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WIYDLE 2015

25 youth have signed up to take part in WIYLDE 2015 at Wartburg College. We are excited as youth will learn about peer ministry, service and justice and leading worship. WIYLDE begins on Sunday, June 14th, and ends on Wednesday, June 17th.

The theme verse for WIYLDE is Joshua 24:15 which reads: "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

WIYLDE is an annual camp designed to help high school youth learn how to become future leaders of the church. If you want to follow what our young folk are up to during this time, Like the [WIYLDE Facebook page](#) and there will be updates daily.

Synod Assembly Opportunities

FOR EVERYONE: In the display area, the youth ministry table will be a bit different this year. Coco Lyons will be there on Saturday with a video camera. We are asking those not attending the National Youth Gathering in Detroit to record a short message of greetings and prayers to those attending the gathering. This video will be shown during our Proclaim Story day when our whole synod will be gathered together for learning, worship and fellowship.

FOR YOUTH: Each year, congregations are invited to send an additional voting member that is a youth in the congregation. During the evening hours after sessions are completed, the youth gather together to get to know each other and be in fellowship together. We encourage youth to take part in all the sessions and be active voting members with their congregations.

If you have a youth attending the assembly, they have gotten a letter explaining what there is to offer. Alison Northrop is in charge of youth hospitality and has things planned for the youth during non-plenary session time.

FOR YOUTH GROUP LEADERS: There are lots of workshops available for you to take part in throughout the day on Saturday. I (Deb Ford) will be leading one entitled "Plan With Me." We will go over what it takes to plan a year of ministry with your youth groups. This is designed for youth groups that don't have a professional youth worker. Ideas will be given for service, fellowship, Bible study and more.

National Youth Gathering Update

As we get closer to the Gathering, more information will be made available to you. If you are an adult attending the Gathering, you should be receiving emails from Pastor Mark Anderson on a regular basis. Please reply to this email to get signed up for those if you are not receiving them.

You can find everything that has been sent out already on the synod website - [here!](#) There have been lots of Words of Wisdom from Pastor Mark including topics like cell phone usage, covenant making, what to pack, and more. There are links on the synod page to link you to even more information.



You can find the Getting Ready Bible study materials, past issues of the ELCA gnews (monthly emails about the Gathering from the ELCA), documents and other resources on the ELCA Gathering website [here](#).

Visit Detroit has also put together a website just for the Gathering people with highlights of places to visit at Detroit. It's a great resource as you plan your time in Detroit. You can find it [here](#).

Upcoming Events

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| June 12-14 | Synod Assembly at Wartburg College |
| June 14-17 | WIYLDE at Wartburg College |
| July 15-19 | ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan |
| August
resume | LYON (Lutheran Youth Organization Network) will
(more details coming!) |
| September 13 | God's Work, Our Hands Day |

New Youth Workers in Our Synod

We want to welcome two youth workers to our synod. We are excited to have them on board and working with the youth in these congregations and the synod.

Anna Johnson started about six weeks ago at St. Peter in Denver. You can read a little about Anna in St. Peter's May newsletter found [here](#).

John Vickery will be starting at St. John in Guttenberg on August 1st. You can read more about John if you are interested [here](#).

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