

Dear Congregational Leader,

First and foremost we want to thank you and your church for sending your youth and/or young adult(s) to the 2012 Synod Assembly. There are a few additional activities and general funness that both you and your youth/young adult(s) should be aware of.

1. When youth & young adults arrive, they will register at their Cluster table. If they do not know their Cluster, they can find out by coming to the Youth and Young Adult Welcome Table. Before or after registration, they need to check in at the Y& YA Table to receive items needed for the rest of the event.
2. From 4-5pm on Thursday there is a workshop called *Synod Assembly for Dummies*. This is for anyone who has never been to Synod Assembly before or for people who need a refresher course on what Synod Assembly is all about. If your youth and/or young adult(s) have never been before, strongly encourage them to come to this workshop and offer to accompany them.
3. At the first Plenary (Thursday night) all the youth and young adults will sit together. Bishop Jeff Barrow will announce where they will be sitting at the end of the Thursday night worship service.
4. On Thursday night, there will be a “field trip” to Buffalo Wild Wings. All youth and young adults are invited and encouraged to attend. If they are not staying overnight at Country Springs, they will need to make sure they have made travel arrangements from the hotel to their homes. (Transportation will be provided to and from the restaurant). If transportation will keep a youth or young adult from participating in this evening activity, please contact Kate Mattson, and she will arrange transportation. If it would be easiest for a youth or young adult to stay at Country Springs on Thursday night, and they are not already doing so, please contact Kate Mattson to arrange for a room on Thursday night, kate@milwaukee-synod.org.
5. Friday’s lunch will be all together on the Pool Deck (not the water park) with Bishop Jeff Barrow.
6. Friday night we will meet at the Pool Deck and have a short discussion followed by awesome adventures at the water park.
7. There will be a streaming Twitter feed for the assembly with the hashtag #wannaplay. If you do not know what this is, your youth and/or young adult(s) will.
8. We will be having a creative offering that involves a red Solo cup and a role of quarters. We ask that your church send \$10 with each youth and/or young adult(s) for this event. All the money will be put into the offering at the end of the Assembly. The youth and young adults will get their red Solo cup and the role of quarters when they come to the Youth and Young Adult Welcome Table.
9. If possible, please email t-shirt sizes for your youth & young adult participants to Pastor Matt Short, pr_matt@hotmail.com. T-shirts will be provided for youth and young adult participants.

Attached to this letter you will find a covenant, Medical Release Form, and a schedule for the event. If you have any questions check the schedule first. If that does not answer your question you can contact the synod office.

Blessings,

Youth and Young Adult Synod Assembly Team (Pastors Steve Jerbi & Matt Short, Zach Wolf, & Kate Mattson)