

Children, Youth and Family Ministry News

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Dear Friends,

August is already here, which means fall is right around the corner. With fall comes new programs, activities, students and all kinds of new things. It also has brought a new change at the synod office. As of August 1, there is a new Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry for the synod. This is a new position, under the supervision of Pastor Mark Anderson.

I'm (Deb Bachman) excited and humbled to accept this part time position. My responsibilities will include the following:

- *Composing and editing this newsletter
- *Taking over the lead role for the LYO Board
- *Administrative work for and scheduling of the Youth Ministry Network gatherings
- *Working with synod office staff on the youth website, the ELCA Youth Gathering and WIYLDE

A little bit about me for those who are interested: I have been in youth ministry for a little over 10 years, 9 of which have been in this synod. I have been involved with the synod LYO Board for all of those 9 years. I live in Waterloo and am recently engaged. My other "family" member includes my dog, Meg.

I look forward to sharing ideas with you and gaining ideas from all of you. Please email me (simply respond to this newsletter) with any questions you may have, things you would like to see in this newsletter, or ideas that you

want to share with everyone else.

Blessings in Christ,
Deb Bachman

August News:

Detroit News:

As we prepare for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering let's learn as much as we can about Detroit and its current issues. Here is an [article](#) about the suggestion that Detroit sell some of its collection in its art museum (one of the best in the nation) to meet pension obligations.

We are also working on a FAQ sheet to send out about Detroit and the 2015 Youth Gathering. Look for it soon!

ELCA 25th Anniversary:

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA. On Sunday, September 8th, they are asking all congregations to join in the "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. You can learn all about it [here](#). There is even a toolkit you can use. This event is not just for youth - it's for everyone! Old Lutheran has t-shirts that congregations can order. You can check them out [here](#). Last day to order is August 9th!

UNI Middle School Lock In:

Mark your calendars for October 4th-5th. More information coming soon!

Extravaganza Scholarships:

Because of a generous donation, we have 5 \$100.00 scholarships to award to the first five people who register for the Extravaganza and email [Pastor Mark](#) a request. The first two are already taken - which means three are left!



Each month, we will feature this "WIYLDE Corner." This corner is to help both the students who have attended WIYLDE and the pastors and youth workers of those students' home congregations to help them use their leadership skills. We will have ideas on ways in which WIYLDE students can serve, ideas from what other WIYLDE students are doing, and other tidbits of information. All WIYLDE students, pastors of WIYLDE kids and youth workers of WIYLDE kids have been added to this newsletter to keep them up to date with what is happening in youth

ministry in the synod.

For those of you who are unsure what WIYLDE is, it the Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership and Discipling Event. It is held for a week each summer where high school students gather to learn leadership skills that they can take back to their congregations.

Pastors and youth workers will be receiving a letter shortly about what their students learned and how to encourage them after WIYLDE. If you know of a WIYLDE student, ask them to see their notes about what they learned this summer or another summer at WIYLDE and start a conversation with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 8 | Youth Worker Meeting Synod Office, Waverly |
| September 5 | Youth Worker Meeting First Lutheran, Northwood |
| October 3 | Youth Worker Meeting Trinity, Mason City |
| October 4-5 | UNI Middle School Lock In UNI Wellness Center, Cedar Falls |
| November 7 | Youth Worker Meeting St. Petri, Story City |
| December 5 | Youth Worker Meeting Redeemer, Waverly |
| 2014 January 9 | Youth Worker Meeting Immanuel, Cresco |

January 30 - February 3

ELCA Extravaganza
St Louis, Missouri

February 6

Youth Worker Meeting
St John, Guttenberg

March 6

Youth Worker Meeting
Decorah, Decorah

March 22-23

LYO High School Assembly
Ewalu Bible Camp

April 3

Youth Worker Meeting
Holy Trinity, Dubuque

May 1

Youth Worker Meeting
Bethlehem, Cedar Falls

June 5

Youth Worker Meeting
Salem, Lake Mills

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