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### **WIYLDE 2015**

WIYLDE Registration Information is up on the website! Check it out [here!](#)

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)

Registration Deadline is May 1st!

### **Namibian Youth**

The Northeastern Iowa Synod is hosting two international students from Namibia who will be spending about 10 days in our synod and then attend the 2015 Youth Gathering. We are looking for hosts (preferably with youth who are attending the Gathering) for a boy and a girl. There is also an opportunity for one or two of our youth to attend the orientation at the Lutheran Center in Chicago with the Namibian youth. If you are interested in these opportunities or if you or

your youth group or congregation would like to help sponsor these youth, please contact Pastor Joelle Colville-Hanson in the Synod Office.

## National Youth Gathering Update

On March 8 and 15, 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. Here's all you need to know about these events:



Adult Orientation to the 2015 Youth Gathering!

Who should attend

- \* Adults who have never led a group to an ELCA Youth Gathering before **REALLY SHOULD ATTEND**
- \* Adults who have led before but this is a whole new gathering in a new city so you also **SHOULD ATTEND**
- \* Adults not attending but who still want to know more about the Gathering like pastors, parents, etc. are all **INVITED** to attend
- \* Youth would never be turned away but the presentation will be designed for adults

The first 25 people to register for each workshop will receive a very nice door prize (no, really it is very nice)

The identical sessions will be held 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Sunday, March 8 at the Hanson Spirituality Center at Bremwood in Waverly  
Sunday, March 15 at Decorah Lutheran Church, Decorah

You can register by emailing [Charleen Bolte](mailto:Charleen.Bolte@elca.org) at the synod office.

Other things:

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 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**

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| 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 4pm at Decorah<br>Lutheran in Decorah             |
| March 28    | Juniors Blast at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp  |
| April 9     | Youth Worker Network Meeting at Zion St John, Sheffield                                       |
| April 10-12 | Dirty Feet Retreat at EWALU Bible Camp  |
| April 11    | Junior/Senior High Blast at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp                                     |
| April 12    | LYON Meeting 2pm at Synod Office in Waverly   |
| April 12    | Safeguarding God's Children Workshop at Zion in Waterloo<br>Register through the synod office |
| April 25    | Spring Work Day at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp  |
| May 1-2     | Volunteer Work Weekend at EWALU Bible Camp  |
| 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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