

Q: What is the National Youth Gathering?

The LCMS National Youth Gathering is a chance for teens from all over the country to come together to play, study God’s Word, serve, and worship together. It happens every 3 years, moving to a different location every year.

The National Youth Gathering will be July 17-21, 2010 in New Orleans, LA. The theme is “We Believe” and we will be focusing on these words

But these things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:31

Q: What will we do at The Gathering?

There will be plenty to see and do at The Gathering. Each day will be different! During the Gathering we will explore what **WE BELIEVE** through a track system that allows you to experience all the Gathering has to offer. Program tracks involve you in learning that is rooted in the Word and our Lutheran identity. Moving in a smaller group, roughly 1/3 of the Gathering body, everyone will connect with each of the three tracks during the days of the Gathering. At the time of registration confirmation, your congregation will be provided with your program track schedule.

LOOK LISTEN LIVE

LOOK experiences center us on seeing what God has done for us in Christ, and how that changes our lens for the world around us and for eternity. **LOOK** includes a variety of hands-on learning opportunities.

LISTEN experiences place you in groups of 50 to 5,000, where you will connect with a variety of presenters, workshop leaders, and music/arts performers. Those presenters will break down the themes and apply them to our Lutheran faith and our daily lives.

LIVE experiences are opportunities for you to learn by doing. **LIVE** experiences also include servant event options that will allow many of you to serve the city of New Orleans through off-site events and through projects in the convention center.

There will be Bible Studies in the morning, speakers to hear each day, a whole day of service work, bands, The Skit Guys, and more. Every day ends with a Mass Gathering where everyone comes together to worship like you never have before.

Q: Where can I learn more about the Gathering?

We will have a meeting on **Sunday, September 27th at 12:30** to talk about the Gathering and to answer any questions you might have. We will plan out our fundraising for the year and discuss the possibility of staying in LA for extra days to do service work.

Q: What is the estimated cost of the Gathering per person?

A: You can use this chart to get an estimate:

Gathering Registration	\$275.00	
Gathering Housing	\$223.00	Estimated on \$125/night +tax/night , 5 nights, 3 per room
Travel to NOLA	\$275.00	Depends on Mode, etc
Travel in NOLA	\$50.00	Depends on Mode of Transportation
Food in NOLA	\$150.00	Minimum \$30 per day
Gathering Offering	\$10.00	
Group Special Event	\$50.00	
District Event	\$50.00	
Total (Estimate)	\$1,095.00	

Q: How can I get signed up?

You can fill out the two forms attached to this month’s newsletter and return them to the church office with a check for \$100.

Q: What if I have questions?

Contact Julianna Shults at dceshults@gmail.com or at 773-316-3404, Matt Markworth or any member of the St. Paul Youth Ministry Team. If you are curious, please come to the meeting on the 27th and we will answer your questions!