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Northeastern Iowa Synod Youth Ministry

February 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

Perhaps some our best work in youth and family ministry is to equip parents to better communicate with their children. **March 5** is "Parents Take 5" day, a day parents are called upon by the partnership for a drug free America - Iowa Alliance, to take five minutes to talk to their children about drugs. There is a free handout which can be downloaded at [Take 5 handout](#) or go to the web site www.drugfreeinfo.org or call 1-866-242-411 or contact the partnership for a Drug-Free Iowa at www.faceittogether.com.



LYO

The annual LYO Assembly in Dubuque, "Jesus, Justice, Jazz: Upriver" is **sold out!** There are no more rooms available at the Grand Harbor. Thanks for your support!

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Upcoming Events

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

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

March 12, 2009
Youth Ministry



Gathering Update
NEW On the Website

On the Synod's web site at
<http://www.neiasynod.org/youth/Gathering%20Information.htm>

there is now a section of links to various official tourism resources including: New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau; The Official Tourism Site of the City of New Orleans; Sign-up for free New Orleans visitor's guide and monthly newsletter; Maps and public transportation information; New Orleans weather forecasts and current conditions; and of course Free New Orleans Coupons.

Earth Hour, March 28th, 2009

Of course "Stewardship" includes much more than financial support of ministry. One way to talk to families about stewardship is to emphasize our stewardship of creation. On March 28th the World Wildlife Federation is asking people around the world to conserve power for an hour,

All the information you need, a video, a Google map of participants, countdown clock, signup button, and lot of information is at <http://www.earthhour.org>

So, be bold and invite your families to signup for an hour of darkness to fight global warming.

Tour de Revs August 6, 2009

There are three pastors who hand built a custom bamboo bike for 3 and are riding it in each of the 65 synods of the ELCA in an "effort to eliminate world hunger." They will be in Waverly on August 6, 2009! Our hope is that youth groups will ride with these guys as they enter Waverly and join in a festival and meal in Waverly. Please put this on your calendar and help us welcome the tour de revs. All the details of their effort are at <http://tourderevs.org> to see the video click on

Network Bethlehem,
CF 10:00am

March 27-29, 2009
Dirty Feet Retreat,
EWALU

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

March 28, 2009
Recharge, Riverside

April 2, 2009 **Youth**
Leader Day EWALU
9:30am

April 4, 2009
Recharge, Riverside

April 16, 2009
Youth Ministry
Network, Decorah
Lutheran 10:00

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

May 14, 2009 Youth
Ministry **Network**, St.
John Arlington,
10:00am

June 5-7, 2009
Synod Assembly

<http://tourderevs.org/video.shtml> .

This Coming Sunday!

This month's High School La Vida is this Sunday from 7-9:30 p.m. ALL are invited to enjoy warm drinks and hot cookies. The game Spoons is usually played, so make sure YOU don't miss out!

La Vida is a ministry of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNI 2616 College St., Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613, and all your questions can be answered at 319-266-1653.

June 11, 2009 Youth
Ministry **Network**,
EWALU, 10:00am

July 9-16, 2009
WIYLDE, Luther
College

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

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

August 6, 2009 Youth
Ministry **Network**,
Riverside, 10:00am

August 6, 2009
Tour de Revs,
Waverly

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

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

LYO Assembly March 7-8, 2009 Dubuque, IA www.neiasynod.org/youth

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