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### **Lutheran Youth Organization Network**

Starting in August, the Lutheran Youth Organization Network (LYON) will begin to meet once again. Students who attended WIYLDE will serve as the facilitator, synod council liaison and recorder. Any youth in grades 9-12 in the synod are welcome to join us! If you have a student who would like to join LYON, please contact Deb Ford at [dbachman72@gmail.com](mailto:dbachman72@gmail.com).

**Purpose:** To equip youth of the Northeastern Iowa Synod to be leaders in their congregations so congregations can have the best youth group they are able to have.

This network will gather together once a month in person. Each meeting will focus on three aspects: Spirit (Relationship with Christ); Life (Relationship with others); Ministry (Leadership).

All youth are encouraged and invited to attend every meeting. Elected leaders will consist of a facilitator, recorder, synod council liaison and other needs as identified. Synod staff support will come from Deb Ford and Pastor Mark Anderson.

LYON will work on leadership skills as well as planning two synod wide youth events - one in the fall for high school students and one in the spring for junior high students.

The first meeting is August 19th at 10am at the synod office in Waverly.



## **2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering**

From our Synod Coordinator, Mark Anderson:

NEW: Volunteer applications for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are now OPEN! #ELCAYG2018

More information and applications available [here](#).

NOW AVAILABLE: You asked for them, and they're here! Your registration and financial assistance [worksheets](#) are available on our resources page! #GetReady #ELCAYG2018

The deadline for the early bird discount for Registration will be November 15th. After that, the registration fee increases by \$40.

Be sure to follow the [ELCA Youth Gathering Facebook page](#) as they send out updates through that platform.

Each month, we will share more information as it comes in. Our synod has it's own page on our synod website where information will be kept up to date. You can access it [here](#).

!!!\*\*\*\*!!! There is a great handbook that is available that will answer many, many of your questions! You can download it [here](#)! This truly has great information - check it out! There are even some fundraising ideas

\*\*\*Want to more about our host city, Houston? Check out this information [here](#).  
\*\*\*You can keep up to date on Facebook as well - search for [ELCA Youth Gathering](#) on Facebook.

Here is a [link](#) to the latest GNews (the official newsletter of the gathering). Sign up to receive in your inbox!

## **Upcoming Events**

August 3	Youth Ministry Network Meeting Synod Office, Waverly
August 19	LYON Meeting Synod Office, meeting
September 16	Youth Ministry Network Meeting Zion St John, Sheffield
October 5	Youth Ministry Network Meeting St. Petri, Story City
October 13-14	UNI Middle School Lock In UNI Wellness Center, Cedar Falls
November 2	Youth Ministry Network Meeting Immanuel, Cresco
December 7	Youth Ministry Network Meeting St. Timothy, Hudson
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January 4	Youth Ministry Network Meeting Trinity, Mason City
March 1	Youth Ministry Network Meeting Holy Trinity, Dubuque
April 5	Youth Ministry Network Meeting First Lutheran, Decorah
May 3	Youth Ministry Network Meeting Lutheran Student Center, Cedar Falls
June 27-July 1	ELCA Youth Gathering Houston, Texas

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