Saturday and ends at 6 a.m. Sunday. Cost to attend is \$35 per youth. Wartburg College students will help coordinate activities. In addition, congregations are asked to send at least one adult who can stay for the entire event for every seven of their youth who register. There is no cost for adults to attend.

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, January 7th. Details and registration materials can be found on the synod website [here](#).

National Youth Gathering Update

The last email Newsletter from December with Gathering updates can be found to download [here](#). If you are going to Detroit and not yet signed up for this resource, you can sign up on this page as well.



The first session of the Getting ready materials are also available [here](#).

Have questions or want to know what others are doing? Check out [Gathering Leaks](#).

Lutheran Youth Organization Network

The LYO is no longer an event planning board. It is now named the Lutheran Youth Organization Network (LYON). This has been a network since our synod went with this structure, we are just changing the strategy this year. It will focus on teaching leadership skills to those youth interested in being part of this network. We will continue to have monthly meetings. Each meeting will have three components: Bible study, conversations around their own personal life and ministry, and teaching on leadership skills.

The leadership skills and topics will include: How to invite others, what is personal stewardship, how to use social media, what does a personal devotional life look like, how to write and lead a Bible study, how to plan an event, how to lead prayer and pray in public, how to pray for someone, encouraging others, connecting church to the community, how to plan a service project and more.

All youth in grades 9-12 (starting in the 2014-2015 school year) are eligible to be part of this network. Youth are still welcome to join this network. You can find the forms on the synod website [here](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deb Ford.

Upcoming Events

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| January 8 | Youth Worker Network Meeting at St Timothy's, Hudson |
| January 17 | High School Lock-In at Wartburg |
| January 18 | LYON Meeting 2pm at Synod Office in Waverly |
| Jan 29-Feb.2 | ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza, Detroit |
| February 15 | LYON Meeting 2pm at Synod Office in Waverly |
| March 5 | Youth Worker Network Meeting at Holy Trinity, Dubuque |
| March 8 | LYON Meeting 2pm at Synod Office in Waverly |
| April 9 | Youth Worker Network Meeting at Zion St John, Sheffield |
| April 12 | LYON Meeting 2pm at Synod Office in Waverly |
| May 7 | Youth Worker Network Meeting in Decorah |
| June 4 | Youth Worker Network Meeting at Synod Office, Waverly |
| June 14-17 | WIYLDE at Wartburg College |
| July 15-19 | ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan |

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