



Northeastern Iowa Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Children, Youth and Family Ministry Newsletter

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### **Lutheran Youth Organization Network**

The next meeting is **Saturday, Sept. 22** starting at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Waverly. We will be taking part in the all synod team meeting day. Lunch will be included.

The Lutheran Youth Organization Network (LYON) has begun to meet once again. 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 Bachman 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.

A rough agenda for each LYON meeting includes:

Highs and Lows

Prayer time (introducing students to different types of prayer)

Bible study

Lesson (taught by different leaders from our synod)

Potluck snacks/meal

The schedule for the school year is below in the upcoming events section.

## Middle School Lock In

The date is Oct. 12-13, 2018, for the annual lock-in for middle school and junior high youth. The event is sponsored through the partnership of the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Northern Iowa. UNI students will help staff the event.



This year's theme will focus on ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge. The challenge is a year-long, youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. The Lock-in will offer an interactive course about the ELCA Global Farm Challenge led by a representative from the ELCA.

Other planned activities include an opening prayer, worship, and large group activity. Students can join in a variety of free-time fun and games at the wellness center, including swimming, volleyball, basketball, racket ball, climbing wall, ping pong, and inflatables. Snacks and beverages will be provided as well as a pizza meal and breakfast.

Cost for the event is \$40 per student if registered by Friday, Sept. 28, 2018. An additional \$10 fee is added for late registrations. The link for registration forms is included below in the upcoming events section.



## 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering

[Post-Gathering materials](#)

Our post-Gathering materials are ready! The Gathering shouldn't just stay in Houston. It needs to be brought home and shared and lived. It's too much a part of each of our stories to let it stop! These resources are designed to help your group think about how they will continue to live the amazing experiences, preached gospel, life-changing stories and radical hospitality and embody them in their lives. These sessions hold to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering theme that was formed from concepts by Morgan Schmidt and our primary Scripture of Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Lessons will focus on radical hospitality, building conversations and voicing what you will live for. Download your copies from the ELCA [resources](#) today, and start using them with your group.

## WIYLDE 2019

Mark your calendars for WIYLDE 2019! It will be held June 16-19 at Wartburg College (directly following the 2019 Synod Assembly).

Registration forms will be available soon!

Contact Deb Bachman with questions at [dbachman72@gmail.com](mailto:dbachman72@gmail.com)

## Little Pantries

Congregations are reminded to consider hosting a Little Free Pantry to provide nonperishable food and personal care items for neighborhood families. Members of St. Paul's Lutheran and Redeemer Lutheran, Waverly, helped assemble the pantries in partnership with the Northeastern Iowa Synod Hunger Network. Any congregation willing to display and maintain a box should contact Alison Pettit, Hunger Network facilitator, at 319-352- 1325 or [alisonp@redeemerwaverly.org](mailto:alisonp@redeemerwaverly.org)

## Upcoming Events

2018:

October 12-13: Middle School Lock In at UNI (Deadline to sign up is Sept. 28. Download information and registration forms [here](#).)

2019:

January 25-28: [ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza](#) in Jacksonville, FL

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

These meetings are for youth worker professionals in our synod. For more information, contact Deb Bachman.

October 4 - First Lutheran in Decorah  
November 1 - St. Petri in Story City  
December 6 - Immanuel in Cresco  
January 3 - First Lutheran in Northwood  
No meeting in February due to Extravaganza  
March 7 - St. Peter in Greene  
April 4 - Redeemer in Waverly  
April 25-26 - Retreat at Ewalu  
No meeting in May due to retreat  
June 6 - Immanuel in Independence

Lutheran Youth Organization Network Meetings:

\*\*All 10 a.m.-12 pm at Synod Office in Waverly

Sept. 22nd (at St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School for all synod fall leadership day)

Oct. 27

Nov. 17

Dec. 8

Jan. 19

Feb. 16

March 23

April 27

Riverside and Ewalu Camp Events:

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

**Ewalu:**

Sept. 21-23 - Work Weekend

Oct. 5-7 - Dirty Feet Retreat

Oct. 18 - Adult Enrichment Day

**Riverside:**

Sept. 22-23 - Women's Retreat

Sept. 29- 30 - Mother Daughter Ride with the King

Oct. 12-14 - Juniors Recharge

Oct. 26-28 - Junior High Recharge

Nov. 9-11 - Junior High Recharge

Nov. 16-18 - High School Recharge

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