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Lutheran Youth Organization Network LYON

We want to help high school students build their leadership skills to be more effective leaders in their congregations. LYON (Lutheran Youth Organization Network) will start meeting once a month on August 23rd. The calendar is included below. LYON will meet at the synod office from 2pm until 5pm and open to all high school students in grades 9-12. This is a monthly youth event that will focus on supporting youth and helping them to build their leadership skills.

We pray that you will want to attend and encourage all high school youth in your congregation to attend. Each month we will check in with each other, participate together in a Bible study and focus on some aspect of leadership or ministry that you will leave with tools to use in your congregation.

You can follow along with information on LYON on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NEIALYON> and on Twitter (follow @NEIALYON).

2015-2016 LYON Schedule
All meetings at the synod office in Waverly from 2pm to 5pm

August 23rd
September 27th
October 18th
November 22nd
December 20th
January 24th
February 21st
March 13th
April 17th
May 15th

National Youth Gathering Follow Up

Even though we are back from Detroit, there are still ways to connect with your youth following the gathering. There was an article posted on Facebook following the gathering that I wanted to highlight. I will give the main points here and then link the article below so you can read it in more detail.



8 Ways You Can Connect with Your Youth Following the Gathering

1. Give an opportunity to share personal stories in your church.
2. Show Pictures from the Gathering.
3. Arrange a local service project.
4. Connect with other churches in your conference and plan a time for gathering participants to get together.
5. Book Rachael Kurtz, Agape or Lost and Found to come to your church.
6. Look for ways for your youth to be involved in the Synod. (see article about LYON!)
7. Plan a Mission Trip
8. Look ahead to the next youth gathering.

You can read the whole article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

August 23 LYON

Synod Office, Waverly

- September 3 Youth Worker Network Meeting
Bethlehem, Cedar Falls
- September 12 Synod Leadership Day
Redeemer, Waverly
- September 13 God's Work, Our Hands Day
- September 27 LYON
Synod Office, Waverly
- October 1 Youth Worker Network Meeting
St John, Charles City
- October 9 Middle School Lock-In
UNI, Cedar Falls
- October 18 LYON
Synod Office, Waverly
- October 23-25 Fall Recharge for Juniors
Riverside Bible Camp, Story City
- November 5 Youth Worker Network Meeting
St Petri, Story City
- November 6-8 Fall Recharge for grades 6-9
Riverside Bible Camp, Story City
- November 13-15 Fall Recharge for grades 6-9
Riverside Bible Camp, Story City
- November 20-22 Fall Recharge for grades 10-12
Riverside Bible Camp, Story City
- November 22 LYON
Synod Office, Waverly
- December 3 Youth Worker Network Meeting
St John, Sumner
- December 20 LYON
Synod Office, Waverly

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