



Northeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Lent Resources and a Gathering Update

Check below for information regarding the cancellation of the ELCA Youth Gathering, a new smaller synodical gathering this summer as well as resources and ideas for Lent and Holy Week.

Lent:

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2. There are many resources out there for Ash Wednesday and Lent.

[Old Lutheran](#) has some Ash Wednesday specific apparel, stickers, buttons as well as a few Lenten items.

There are lots of ideas on Pinterest. You can simply search Lent to find different ideas. The Synod has a Lent board you can check out [here](#) as well.

Milestones Ministry also has many resources for Lent that you can find on their [website](#).

The Home Life Network puts out monthly newsletters with lots of ideas. You can even access older copies with ideas. All of the

current and past newsletters can be found on the [synod website](#).

Sparkhouse has a Youth Devotional that you can access each day in Lent. You can access it [HERE](#).

Sparkhouse Publishing just released their series 2 of their Lenten and Holy Week Digital Activity Kits. It is free for those who have a Sparkhouse Digital Subscription. You can purchase series 1 on the their [website](#).

Be sure to check out [Augsburg Fortress](#) for Lent devotions and supplies (search Lent and lots will come up!). [Creative Communications](#) also offers some great kid friendly, youth friendly and family friendly Lenten devotions and options.

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering



This week, an announcement was released that the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been canceled. (See below)

As good Lutherans, we ask the questions, What does this mean? When we first thought there may be a possibility for the Gathering to be canceled, we began creating an alternative plan to put in place.

So, here is our plan:

1. A smaller gathering with congregations from NE Iowa, located in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, July 24-27.
2. A similar feel, just a smaller scale than the experience of the youth gathering.

3. Service Projects, evening worship and activities, and a chance to experience the Twin Cities, will all be a part of the experience.

We are working quickly to get details lined up and will have more to announce very soon. For more information, please contact Alison Pettit at alisonpettit20@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events



ELCA Youth Network Extravaganza

February 11-14

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Online Option as well

Learn more on their [website](#)

There is still time to register for this event either in person or online.

2022 Synod Assembly

June 10-11

Wartburg College, Waverly

Synodical Youth Gathering

July 24-27, 2022

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ewalu Bible Camp

There are some special events coming up. You can find all the information on their [website](#).

Riverside Bible Camp

Riverside also has special events happening this fall. You can find more information on their [website](#).

Synod Publications

- [February Star and Living Faith @Home \(from the Home Life Network\)](#)

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