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### 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.

Youth will be able to choose between three "tracks" including Worship Leadership, Share Your Faith and You Can Do Ministry.

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](http://www.niiasynod.org).

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MAY  
18TH!!!!**



## 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 their 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](#). A special letter will be sent to youth delegates with information.

## Welcome Bishop Ernst Gamxamub

During the week of April 26-May 1 our synod hosted Bishop Ernst Gamxamub of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia and his traveling companion, Leonard de Vries, who serves as finance director of the ELCRN.



Wednesday evening, April 27, all synod members were welcomed at a potluck supper at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly welcoming Bishop Gamxamub and Mr. de Vries to our synod. Youth and Confirmation classes were especially welcomed.

We gathered at 5 pm and dinner was at 6. There was musical entertainment and Bishop Gamxamub spoke at 6:45.

Bishop Gamxamub preached at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Waterloo on Sunday, May 1.



## 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering

Information is starting to come out about the 2018 Gathering in Houston! It's exciting. Want to more about our host city, Houston? Check out this information [here](#). We will post information as soon as we receive it. You can keep up to date on Facebook as well - search for [ELCA Youth Gathering](#) on Facebook. The Core Team was in Houston this past week working on initial details. There are some pictures on the Facebook page.

### 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering timeline at a glance

#### 2016

April 1	<a href="#">Planning team application opens</a>
July 1	Planning team application closes
Sept. 15	Planning team members notified
Nov.	Theme and logo announced
Nov.	Promotional materials available

#### 2017

May 15	Volunteer application opens
July 15	Volunteer application closes
Sept. 15	Registration opens and early bird rate begins
Nov. 15	Regular registration rate begins

#### 2018

Feb. 15	Late registration rate begins
May 15	Registration closes and all payments are due
June 24-27	MYLE and the tAble
June 27-July 1	ELCA Youth Gathering

### Upcoming Events

May 5th	Youth Worker Network Meeting
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	Wartburg College, Waverly
May 15th	Lutheran Youth Organization Network 2pm Synod Office, Waverly
June 2nd	Youth Worker Network Meeting St John, Guttenberg
June 10th-12th	Synod Assembly Wartburg College, Waverly
June 12th - 15th	WIYLDE Wartburg College, Waverly
August 8th-13th	Churchwide Assembly New Orleans, Louisiana

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