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Lutheran Youth Organization Network

The next meeting is Saturday, Oct. 21, starting at 10 a.m. at the synod office. Lunch will be included. The entire year of meetings is included below in the Upcoming Events section.

The Lutheran Youth Organization Network (LYON) has begun 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.

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.

Rachel Kurtz Concert



A flyer for a concert by Rachel Kurtz. At the top is a photograph of Rachel Kurtz, a woman with dark hair, smiling and wearing a black lace top. Below the photo, the text reads: "RACHEL KURTZ" in a large, orange, serif font, followed by "Bethlehem Lutheran Church" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below that is the church's address: "4000 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls" and "Between University Avenue and Greenhill Road". The date "Sunday, October 15" is listed, followed by "Worship: 8:30am and 11:00am" and "Free Concert: 4:00pm". At the bottom, it states: "A free will offering will be received. 100% will go to Lutheran Disaster Response U.S."

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2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering

From our Synod Coordinator, Mark Anderson:

NEW!!! TRANSPORTATION: If you have registered for the Gathering, please [email Mark Anderson](#) the following information: church name, lead adult, number of students and chaperones and how you are getting to Houston. The synod has a [Transportation Database](#) on the website that helps congregations reach out if they have extra bus/plane tickets to sell or if you need to purchase bus/plane tickets.

Questions about Hurricane Harvey: Gathering Director, Molly Beck Dean, took to Facebook to address questions that have come up following Hurricane Harvey. You can access that video on the [ELCA Youth Gathering Facebook page](#). In short, the Gathering will still be in Houston!

Financial Assistance: Each cycle the Gathering offers financial assistance to youth participants based on the financial needs of an individual and their family. To learn more or apply, you can head to the [Gathering website](#).

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

Getting Ready Curriculum: The first part of the [Getting Ready Curriculum](#) has been released. You can download and print it off from this website.

Registration is open. The deadline for the early bird discount for [Registration](#) will be November 15. After that, the registration fee increases by \$40.

Social Media: Be sure to follow the [ELCA Youth Gathering Facebook page](#) as they send out updates through that platform. You can also follow the ELCA Youth Gathering [blog](#).

Our Synod page: 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](#).

Handbook: 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

Houston: Want to know more about our host city, Houston? Check out this information [here](#).

GNews: 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)

October 23: *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World* movie scheduled to show in Cedar Falls. Tickets cost \$10 and you can access information and purchase tickets [here](#).

2018:

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

Youth Worker Network Meetings (10 am-12 pm):

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:

**All 10 am-12 pm at Synod Office in Waverly

October 21
November 18
December 9
January 20
February 17
March 10
April 14
May 12

Riverside and Ewalu Camp Events:

[Riverside website](#) and [Ewalu website](#)

Riverside Juniors Recharge is October 20-22.
Riverside Junior High Recharge is October 27-29 or November 10-12.
Riverside High School Recharge is November 17-19.

Ewalu Dirty Feet Retreat (middle school) is October 6-8.

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