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### **Lutheran Youth Organization Network**

The Lutheran Youth Organization Network (LYON) meets Sunday, November 20th at 1:00pm in the narthex of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly.

The purpose of meeting is:

1. To get acquainted with each other/reconnect
2. Finalize plans for a high school event this Spring
3. Start planning the high school event

All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend. The leadership team will have other responsibilities, but we are hoping for other youth to attend and be a part of this network.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Ford by replying to this email.

### **In the News.....**

Congratulations to Pastor Judy Converse and Mark Willand who will be presenting a workshop at the 2017 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in January!

Congratulations to Kristin Johnson and Pastor Matt Larson who both presented at the Cross Generational Conference in October in Colorado!

## Papa Luther Resource

Augsburg Fortress has a great resource for children ages 8-13 (or for families as well). There is a free leader's guide that you can download [here](#). You can purchase the graphic novel [here](#). You can see a preview of the Graphic Novel [here](#).



## 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering

Information is starting to come out about the 2018 Gathering in Houston! It's exciting. Want to know 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	
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

## ELCA Colleges and Universities

There is a helpful [website](#) for students and parents as they embark on the college search process. On this site, families can learn more about the value of the Lutheran college experience, read about the distinctive features of a Lutheran liberal arts education and complete one simple form to request college information from individual institutions. There are lots of resources including downloadable posters and bulletin inserts for you to use! Help spread the word!

## Resource Highlight

Did you know that the synod website has a lot of cool resources for you to use? Each month, we are going to highlight a couple of those resources that might work well for you!

Need an activity for All Saints Eve? Check out this [Bible study](#)!

Veterans Day is coming up. Here's a [blessing](#) that you could use in worship.

Here's a [card](#) to put in your worship space to welcome children to your worship services!

All of these and more can be found on our synod [website](#) under Ideas and Resources!

## Upcoming Events

November 18th-20th	Senior High Recharge Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
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November 20th	LYON Meeting St. Paul's, Waverly
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November 20th - 21st	Advent Renewal Retreat <a href="#">EWALU Bible Camp</a>
December 1st	Youth Worker Network Meeting St John, Sumner
January 20-23	ELCA Youth Worker Network Extravaganza Louisville, Kentucky
February 2nd	Youth Worker Network Meeting St. Paul's, Waverly
March 2nd	Youth Worker Network Meeting Holy Trinity, Dubuque
April 1st	Spring BLAST! Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
April 6th	Youth Worker Network Meeting First, Northwood
April 8th	Spring BLAST! Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
May 4th	Youth Worker Network Meeting Redeemer, Waverly
June 1st	Youth Worker Network Meeting St. John, Charles City

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