

**Our Savior**

**National Youth Gathering Trip**

**July 18 - 24, 2022**

**Current 8 - 12th graders**

**ENDURE**

**JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA**



## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING?

### About the Gathering

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.

This event is organized by [LCMS Youth Ministry](#) in Saint Louis, MO. For additional ways to connect to LCMS Youth Ministry, please visit [www.lcms.org/youth](http://www.lcms.org/youth).



- Gathering of 30,000 LCMS youth
- Worship
- Empowering Speakers
- Bible Studies
- Games & Country Wide Fellowship
- Interactive Experiences
- Hundreds of Sessions on hot topics
- Communion
- Service projects

Check out [this video](#) to see what the Gathering is all about!

## WHY WE ARE GOING

### Jesus

- To deepen our faith individually and together
- To celebrate our Lutheran identity with 30,000 other LCMS Teens
- To listen and learn from others who are captivated by the love of Jesus.



**HEBREWS 12:1-3**

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.



### Community

- Be reminded that we are not alone in our faith
- Grow together as a youth group
- Connect with youth from around the world
- Fun new faith building experiences



### Mission

- To witness to the city of New Orleans
- Serve the community and learn about pressing issues in New Orleans
- To hear & learn from other people who are enthralled by the love of Jesus and witness every day





## WHAT WE WILL DO

Friday, July 18	Drive To New Orleans & Check Into Hotel!
Saturday, July 19	Explore New Orleans & Attend First Mass Event
Sunday, July 20	The Gathering!
Monday, July 21	The Gathering! & Florida-Georgia District Event
Tuesday, July 22	The Gathering! & Service Project in New Orleans
Wednesday, July 23	Final Mass Event & Explore New Orleans
Thursday, July 24	Drive Home to St. Pete

**MASS EVENT:** Worship with 30,000 youth at Superdome! You are going to really love this worship time, there are fun interactives, awesome worship leaders, amazing speakers, all centered around one theme. This is my favorite part of the Gathering.

**MASS EVENT PLUS:** This is an opportunity after the mass event for youth to see headliner concerts and performers like Skit Guys, Toby Mac, Rend Collective, and more!



**INTERACTIVE CENTER:** Provides a wide variety of activities for participants to explore our theme, Endure. This center will feature hands-on learning opportunities, sports, crafts, games, service opportunities, NOLA adventures, and other events throughout the day.

**SESSIONS:** Sessions will be a key part of the Gathering. Sessions will take place at the Convention Center.

- **Youth Sessions:** Join presenters as they dig into a variety of important topics. Most sessions are speaker-based while some provide opportunities to laugh and learn with presenters and performers. Concerts will open some sessions with music performed by Christian bands and musicians.

- **Adult Sessions:** Some sessions are designed to equip and encourage adult leaders to lead their youth ministry, know youth culture, and strengthen youth ministry back home.

**SERVANT EVENTS:** Participants will engage in acts of mercy and service in the name of Jesus. Off-site servant events will engage participants in the New Orleans community as well as surrounding communities. A variety of shorter on-site service options will be offered as well. While serving, these opportunities will inform participants about issues in our community and country, like homelessness, need for blood donors, and food insecurity.

**DISTRICT EVENTS:** Many LCMS Districts have planned an event/activity to gather together and celebrate your District community. Our event/activity is in the works, but will serve as an opportunity for our youth to meet and build friendships with other Christian teens from their FL/GA community.

## COST & PAYMENT

<b>Registration</b>	\$395.00
<b>Food</b>	\$250 / youth
<b>Transportation</b>	\$45.00 / youth
<b>Housing</b>	\$430.00 / youth
<b>Activities</b> <i>(t-shirt, district event, group event)</i>	\$150.00
<b>Adult Leader Registration</b> <i>(Adult leaders generously volunteer their time and use personal leave to support and invest in the participants throughout the year leading up to The Gathering along with the week in NOLA. This is our way of expressing gratitude for their dedication.)</i>	\$80 / youth

**Total: \$1,350.00 per youth**

**Your cost: \$675.00 per youth**

### Payment:

Deposit of \$200 is due at registration to secure your spot on the trip.

**\* Thanks to generous donations, the \$200 deposit fee has been waived.**

Monthly payment plan of \$100/month will be set up to help spread out the cost.

If you are in a difficult financial situation and are in need of a scholarship option please talk to Tais Brekke. Full scholarships are available.

## Next Steps:

### Register & Pay

Register by submitting the [Youth Participant Worksheet](#) to Tais at [tais.brekke@oursaviorfl.org](mailto:tais.brekke@oursaviorfl.org)

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### SAVE THESE DATES: Fundraisers

- **Coffee Setup, Serve, & Clean Up on Sunday Mornings**
- **December 8 | 8-11:30am Christmas Gift Wrapping**
- **December 15 | 8-11:30am Christmas Gift Wrapping**
- **March 4 | Jazz & Jambalaya Dinner**
- **April 9 | Fish Fry Strawberry Shortcake**
- **April 20 | Easter Breakfast**
- **May 11 | 8-11:15am Mothers Day Strawberries & Flowers**
- **Date TBD | Car Wash**