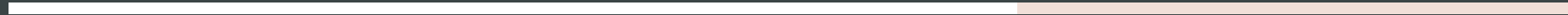


SUMMER 2027 HIGH SCHOOL TRIP



2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

June 28 - July 2, 2027 | Minneapolis, MN

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Who can go?

Current 8th – 12th Grade Students

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Why the Gathering?

WHY GO TO THE GATHERING



The Gathering's Mission

The ELCA Youth Gathering, a unique community by size and scope, exists to accompany young people in their faith journey. Through experiential learning, worship, and intentional community, participants will be both affirmed and challenged in their faith.

The Gathering's Vision

Inspire a movement of young people to boldly live out their faith.

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The Gathering's Values

Faith — Rooted in God's undeserving grace; space to grow, wrestle, and be transformed.

Belonging — Every young person is created in God's image; all are seen, valued, and embraced in Christ's love.

Connection — Shared experiences that link congregations, the ELCA, and the world.

Curiosity — Encouraging bold questions and exploration of new perspectives.

Inclusion — Commitment to equitable, accessible, and just spaces where every young voice matters.

Leadership — Empowering young people as leaders here and now.



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Theme Verse

To God – whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20 (Inclusive)

Daily Themes

Imagine More love

Imagine More welcome

Imagine More grace

Imagine More joy

Imagine More courage

2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING THEME



Program Overview

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Travel Days!!

**MONDAY
JUNE 28**

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MORE **LOVE**

ALL DAY

Gathering + Young Adult Gathering
Registration

9am-4pm

SERVE *(an add-on experience)*

3pm

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4-7:30pm

Community Life

8:30pm

Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
7:00pm — ADA Doors Open
7:15pm — Doors Open

**TUESDAY
JUNE 29**

IMAGINE
MORE **WELCOME**

9am

Worship @ US Bank Stadium

10:30am
12:30pm

ENGAGE Block 1

2pm
4pm

ENGAGE Block 2

4-7:30pm

Community Life

8:30pm

Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
7:00pm — ADA Doors Open
7:15pm — Doors Open

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 30**

IMAGINE
MORE **GRACE**

9am

Worship @ US Bank Stadium

10:30am
12:30pm

ENGAGE Block 3

2pm
4pm

ENGAGE Block 4

4-7:30pm

Community Life

8:30pm

Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
7:00pm — ADA Doors Open
7:15pm — Doors Open

**THURSDAY
JULY 1**

IMAGINE
MORE **JOY**

10:30am
12:30pm

ENGAGE Block 5

2pm
4pm

ENGAGE Block 6

4-6pm

Community Life

7:30pm

Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
Closing Worship + Concert
6:15pm — ADA Doors Open
6:30pm — Doors Open

**FRIDAY
JULY 2**

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MORE **COURAGE**

9am

Depart

MORNING

Synod Events*
*check with Regional Rep to see
if your Synod has something planned!*



Worship

On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, everyone gathers together in U.S. Bank Stadium for powerful, large-scale worship. Surrounded by thousands of young people, you'll experience music, prayer, and a shared sense of God's presence in an unforgettable way. These mornings are a time to come together as one community, be grounded in faith, and start the day inspired and renewed.

Mass Gathering

We end each night in Mass Gathering, where the whole community comes together for powerful worship, inspiring speakers, and unforgettable moments of faith. Through music, storytelling, and prayer, you'll connect with God and thousands of other young people. It's a space to be energized, challenged, and reminded that you're part of something bigger.





ENGAGE

ENGAGE is all about diving deeper into topics that matter to your life and faith. Through immersive experiences, you'll explore important issues, ask big questions, and grow in your faith. It's a space to learn, reflect, and be inspired, while being surrounded by partners doing amazing work in our Church and world. Each ENGAGE block is different and a new experience, so there will be something for everyone.

Community Life

Community Life is where connection and fun come to life. After you're done with ENGAGE for the day, head to Community Life to grab a bite to eat, play some games, or dance! Community Life is a place to meet new people, build friendships, and celebrate together. It's all about joy, belonging, and experiencing the Gathering community before we head into the stadium for Mass Gathering.





Key Dates for Bethany

- Today! Registration Opens
- Thursday 10/15 Financial Aid Closes
- Sunday January 17th Registration Closes
- Saturday February 6th Big Fundraiser
- (Palm) Sunday March 21st – Breakfast Fundraiser
- Tuesday June 1st – All Payments Due
- Saturday June 26th Leave for The Gathering
- Saturday July 3rd return from The Gathering



Costs for Bethany Lutheran Church

- Cost per Student: \$1000
- Registration Deposit: \$175
- Lump sum vs Installment
- All payments due on June 1st
- ELCA Financial Aid due this Thursday October 15th

Date	Payment Due	Total paid
17-Jan	\$175	\$175
1-Mar	\$300	\$475
15-Apr	\$300	\$775
1-Jun	\$225	\$1000

Questions?



Scan to Register!

