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## Youth Ministry News 4.2

Northeastern Iowa Synod Youth Ministry

February 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

The March 7-8 LYO Assembly will be new, different, fun and educational. The format is new including the use of an indoor water park. The event will be different with a greater emphasis on time for the local church group to be together. It will be educational with Bible study and with great participation from camps, colleges, seminaries, and other friends.

The drop dead deadline for getting hotel rooms at the grand harbor is **February 21** so please hurry and make your reservations and send in your registration materials to the synod.

All the information you need is at [www.neiasynod.org/youth](http://www.neiasynod.org/youth).

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### Upcoming Events

March 1, 2009 **La Vida**  
@ Lutheran Campus  
Ministry, UNI

March 7-8, 2009 **LYO Assembly**, Dubuque

March 27-29, 2009  
**Dirty Feet** Retreat,



### Gathering Update

There are 8 pages of notes from the recent Synod Coordinator's meeting held in New Orleans. It contains

all the information there is to know at [Update](#).

There is also information available about food in New Orleans at [Food](#).

**Lutheran Summer Music**  
the national, month-long music academy for choir,

band and orchestra students in grades 8-12, is now accepting applications for 2009. This summer, LSM will be held at Luther College (Decorah, IA) from June 21 to July 19. To learn more and apply, visit [www.lutheransummermusic.org](http://www.lutheransummermusic.org) or call (563) 387-2000. Congregations, support your students by joining the Young Musicians Partnership!

### Summer Jobs

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is hiring for its Residence Counselor positions, a wonderful summer job opportunity for young adults at least 21 years of age. They are looking for candidates who are familiar with Lutheran churches: constituencies, worship life, church music. Please spread the word to your congregations!

Residence Counselors provide direct supervision of student musicians enrolled in the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival and oversee all aspects of Student Life. Counselors play a vital role in developing a positive, safe and enriching experience for every student. LSM is a four-week residential music training program for band, orchestra, choir and keyboard students in grades 8 to 12. Each summer, more than 150 young people from throughout the U.S. and abroad come together for a music training and performance program rooted in a supportive, intentional community.

For more information contact Katherine U. Singer, Communications & Administrative Coordinator Lutheran Music Program 888.635.6583 (toll free)

### Volunteer Opportunities

*From the Gathering Volunteer Corps Team:*



"We've had a number of GVC volunteers who, for whatever reasons, have had to drop out from volunteering with the GVC. We are going to open the Online Application on Monday, January 26th with the hope of securing an additional 50 GVC

EWALU

March 21-22, 2009  
**Sr. High Youth Event,**  
Warburg College

March 28, 2009  
**Recharge,** Riverside

April 4, 2009  
**Recharge,** Riverside

May 3-6, 2009  
**Feed My Starving Children,** Wartburg

June 5-7, 2009  
**Synod Assembly**

July 9-16, 2009  
**WIYLDE,**  
Luther College

July 15-29, 2009  
**Youth Leadership School**  
Wartburg Seminary

July 22-26, 2009 ELCA  
**Youth Gathering, New Orleans**

October 16-17, 2009  
**Jr. High Lock-in** at  
UNI (tentative)

November 14-15, 2009  
**Church Youth Fest,**

Volunteers. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should complete the entire application, including references, before submitting it. We anticipate getting the necessary number of volunteers within 1-2 weeks, so interested persons should act quickly. For more information on GVC activities, interested people can check out the Gathering website."

2) Please read the following invitation and respond to Evelyn Parker [eparker@mail.smu.edu] if you are interested:

During the 2009 Youth Gathering the Learning team is writing curriculum for all workshops, learning centers (self-guided experiences), Integration Sessions, etc. under the broad rubric of Bible, Spiritual Formation, and Church/Society. Using a curriculum template our primary goal is to encourage critical thinking among youth and adults that is grounded in the theme, Jesus, Justice, Jazz and the Theological Statement, Core Concepts of the Gathering (Compassion, Vocation, Advocacy, etc.) and the Philippians 2:1-8 passage.

To achieve this important task Learning invites you to teach a 50 minute workshop approximately 3-4 times over three days using our curriculum. If you discern a calling to teach a workshop we will provide you with the curriculum, supplies, send the materials to you early spring 2009, and engage you in orientation on July 21, 2009. For your service we can pay you \$300.

## Luther College Scholarships

The Roger W. and Colleen F. Peterson Church Relations Scholarship assists incoming 1st year students who have demonstrated leadership within their congregation. Two scholarships @ \$500.00 each

The Kristi Lee Hermeier Scholarship assists students

with exceptional involvement and leadership in ministry in their home congregation and other ministries. Two Scholarships @ \$500.00

The William and Murial Stoneman Family Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate strong moral character & leadership skills. Two Scholarships @\$500.00.

For more information about these contact Pr. Anderson at the Synod office. 319-352-1414.

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