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Northeastern Iowa Synod LYO



What Can The LYO Do For Our Congregation?

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The Lutheran Youth Organization

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Bible Study



The LYO connects youth groups with Bible studies youth can lead by making links available on our web site under “help for those who work with youth” at www.neiasynod.org/youth. We also gladly give any youth a copy of Holy Scripture on our CD Rom disc.

Youth Group Ideas

The LYO has 110 suggestions for ways youth can do ministry in their congregation and beyond. You can find them on our web site “help for those who work with youth” at www.neiasynod.org/youth.



ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza an annual churchwide continuing education event.

Date: **Jan 28-Feb 1**, 2009
Price: Around \$500.00
Where: New Orleans, LA



LYO Assembly
March 7-9, 2009

Dubuque, IA



Date: July 9-17, 2009
Where: Luther College

Wholly Iowa Leadership and Discipling Event. A week long leadership development event for Sr. High Youth



Jesus, Justice, Jazz
The ELCA Churchwide Youth Gathering.

Date: July 22-27, 2009
Price: About \$1,000.00

Where: New Orleans

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Workshops offered to prepare congregations to register for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Each offered at 7:00pm

Sept 2, 2008 First, Decorah
Sept 3, 2008 Zion, West Union
Sept 4, 2008 Public Library, Waverly



LYO & Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNI co-sponsor a Jr. High/Middle School lock-in at UNI Wellness Center.

Date: **October 17-18, 2008**
Price: \$25.00
Where: UNI Health and Wellness Center

Jr. High Event at Wartburg College offered by Wartburg Campus Ministry



Date: **November 1, 2008**
Price: Cheap
Where: Wartburg College

CYF

Church Youth Fest for Jr. & Sr. High youth. See <http://ministry.luther.edu/cyf/>

Date: **November 8-9, 2008**
Price: Cheap
Where: Luther College

For a complete List of events see www.neiasynod.org/youth

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Budgeting & Fundraising



The LYO provides youth groups with a sample ministry plan (budget) and links to fundraising opportunities with Augsburg Fortress Press and Fair Trade Chocolates at www.neiasynod.org/youth

July 9-17, 2009 WIYLDE—Luther College



The Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership and Discipling Event offers high school students a full week focused on building leadership skills to use in their current parish like how to lead prayer, how to serve as a worship assistant, and how to lead Bible study. The week concludes with a contract for congregational involvement. The LYO is a co-sponsor and heavily subsidizes the tuition.



Fighting Hunger



The Northeastern Iowa Synod is firmly committed to helping youth fight hunger. The LYO offers an annual challenge to youth groups to raise awareness of global hunger and to raise funds to fight hunger. A page of hunger related resources can be found at our web site at www.neiasynod.org/youth

Prayer & Christian Living



How should the Christian faith impact the daily life of a teenager? How can we teach teens to pray? There are several resources available on these topics. You can find them on our web page under "Help for those who work with youth" at www.neiasynod.org/youth.

Help & Consultation

Youth from the LYO Board are available to meet with youth groups.



Supporting Leaders



The Youth Ministry professionals in this synod are invited to participate in the Northeastern Iowa Synod's "Youth Ministry Network" which meets every other month for prayer, mutual support, and idea swapping.

The Youth Ministry E-newsletter is published occasionally via email with news, Bible studies, and activities for youth groups.

An annual event is held for volunteer and professional youth leaders to help sharpen skills and network people who work with youth.

The synod's web site has many links for youth leaders connecting them to materials from across the church.