

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering | Minneapolis, MN

INFORMATION



Date: July 24-28, 2022

Where: Minneapolis, MN

Age: Current 8th - 12th grade students

Informational Meeting: October 10 or 24 at 11:30 AM

Registration Deadline: Sunday, November 7, 2021

I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. -Ephesians 3:19

We are bound. Bound by our sin, by the expectations of others, by poverty, by -isms that try to divide us, and by so much more. In a life that often feels as if it has young people in a suffocating grip, we want them to imagine the boundlessness of God: boundless love, boundless creation, boundless forgiveness, boundless invitation, boundless promise. All offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them. All so abundant and endless it cannot be measured.

About the ELCA Youth Gathering: Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

WHAT ARE THE DAYS:

Service Learning Day - Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities. On your Service Learning day, you will be invited to enter into the diverse story of the Twin Cities, empower our partners to further their mission and be inspired to return home as agents of change in your own communities. As a faith community, the Gathering combines meaningful service, instruction and reflection with a faith lens of accompaniment.

Synod Day - Synod Day is one of the rotation program days when participants meet as a synod for worship, Bible study, learning and more. The bishop of each synod appoints a Synod Day Director who is responsible for implementing the curriculum and worship experience for the synod. For this cycle, instead of holding Synod Day in hotel ballrooms as in the past, we are excited to be hosted by local congregations in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Mass Gathering - Each night of the Gathering we will come together in the U.S. Bank Stadium with 30,000 other youth for inspiring speakers, uplifting music and more. Our house band leads us in music each night, where you will sing some of your favorite praise songs and hymns, as well as learn some new favorites. On our last morning together, we will gather one last time in the stadium for closing worship and the Holy Eucharist.

Interactive Learning - Interactive Learning invites Gathering participants to encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences. All participants have a dedicated day in the three-day program rotation to experience the extensive offerings inside the almost 400,000 square feet of Interactive Learning space. From sports to creative expressions, service projects to quiet meditation, Interactive Learning offers something for everyone.

WHY MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis is a great host city and has excellent venues for all our Gathering program needs. It's a diverse, Lutheran-dense city, nestled on the banks of the Mississippi River in the heart of the Midwest. This will also be the city's first time hosting an ELCA Youth Gathering! There is a lot to learn from Minneapolis, and we can't wait to welcome you there in 2022.

COST

The cost for the trip will be \$700 dollars and will cover the registration fee, hotel room, food for the week, transportation, and extra costs.

CONCLUSION

Join us for a life changing experience as we grow closer to one another and God. You will not want to miss your opportunity to be a part of this life changing experience. You will gain friendships that will keep you strong in your faith, activities that are wild and crazy including a room full of inflatables, but most importantly you will strengthen your faith that will continue when you leave The Gathering. So do not lose out on this once in a lifetime opportunity, we cannot wait to have you join us in Minneapolis this year.

MORE INFO

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