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Gather Austin is a group of young adults aged 22-35 that meets for community building, faith formation, and more.



# How we started



Gather Austin started in December of 2022 by our co-leaders at the time, Cecie and Andrew, both recent seminary students. They saw a need for a more robust ELCA young adult community in Austin, and decided to become a Gather site through the Gather Network. They reached out to people that they knew, and a group formed.



# Monthly Meetings

Gather meets the first Thursday of every month. Our meetings have included devotions, discussions, worship services, guest speakers, social justice, and more.



# What we do

## Socials

Every month we host a social, with the sole purpose of connecting and getting to know each other better. Some socials have included mini-golf, pickleball, game nights, and more.





# Why this works



## Community

Gather is a unique space where young adults can come together, make friends, and be in community with people that you know have similar experiences to you.

## by Young Adults

People at any age are more willing to participate in something when they feel it is truly made for them, and the best way we do that is by making our group for young adults, by young adults.

## Transitional

Young adulthood can be such a transitional time, and Gather is built for that. We are here for whoever is present at that time, and if life calls them to leave us we bless them and send them on their next adventure.

## Support

Gather Austin could not exist without the support of the ELCA, the SWTS, and our partner congregations. Grants and gifts from people who believe in our mission are what allow us to do what we do.



# The Gather Network



*What is it?*

# The Gather Network

The Gather Network is a ministry of ELCA Young Adults that connects young adults in cities or regions throughout the ELCA. These ministries create space for young adults to join in fellowship, worship, community, and discussion. Gather invites the group to ask challenging questions of ourselves, our faith, and our world. We hope to create these communities for young adults across race, disability, faith background, gender, sexuality, and perspective to feel welcome to meet, to be, to gather.





# What the Network offers

## Resources

The Gather Network provides all new Gather sites with a starting point, such as resources, website tips, your logo, and content created and used by other sites.

## Mentors

Gather leaders with more experience serve as Gather mentors to newer sites, providing a direct person to ask for questions and provide tips and advice.

## Connections

The Gather Network offers connections to both other Gather leaders as well as the churchwide ELCA Young Adult staff for collaboration.

## Churchwide

Being a part of a network includes churchwide support and advertisement, and being on the Gather site and part of that network allows young people moving to your area to find you easier.



**Gather near you...**



**where next?**



# Where to begin



Young people are in your area, we just need to find someone willing to lead them! If you think you know a young adult in your area that is a leader and might be willing to take this on, share about Gather with them.

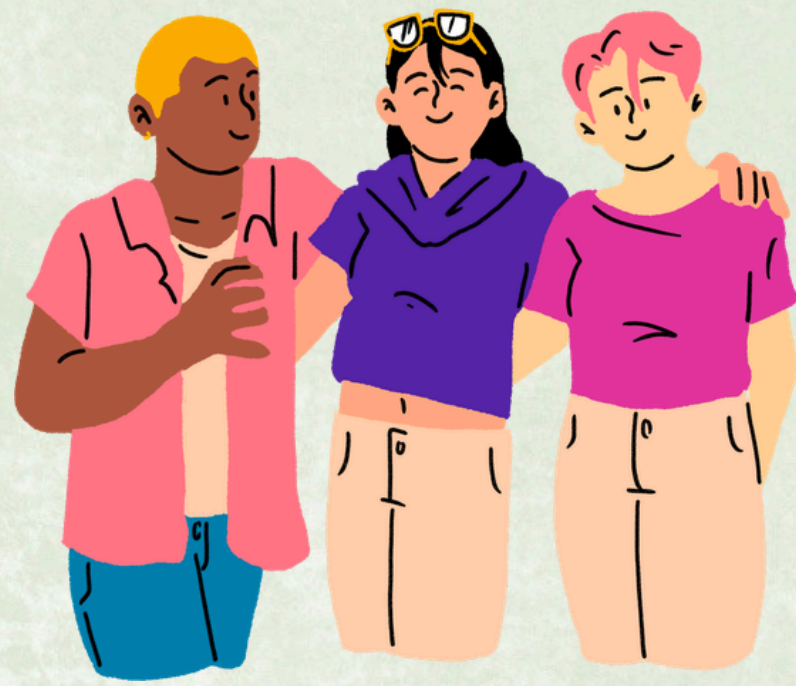
**For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them.**

Matthew 18:20

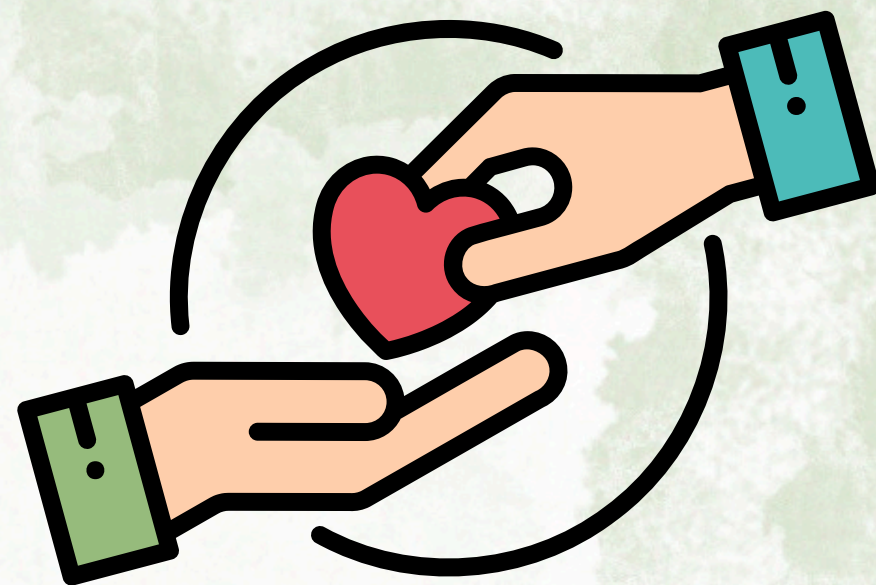
# Refer your young adults!



Know a young adult in Texas looking for a Gather community?  
Send us their names! We will collect their names and connect them  
with other young adults in their community.



# How you can support



## Connection

Helping connect young people to each other and the Gather Network is one of the best ways to support.

## Giving

Once they get started, funding is the next largest hurdle. The Gather Network provides support with advice on how to apply for grants, but if you are aware of any giving opportunities share them with your local young adults.

**Questions?**



## Refer your young adults!

Use the link to submit names of any young adults you know age 22-35 in Texas. We will refer them to an existing Gather site or help them build their own near them!



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For regular updates, links on how to give, and more!