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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!



Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize 2014-2015 Essay Contests U.S. High School and College Students

Broaden global perspectives as you learn about the Middle East and Islamic culture through the life story of Emir Abdelkader (1808-1883). His powerful and non-threatening example of Islamic leadership in compassion and highest moral values counters stereotypes. Enter the essay contest today to explore models of ethical leadership, moral courage and humanitarian conduct.

Essay Scholarship Awards

Iowa High School students (1st Place = \$1,000; 2nd Place = \$500)

U.S. High School students (1st Place = \$1,000; 2nd Place = \$500)

U.S. College students (1st Place = \$1,500; 2nd Place = \$1,000)

Sign up now to enter - Essay Deadline: before April 15, 2015

For more information and to apply go to www.abdelkaderproject.org/contest

[Download Brochure here](#)

National Youth Gathering Update

13 Youth Workers, Pastors and others will attend the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Detroit January 30-February 2nd. Besides other great workshops, we get to explore Detroit and see where the Gathering events will be held. More updates will be coming after we get back!



In March, Pastor Mark Anderson and Deb Ford will hold two adult meetings for adults attending the gathering. One will be on March 8th in Waverly and the other on March 15th in Decorah. We will give out more details and how to register soon!

Here is a video made a LYON youth and member of St Paul's Lutheran in Waverly, Rachel Lynch, on some [packing tips for Detroit](#).

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](#).

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

- 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 Bremwood in Waverly
March 8 National Youth Gathering Meeting for Adults 4pm at Bremwood
March 15 National Youth Gathering Meeting for Adults 5pm at
Decorah Lutheran in Decorah
- 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
- September 13 God's Work, Our Hands Day

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