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JULY 27TH-30TH

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

LYA 2017 Information

Register online at els.org/lya17

REGISTRATION FEES

\$250 for general registration before **May 1, 2017.**

\$200 for first-time LYA attendees (\$50. refund issued after registration is verified)

\$300 for all registrations after May 1, 2017.

What do I need to register?

- Personal information (name, address, phone numbers)
- Choices of Sectionals (see following pages)
- Valid Credit Card (Registration is only available online.)

Will you be singing in the LYA choir this year?

If you would like to sing in the LYA choir,
you **MUST** register for choir in the first sectional!

For special circumstances or more information, please contact Pastor Matthew Brooks by email: pastor@pilgrimlutheranwaterloo.com or call 507-304-0267.



Sectionals and Presenters

An Apology for Our Practice?

“How do I invite an unchurched friend to our worship service, when I know we are having closed Communion?” Ever wondered how better to respond to some tough questions about the way we celebrate the Lord’s Supper? This session will assist you in explaining our practice in our congregations. Most of all, it is aimed at having us appreciate all the more the blessings God gives us in this holy meal.

John A. Moldstad, Jr. serves as President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and lives in Mankato, MN.

Clothed in Christ: Baptismal Fashion Show

Most everyone wants to be fashionable, or at least not outdated. There’s a lot of pressure to try to keep up with what the world thinks is trendy and popular. But when you consider how God sees these fads, the world’s fashions rival the Emperor’s new clothes. You want something that not only suits you well, but keeps you well-suited today and throughout eternity. Don’t worry; Christ already has you covered.

Pastor Samuel Gullixson serves the saints at Parkland Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA.

Heaven is for Real, but Why?

Heaven is for real! Of course it is, but not because people have gone there and come back to tell about it. No, it is real because God has told us about it in His Word, and those whom He has shown it to. This fad has come and gone. The person who supposedly experienced “Heaven is for Real” has not been the first, nor probably the last. In the 1970’s there even was a TV show dedicated to researching and interviewing those who claimed to have seen or been to heaven. So why can’t other people have gone there and come back? Why is what they have been claiming suspect? What are we to believe and why? Lets have a look at several who have made these claims over the past 75 years.

Pastor David Emmons serves a five-point parish in northern Iowa.

A Visual Tour of Reformation Sites

No money to take a tour of Germany yet? It’s ok, I got you covered with the next best thing. Here’s a more personal look at the Reformation and Martin Luther—his stomping grounds growing up, his castle hideout, where he burned death threats against him, and more! See the opponents Luther trolled and the phony “holy” objects and places he mocked. If you think history is boring, think again!

Pastor Nick Proksch serves at River Heights Lutheran Church in East Grand Forks, MN.



Sing and Make Music!

This sectional is our one choir rehearsal for the closing service on Sunday. If you sign up for this sectional you will be in our volunteer LYA choir. This will be one of your three sectionals, so only sign up for two others! Our choir director this year is Miss Elisabeth Urtel.

Elisabeth Urtel is a graduate of Bethany Lutheran College and currently works in the library there. She is also involved in the music program at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN.

The Devil Hates Crowds: Why Christianity Cannot be Understood Outside of Community

Find the sick ones, the weak ones, the young ones, the wandering ones. Then attack. This is the mentality of the Lion in the hunt. Those sick, weak, and young ones have friends though. And many are healthy, strong, and experienced. Which are we- the vulnerable or the protectors? What are our God-given roles and privileges as members of His body? Is our faith a personal thing or a communal one? Am I one of many or through faith are the many made one?

Pastor Ben Wiechmann is a pastor at King of Grace in Golden Valley, Minnesota where he focuses on engaging the youth in the congregation, school, and community with their Savior.

Before Babel

Did you know that Noah's father, Lamech, died just five years before the flood and Methusaleh, Noah's grandfather, lived right up to the same year the deluge struck? Sign up to learn more about the amazing events and people leading up to the Tower of Babel!

Mr. Benjamin Faugstad is an instructor at Lake Mills Community School and is blessed with a lovely wife, two beautiful daughters, and two handsome sons!

Dying to Live: the Daily Life of the Christian

Cats have 9 lives ... or so the saying goes. What if that were you? What if you had lives to spare so-to-speak? How would it alter your living? How would your life be spent if each day you could wake up to new life? That's a GREAT QUESTION! In fact, it's a very CHRISTIAN QUESTION! And Christian baptism has the gracious answer. Come to this sectional and we'll study the art of **dying to life**.

Rev. Kyle Madson serves at Divine Mercy Lutheran Church in Hudson Oaks, TX and is a member of the ELS Board for Youth Outreach.

Party with Marty: Heirs of the Reformation Celebrating their 500th Birthday

Why and how did the Reformation take place? What caused this young monk (Martin Luther) to nail a bunch of paper to a church door? What does this mean.... for you and me today as Lutherans? Why should it still matter? In our study we will learn some of the history of what happened, and show the impact it has had on us today. We will also discuss how we can defend and promote this great faith which has come down to us.

Chaplain Don Moldstad is the campus pastor and professor of Religion at your Synod's Bethany Lutheran College. He served congregations for 20 years before coming to the college. He also served on our Synod youth board for over 25 years.

God's Reckless Love for Unloveable People

In spite of what many people think, the Old Testament isn't a "big book of judgment." It's all about God's faithful, loving kindness. From Genesis to Judges and Abraham to Jonah, we're served up descriptions of God's stubborn love for unlovable people. More than that, there is an "easter egg" hidden in the Old Testament which, when found, reveals that God's love went beyond reason, for them and for you and me today!

Pastor Brad Kerkow serves at Hope Lutheran Church, Austin, TX.



2017 LYA Schedule*

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Thursday, July 27th		
4-7pm	Registration	Fenwick Place
5:30 & 7pm	Counselors' Orientation	Fenwick Place
8-8:30	Chapel	GSC Theater
8:30-9:45	Welcome, Intro, Rules, Mixers	GSC Theater
9:45-10:15	BLC, Kingdom Workers Presentations	GSC Theater
10:15-11pm	Pizza	GSC Theater
11:15	Return to Dorms, in rooms by 12:30	Fenwick Place
Friday, July 28th		
7:00-8:00	Breakfast (bring Bibles)	Hoff Dining Commons
8:00-8:15	Small Group Meetings	
8:15-8:50	Morning Chapel, Pres. Moldstad	Bellarmino Chapel
9am	Load buses for Ark Encounter	Cintas Flag Poles
10:30am	Arrive at Ark Encounter	
10:30-2:30pm	Free time at Ark Encounter	
2:30pm	Load Buses to return to Xavier	
4pm	Arrive at Xavier	
4:30-5:30	1st Sectional	
6pm	Dinner at Xavier	Hoff Dining Commons
7-8:30pm	Don Moldstad and fun singing	GSC Theater
8:30-9:15	Chapel and Ann. & Prof. Mike Smith	GSC Theater
9:15-9:45	Choir Practice	GSC Theater
9:30-11:30	Swimming/Basketball/Volleyball	O'Connor Sports Facility
11:30-1am	Rap Room	Fenwick Place



Saturday, July 29th

7:00-8:00	Breakfast	Hoff Dining Commons
8:00-8:15	Small Group Meetings	
8:15-8:50	Chapel and Announcements	Bellarmino Chapel
9-10	Second Sectional	Alter Hall
10-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:15	Dr. David Menton and Group Photo	GSC Theatre / Cintas Center
11:30-12:30	Lunch	Hoff Dining Commons
12:45-1:45	Third Sectional	
2pm	Load Buses for Cincinnati/Newport, KY	
7:15	Load Buses for Xavier	
8pm	Arrive at Xavier	
8-8:30	Free time in dorms	
8:30	Small Group Meetings	
8:45-9:30	Chapel and announcements	Cintas Center
9:30-11pm	Dance	Cintas Center
11pm	Back to dorms	Fenwick Place

Sunday, July 30th

7am sharp	Wake Up!!!!	
7:30-8:30am	Breakfast	Hoff Dining Commons
8-9am	Check-Out, Load buses	
9am	Leave campus for Church	
9:45-11am	Church Service	
11am	Lunch	
12:30	Everyone heads for home	

**Schedule is subject to change. Please visit els.org/lya17 for the most up-to-date schedule.*

