



ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA SYNOD

YOUTH LEADERSHIP NEWS

Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Lutheran Youth Organization

LYO: Youth leading youth

**Next meeting:
November 19, 2016**

Our next meeting is **Saturday, November 19, from 10 -3pm** at the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Ministry Center in Tulsa. *(If there is interest, you all are welcome to come up the night before and make an event out of it!).*

This will be a great meeting. The LYO will elect officers, explore a Hollywood theme for the Younger Youth Gathering, get to hang out with youth from other congregations and well... the youth decide - this is "youth leading youth" and they have the power! *(Adults welcomed, but only as advisors).*

For the LYO board – all mature high school and middle school age youth are welcome. High school members can be officers and Middle School members are LYO members in training with voice and vote.

Come and help youth develop leadership skills, grow in faith, and promote God's grace through ministry together as the LYO!

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

June 27 - July 1

Houston, TX

Thanks goes to Jona Burnett for agreeing to serve as our Synod Coordinator. She will be attending a training event this January to help us all get ready.

You can find out more information about the Gathering on the website:

<https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>



LYO Labor Day Gathering 2016

AR-OK Synod Mission *Road Trip*

Road Trip + Family Reunion + Mission Trip

Grades 7 – 12

June 12-17, 2017

Synod means family – *church family*. This summer join youth from all over the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod for a road trip visiting family (congregations) in each state.

Youth will grow in faith, meet new people, encourage congregations, help out on projects, and have fun!

Please save the date, invite friends, and look for more information in January 2017.

If you would like to help with planning, please let Pr. Liz know soon!

AR-OK Confirmation Camp?

Are you interested in coming together for a confirmation camp experience next summer? Some people have expressed interest and if you are interested, please let Pr. Liz know right away and she will form a team to explore options.

Contact Pr. Liz at: Liz.albertson@elca.org or (608) 498-5515

Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Youth leadership Network

For adults working with youth

2nd Tuesdays
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Paid, volunteer, full or part time – if you work with youth in our synod, you are welcome!

This network supports youth ministry in its various shapes and sizes. Find encouragement, spiritual refreshment and renewal, hone skills, share ideas, and build each other up.

Generally speaking, meetings are split into two sections. During the first 30 minutes we focus on Bible study, reflection, check in time and prayer. The second half is time to share skills and resources.

On November 15, we are looking at session two in the “Thriving in Babylon” Bible Study. Donna Huffman Summerville from University Lutheran will lead skill building portion. Her topic is: Mastering the “Teacher Look” – the art of classroom management.

Please contact Pr. Liz for the link to the study and to connect to the meeting. Her email is liz.albertson@elca.org

Future skill building ideas include:

Re-Booting Your Youth Group – creating something out of nothing.
Intergenerational Faith Formation.
... you decide.

SAVE THE DATES

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November 15. 1:30 p.m.

Go-To Meeting/Synod Ministry Center

LYO Meeting

November 19. 10 am. – 3pm.

Synod Ministry Center

2017

LYO Younger Youth Gathering

January 14-15, 2017

Faith, Little Rock, AR

LYO at Synod Assembly

May 6-7, 2017

Synod Ministry Center

AR-OK Youth Mission Road Trip

June 12-17, 2017

All over Arkansas & Oklahoma!

2018

Young Adult Trip to Tanzania

May 2018?

ELCA Youth Gathering

June 27 – July 1, 2018

(these dates do not include travel to and from the event)

AR-OK Young Adult Trip to Tanzania

May 2018

Bishop Jacob Mameo from the Morogoro Dioceses in Tanzania has issued an invitation to the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod. He invites us to send a delegation of young adults (ages 18-30) to meet up with young adults in Tanzania for a chance to learn from each other, grow in faith, and form lasting friendships.

Are you interested?

Contact Pr. Liz at
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Are you connected?

Get connected to what's happening in your synod. Join the LYO or Youth Leadership Network. Get weekly updates about opportunities and resources in the synod.

Email or call Pastor Liz with your contact information and she will add you to the synod weekly updates, LYO email list, and youth leadership network.

Pr. Liz is also available to help brainstorm, find resources, be a resource, and someone to share the joys and challenges of youth ministry.

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