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Lutheran Youth Organization Network LYON

Our February 28th meeting will be a little different - we will be gathering together to do some planning for WIYLDE. We will be working on themes, Bible study topics, worship themes and more. Come join the conversation!

We will meet at the synod office in Waverly from 2pm until 5pm (or until we are done).

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

Scholarship Opportunity

Do you know someone who could use a scholarship? Pass this information on.

Each year Abdelkader Education Project awards six scholarships to college and high school students based on essays on the life of Emir Abdelkader's life story and values - courage, integrity, intellect, humility and compassion - that transcend culture and faith traditions.

"The Abdelkader Project provides opportunities for people across this globe to engage in the important and urgent work of building civility, enhancing cultural and religious literacy, and fostering mutual understanding among peoples. In a deeply divided world, the witness of Emir Abdelkadar, who was a bridge-builder, is exemplary. All of us can learn from reflecting on the history of his life, and the ongoing relevance of his legacy. Therefore, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Inter-Religious Relations encourages students to participate in the essay contest."

Kathryn Lohre, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop
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More information can be found [here](#).

Vocation Day

March 30th at Wartburg College

Please identify one or two youth in Middle school or High school who should consider pastoral ministry. Bring them yourself to Wartburg College for a day that will begin with worship and include learning about the church, what a pastor does, how people become pastors, what AIMs, Diaconal Ministers and youth workers are. They will also enjoy a college meal and a tour. The registration material, brochure, and permission letter for the school are all found on the [synod website](#). ****If information is not yet posted on website, it will be there in the next week. If it is not posted by February 20th, please contact Deb Ford.

Synod Assembly

June 10-12 at Wartburg College

It is my experience that youth who attend the Synod Assembly have their eyes opened to the ministry of the church around the synod, the country and the world. They leave being excited about the church membership, aware of their connections to other congregations and in new friendships with youth they meet at the Assembly. Each congregation is allowed a number of voting members to the Synod Assembly based on the size of the congregation. One or all of these

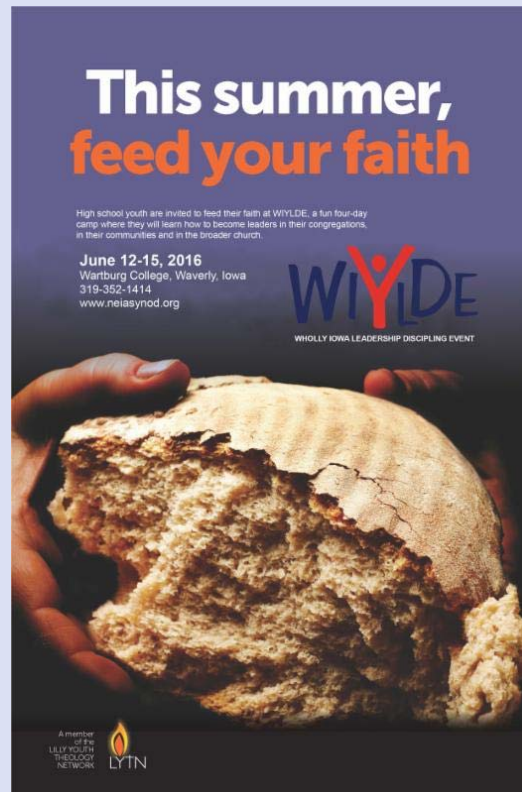
voting members may be a youth. **In addition, every congregation may bring one additional voting member if that additional person is a youth.** There is more information on the [synod website](#). ****If information is not yet posted on website, it will be there in the next week. If it is not posted by February 20th, please contact Deb Ford.

WIYLDE

June 12-15 at Wartburg College

WIYLDE is an intense experience for high school youth which takes place immediately after the Synod Assembly at Wartburg College. The youth will engage in team building, worship, Bible study, prayer, small group time and also be able to choose between three "tracks" which will focus on Worship, Christian Service, or contemporary issues and theology. When you send a youth to WIYLDE you receive back a young person with the enthusiasm and skills to do ministry in your congregation and beyond. The registration materials and other information are available on the [synod website](#).

Youth are also invited to come on February 28th to LYON (Lutheran Youth Organization Network) to help plan out some of the details for this year's WIYLDE. Check out the article above on LYON.



Upcoming Events

February 21st

Safeguarding God's Children
St. Paul, Postville

February 28th

Lutheran Youth Organization Network 2pm
Synod Office, Waverly

Winter Fun Day
EWALU Bible Camp, Strawberry Point

March 3rd	Youth Worker Network Meeting Holy Trinity, Dubuque
March 12-13	Elementary Retreat EWALU Bible Camp, Strawberry Point
March 13th	Lutheran Youth Organization Network 2pm Synod Office, Waverly
April 2nd	Juniors BLAST! Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp, Story City
April 7th	Youth Worker Network Meeting Osage
April 8-10	Dirty Feet Retreat EWALU Bible Camp, Strawberry Point
April 9th	Junior/Senior High BLAST! Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp, Story City
April 17th	Lutheran Youth Organization Network 2pm Synod Office, Waverly
May 5th	Youth Worker Network Meeting St John, Guttenberg
May 15th	Lutheran Youth Organization Network 2pm Synod Office, Waverly
June 2nd	Youth Worker Network Meeting Synod Office, Waverly
June 10th-12th	Synod Assembly Wartburg College, Waverly
June 12th - 15th	WIYLDE Wartburg College, Waverly
August 8th-13th	Churchwide Assembly

New Orleans, Louisiana

ELCA World Hunger

Even though Lent has already begun, there are many ways in which you can still jump into supporting ELCA World Hunger. Here is a small list:

1. 40 Days of Giving
2. Monthly Partners
3. Act 2Day 4 Tomorrow

To check out more information on these items and learn even more, [head here!](#)

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