



New Orleans, LA July 19-23, 2025

What is the purpose of the LCMS Youth Gathering?

The National Gathering is one of the major projects of the Youth Ministry Office of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The Gathering provides opportunities for young people and adults to boldly come together in the name of Jesus Christ to proclaim, celebrate, and witness their salvation through Him, rejoice in the fellowship of their church and be encouraged and nurtured in their lives as God's people through Word and Sacrament.

Who Can Go?

You must currently be in 8th-12th Grade.

How much will it cost?

Estimated Gathering Costs

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| • Gathering Registration* | \$395 |
| • Housing - 5 nights** | \$351 |
| • Meals - 6 days @ \$45/day | \$270 |
| • MNS District Event/t-shirt*** | \$65 |
| • Airfare | \$450 |

Total	\$1531
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*Registration deposit is \$150 (non-refundable, out-of-pocket). Registration cost covers all Gathering program and administrative costs, participant items like the Gathering Bible, backpack, and Post-Gathering DVD, and secondary insurance for all participants.

**Based on 3 people per room.

***District event is still being planned. This estimate is \$5 more than the last gathering.

Additional costs – Swamp Tour, WWI Museum, Haunted History Tour, City Tour, Audubon Zoo, Aquarium, and Insectarium, Besthoff Sculpture Garden – can add \$50-\$100. Extra events will be decided upon by the group.

Adult leaders needed to attend the Gathering will have their expenses paid by King of Kings. The maximum number we can bring will be determined by how many youth sign up.

Remaining gathering cost will be due in 2 payments: \$700 by March 2nd and remainder by June 5th (approximately \$681). These can be paid for from fundraising.

Important Gathering Dates & Deadlines

- October 13, 2024 – Youth registration and deposit due (can continue to add more)
- November 1, 2024 – Gathering Registration opens
- November 2, 2024 – Registration rate increases
- January, 2025 – Registration confirmation
- March 4, 2025 – Registration rate increases
- Early Spring 2025 – Adult Leaders receive Gathering hotel information
- Early April 2025 – Hotel deposit is due
- May 1, 2025 – Full registration payment due
- May 28, 2025 – Last Day for substitutions and cancellations

Fundraisers – need parents to coordinate

Fundraisers we've done in the past

- Trunk 'n' Treat Carnival
- Advent Dinners
- Children Advent Festival (Childcare)
- Lent Dinners
- Super Sunday Sub and Egg Roll Sale
- Easter Breakfast
- Penny Wars
- Restaurant Nights
- Stock Sale

Additional fundraiser ideas

- Letter Writing
- Car Wash
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Optional Program Choices

- Off-site Servant Events – includes additional cost
- On-site Servant Events

Opportunities Coming Later: let me know if you want to be notified!

Gathering Worship Choir and Symphony

Gathering 5K Run/Walk (additional fee – must register in advance – this did not happen at the last gathering so I don't know if it will return.)

For more information on the gathering, check out www.lcmgathering.com.