

Same Kind of Different

November 11-13, 2011



**Register by October 10, 2011
for only \$165.**

(Cost includes 4 meals, 2 nights
lodging, t-shirt & supplies.)
After October 10, cost is \$195.

**Crowne Plaza Hotel
14315 Midway Road
Addison, Texas 75001**

Featuring:
Wes Halula



**2011 NTNL Lutheran Youth
Organization
Jr. High Gathering**

For more information contact Brenda Rhodes at ntnyouth@msn.com.

What to expect: Lutheran Youth spending a weekend together sharing their faith through music, dancing, laughter, learning, worship, prayer and just plain having a great time! We will explore the family of God and what brings us together as a church. This event is geared for grades 6-8.



Rooming: In order to keep registration costs to a minimum, the participant cost is based on four (4) persons assigned to each room. If your group contains less than four persons to a room, participants from another church may be rooming with you.

If you do not wish for your sponsors to share a bed or hotel room with your youth – then you will need to pay an additional amount. Sponsors can either pay to have their own room (\$135) or pay for a vacant spot to guarantee they will have their own bed (\$45.00). This is in addition to the participant registration fee.

If you do not wish to have youth from another church in your room, we ask that you pay the additional amount for each vacant spot (\$45.00). This guarantees that only participants from your church will be roomed with you.

Additional Room Fees: Vacant Spot Fee= \$45.00 Additional Room For Sponsors Only = \$135.00 .

Room Assignments: Gathering staff will try to accommodate rooming requests based on space availability.

Special Needs: If you have special dietary needs or other special needs while attending this event, contact the Gathering Registrar beforehand so that we can try to accommodate you. Please note that we highly suggest you work special needs items through your church’s adult advisors attending this event – as gathering staff will have their hands full.

Servant Events: The LYO Gathering Team incorporates service into each of its gatherings. This includes in-kind offerings to be given to local charities and activities available to youth throughout the gathering.

Workshops/Learning Opportunities: Learning opportunities should be FUN! Workshop Topics are offered to fit everyone’s tastes! In addition, we have large group experiences and small group activities. Each day participants will focus on a theme – all activities are geared to enhance the participant’s knowledge of the theme and relate the Bible Stories to their daily life.

Worship: Worship happens throughout the gathering – experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through the Word, Song, and Dance. Our Gathering Band provides upbeat tunes to get your day started on the right track and the tunes keep rolling all day long. Our speakers provide inspiring messages geared toward the youth audience. Our youth leaders provide insight into their own faith journeys.

Offerings: We will collect a monetary offering at Sunday’s Worship which will be given to the Lutheran Youth Organization Scholarship Fund and Mosaic . Also, we will be asking each participant to bring an in-kind offering of “travel supplies” which will be given to Mosaic. Details on the offerings we will be sent to you in pre-gathering communications.

DANCE: It’s an LYO Tradition – and no gathering would be complete without a Dance. For those not so interested in dancing, alternate activities will be provided such as crafts, service projects, and games. This year’s theme is “NIGHT OF PRIDE”. Bring creative attire that represents something you are proud of – maybe a local sports team, a famous person, your pastor, an achievement, anything!

WHAT TO BRING: Monetary Offering, In-Kind Offering, Dance Outfit!!, Great Attitude, Personal Items, \$\$ for vending machines, and we highly recommend you bring snacks & drinks for late night munchies.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:



Jr. High Registration Opens on September 1st
Registration Fee: \$195/person or Register for only \$165
if postmarked by October 10^h

Registrations received after October 20th will be accepted on a space available basis.

Refunds: You may receive a full refund anytime prior to October 20th. No refunds are accepted after this date; however, we will allow substitutions (preferably same gender).

Payment Plans – We will allow payment plans; however, full payment must be received on the day the Gathering Begins. If you have a participant registered that doesn't attend – you are still liable for paying for that participant unless you cancelled prior to the Refund Date. Limited Scholarship assistance is available – for information, please contact Brenda Rhodes at ntnl youth@msn.com.

REGISTRATION FORMS / PAYMENT:

PLEASE SEND 1 CHECK for each church in attendance and 1 Housing Form. Checks should be made payable to: NTNL SYNOD YOUTH.

**Registration Forms, Payment, and Medical Releases should be mailed to:
Brenda Rhodes, LYO Registrar, 2777 Club Ridge Drive, Lewisville, Texas 75067**

MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS: We ask that you take this seriously and have each youth complete a medical release form. Sponsors should keep the original medical release form and give the LYO the copy of the medical release. These forms can be mailed with your registration forms or brought to the Gathering.

PHOTO RELEASE: Photos will be taken throughout the Gathering and may be made available on the NTNL Synod Youth website. It is a policy of the Lutheran Youth Organization to not release names with photos -- if you do not wish for your youth's photo to be displayed on the website – please send written notification to Brenda Rhodes.

DISCIPLINE: Seldom do we have problems, but we still have to address the issue. Adult advisors are responsible for their youth at all times; Gathering Staff does not assume responsibility for your youth but will provide assistance where appropriate. All Gathering Participants are required to sign a covenant – any violations of this covenant will be handled jointly by Gathering Staff and Adult Sponsors; violators may be sent home at their legal guardian's expense.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Would you like to assist a youth attend this event? Or perhaps you would like to make a donation to help defray gathering expenses. Make Checks payable to NTNL SYNOD YOUTH and designate SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE or DONATION. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wes Halula

Wes has led an interesting life, to say the least. And he uses his real life (and hilarious) anecdotes to draw out profound truths in an accessible (and hilarious) way.

Wes has spoken to students from junior high to college across the U.S. He has also been a keynote speaker for many corporate groups around the country. While some might think that is a wide net to cast, Wes doesn't think junior high culture and corporate culture are all that different. In fact, he's got stories (hilarious stories, naturally) to prove it. To Wes, a sense of humor and a passion for life go hand-in-hand. He takes on tough topics in a way that is disarming while focusing on practical answers.



He has a way of crafting hilarious stories that drive home the value of some really important life skills. Wes speaks with authority on a wide range of topics, but the overarching theme that ties them together? *Relationships*—our lives are built on our connections to others.

He also has a pretty cool day job... he's an award-winning screenwriter and director in Hollywood, CA. Oh, he's also a professional comedian that has performed in almost every state in the country. And his production company, HappyFunTime Industries, creates educational programming that is seen in thousands of schools across the U.S. These videos have won many awards and are distributed through Discovery Education.

Offering

This year's in-kind offering is ART SUPPLIES to go to a local children's charity. A list of supplies will be provided soon.

Dance: Night of Pride



Bring creative attire that represents something you are proud of – maybe a local sports team, a famous person, your pastor, an achievement, anything!

2011 LYO Jr. High Gathering Registration Form

(Please duplicate form as needed)

MALE FEMALE YOUTH SPONSOR

NAME _____ CHURCH/CITY: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ PHONE#: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE#: _____

BIRTHDATE _____ GRADE _____ EMAIL (SPONSORS ONLY): _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (please circle one) S M L XL 2X 3X (Sorry, no YOUTH sizes are available)

PARTICIPANT'S COVENANT: As a registered participant for this event, I will do everything in my power to help meaningful worship, sincere fellowship, and spiritual growth take place. I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol. I will abide by the rules of the hotel & event. I will also participate fully in the life of the event, honor the time commitments, and respect the rights of others. I understand the failure to honor this covenant will be addressed by the event staff, and that illegal activity will result in my being sent home immediately.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT'S COVENANT:

MEDICAL INFORMATION: In the event of acute illness or any other medical emergency, I grant permission to the Lutheran Youth Gathering staff to secure medical aid for _____ (name of participant). I also grant to any licensed medical aid the permission to give my son/daughter whatever emergency medical treatment that is required. I understand that I am responsible for any costs incurred.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please Supply All Pertinent Information:

Family Physician and Phone #:

Known Allergies:

Known Medical Problems:

Medications:

Guarantor Insurance Company:

Address:

Phone #:

Policy #:

Group #:

Make check payable to "NTNL SYNOD YOUTH". For more information, contact Brenda Rhodes at 972-741-2777 or ntnlyouth@msn.com.

Mail Registration Form, Check, and Housing Form to: Brenda Rhodes, LYO Advisor, 2777 Club Ridge Rd., Lewisville, TX 75067

HOUSING FORM – 1 PER CHURCH
(please duplicate or add additional pages as needed)

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Vacant Spot Fee= \$45.00 **Note: If it is okay for youth from another church to share a room with your group, no additional fee is required for vacant spots.*

Additional Room For Sponsors Only = \$135.00

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.

Room 5	Room 6	Room 7	Room 8
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.

Outline of Cost:

# of Participants	_____ X \$165 =	_____	(if postmarked by October 10)
# of Participants	_____ X \$195 =	_____	(if postmarked after above dates)
Vacant Bed FEE	_____ X \$45 =	_____	(no charge if it is okay to share with an other church)
Sponsor Room	_____ X \$135 =	_____	(sponsor only room)
LYO Scholarship/Donation=	_____	_____	
TOTAL DUE (sum of above) =	_____	_____	

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