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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).

WIYLDE 2017 met and elected the following students:

Facilitator - Jared McLey

Co-Recorders - Sarah Retz and Sarah Frantsen

Synod Council Liaison - Matthias Letsche

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 19 at 10 a.m. at the synod office in Waverly. The entire year of meetings is included below in the Upcoming Events section.

## 2017 UNI Middle School Lock In

Details and registration materials are now available on the synod [website](#)! The date is October 13-14 at the UNI Wellness Center in Cedar Falls. You can direct questions to [Jon Fry](#), Campus Minister at the Lutheran Student Center.



## 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 is November 15. 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 its own page on our synod website where information will be kept up to date. You can access it [here](#).

!!!\*\*\*\*!!! There is a great handbook 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 learn more about our host city, Houston? Check out the information [here](#). \*\*\*You can keep up-to-date on Facebook as well - search for [ELCA Youth Gathering](#).

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

## **Upcoming Events**

### Synod Wide Events:

October 13-14: UNI Middle School Lock In (UNI Wellness Center, Cedar Falls)

2018:

June 27-July 1: ELCA National Youth Gathering, Houston, Texas

### Youth Worker Network Meetings (10 a.m.-12 p.m.):

August 3: Synod office in Waverly

September 7: Zion St John in Sheffield

October 5: St. Petri in Story City

November 2: Immanuel in Cresco

December 7: St. Timothy in Hudson

January 4: Trinity in Mason City

\*\*No meeting in February due to Extravaganza (in Houston Jan. 26-29)

March 1: Holy Trinity in Dubuque

April 5: First in Decorah

May 3: Lutheran Student Center in Cedar Falls

### Lutheran Youth Organization Network Meetings (10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Synod Office, Waverly):

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 9  
January 20  
February 17  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12

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