

# ALiVE 2022

## Middle School Youth Event

### Letter to Parents

TO: Middle School Parents

FROM: Office for Youth Ministry

RE: Middle School Youth Retreat, "ALiVE 2022"

Dear Parents and Youth,

Our annual synod-wide middle school youth retreat, "ALiVE 2021," is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at Camp Nawakwa. The event combines time for faith formation, with fun and fellowship. For example, youth will have an opportunity to hear from speakers and live bands in a large group setting and talk with peers under the guidance of a trained small group leader, as they explore the year's theme. In addition, there are games, campfires, and many activities geared towards building fellowship with new and existing Christian friends.

Congregations normally register together, so you may want to check with your congregational pastor or youth leader to see what the process is in your church. Registration has opened, and will remain open until September 9, 2022.

The weekend includes meals and lodging in a beautiful camp setting, including outdoor worship (*weather permitting*). If you are coming to pick up your child on Sunday, PLEASE consider joining us for our closing worship. Arrive in time for outdoor worship at 11:00 AM, held at Upper Temple, weather-permitting.

For the ALiVE event, youth stay in cabins with their congregational leaders, so they will need a sleeping bag or sheets and a pillow, plus comfortable clothing for the weekend. Once registered, we'll send a detailed letter to your youth leader to share with all families, about how to pack and what to expect.

Youth tell us they love the conversations in small group, the games and activities, and all the time they get to spend with other Lutheran friends. We hope you will consider this event, as you plan for this fall. Please direct questions to your youth leaders, or email synod Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, Charlie Roberts, at [croberts@lss-elca.org](mailto:croberts@lss-elca.org).

In Christ's service,

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