



INTRODUCTION

Isolation. Loss of momentum. Slowly fading faith. Loneliness. Discouraged youth leaders.

These are some of the challenges I have heard from youth leaders and teens wrestling with cultural change and lingering effects from a pandemic. Like never before, we need each other.

God created us to be in community with each other. We belong to him. We belong together. That is the idea for WELS Youth Night—to bring teens and youth leaders from area churches . . . together.

May these resources be a blessing as they connect you with fellow believers experiencing the same reality as you. May they bring you together to be with each other in Jesus as part of a larger community.

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WHAT IS YOUTH NIGHT?

“Youth Night” provides a series of youth-focused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of your congregation but also the youth from area congregations. The goal is for our youth to see that they are not alone and to be encouraged to enjoy the faith they share with others.

Youth will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, Bible messages, small group discussion, and fun with high school youth (9th-12th grade) from all over the area.

Three suggested dates (during the school year): mid-October, end of January, post-Easter (April).

This kit provides all the pieces needed to plan, train, promote, and host a Youth Night event. Every package in this series will have its own unique event theme and will provide WELS youth with the opportunity to get together with other WELS youth for fun games, inspiring prayer, and songs, and connecting with each other through Scripture.

HOW TO START

Here is a checklist to follow as you work through each section of this kit.

- **First Steps**—Includes reaching out to ask area congregations and schools to join in this effort; setting important planning, training, and event dates; and selecting roles and responsibilities.
- **Planning Timeline**—Chart to show suggested timing to complete the planning steps of this series of events.
- **Planning Guide**—Includes all the details and steps needed to plan efficiently.
- **Promotional Media Kit**—All the graphics for online/social media/more, bulletin blurbs, and e-mail communications you need to promote registration and dates of the events.
- **Youth Leader Training and Resources**—Training resources for Youth Leaders.
- **Itinerary**—For the day of the event.