

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Youth Gathering 2025
Participation Commitment



ENDURE

HEBREWS 12:1-3

LCMS Youth Gathering
July 19-23, 2025

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” ~ lmcsgathering.com

The LCMS Youth Gathering provides youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God’s people to

- be affirmed in their lives as God's people
- nurture their relationship with others in the church
- celebrate their salvation in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament
- recognize that youth ministry happens in a variety of settings in their parish, community, and world

LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God’s Word, prayer, song, and service.

This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry. LCMS Youth Gatherings are held every three years for and are intended for high school youth ages 14-19 at the time of the gathering. The YG is an incredible way for you to grow in relationships with your peers and with God. In these five days several thousand youth and adults from across the nation will come together in worship, through service, and fellowship.

This event is July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, LA. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme **Endure**.

Estimated Trip Cost \$1500-2000 to cover travel, food, registration, and activities. A registration fee of \$200 will be due by July 14th, 2024. It will be non-refundable after we register in the Fall of 2024.

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Motivated by God's love for me, I, _____, commit to exploring, sharing, and growing in my faith this year. As a part of the First Evangelical Lutheran Youth I plan to attend the Youth Gathering 2022 in Houston, TX.

Parent Youth
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_____ _____ I understand the spiritual, financial, and personal conduct expectations that are a part of this trip. I also understand this registration fee is non-refundable. If an unavoidable circumstance causes me to not attend the Gathering, I know that I will not be refunded any payments made toward the trip and will not be held responsible for any remaining payments.

_____ _____ Throughout this experience we will be intentional about sharing God's love with others through both our actions and our words. I will build relationships with fellow youth, serve my peers, and strengthen our youth group by being actively involved in worship and Youth events before and after the trip. I will participate in at least 5 youth/family events before the Gathering.

_____ _____ I understand that there will be fundraisers available to help offset the costs associated with the 2025 Gathering. If I do not raise enough funds through the fundraisers, I understand that it is my responsibility to come up with the remainder amount of money due by June 1st, 2025.

_____ _____ I understand that fundraising will be a group effort and my hours worked will contribute to the whole group attending the Gathering. My family will lead at least one of the fundraisers even if I choose to pay the registration fee out of pocket.

With my signature affixed below, I hereby give permission for my child, _____, to attend Youth Gathering 2025 in New Orleans, LA. This signed agreement hereby absolves the volunteer sponsors, First Lutheran, the church staff, and any and all members of its governing boards of any responsibility for the safety, welfare, health, and well-being for my child beyond such matters as may be called reasonable care for youth in the care of a sponsor, and subject to the sponsor's clear instructions. The undersigned also assumes, personally and exclusively, all responsibility and liability for accident, injury, or other misfortune which may occur to the above-named child during the time of this activity.

My child agrees to behave responsibly according to the laws of the State, the rules of First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the reasonable expectations of the adult sponsors.

First Evangelical Lutheran Commitment Form is due at the time of registration. Registration due July 14th, 2024 along with \$200 deposit. If you prefer to not fundraise, you may set up a payment plan. There will be periodic fundraisers to help with the cost. The remaining about will be due June 1st, 2025.

Youth Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

