

Welcome

National Youth Gathering 2019

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Why National Youth Gathering?

- + It empowers youth participants to take ownership of their faith.
- + It provides opportunity to discuss a variety of topics through a Biblical perspective.
- + It reaches out to youth and adults with tools that equip them for ministry.
- + It provides the opportunity to meet other LCMS youth from around the US.
- + Participants will grow deeper in their understanding of the Triune God.

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2015 LCMSSGathering

Psalms, especially Psalm 46

www.lcmmsgathering.com



Important Dates

- **September 5th , 2018**
 - Online data input opens on the Gathering Registration page www.lcmsgathering.com/attend
- **October 17th, 2018**
 - Submit your registration online AND mail your forms with deposit.
- **January, 2019**
 - Receive official acceptance to the National Youth Gathering.
 - Watch for Indiana District information to arrive in the mail.

Important Dates

- **Early Spring, 2019**
 - Primary Adult Leader receives hotel assignment.
- **Early April, 2019**
 - Hotel deposit is due (1 night stay for each hotel room).
- **May 1st, 2019**
 - Full payment due to quality for express registration.
- **July 11-15, 2019**
 - NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING!

ELIGIBILITY

- NYG is intended for High School Youth 14-19 years old
- Participants registered must be ONE of the following:
 - 14 years old at the time of the Gathering (July 11, 2019)
 - Entering the ninth grade at the time of the Gathering

Youth participants cannot be 21 by the time of the Gathering.

Youth to Adult Ratios

- Adult leaders must be 21 years or older at the time of the Gathering.
- The NYG promotes a ratio comparing youth to adults in order to provide sufficient space for youth to attend the event.
- The youth to adult ratio is flexible to adjust for your church's needs/policies.

ALL GROUPS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 ADULTS.

# of Youth	# of Adults
2-6	2-4
7-13	3-4
14-20	4-5
21-27	5-6
28-34	6-7
35-41	7-8
42-48	8-9

Background Checks

- The Gathering recommends getting background checks on all adult leaders.
- Each church is responsible for securing a background check on adult volunteers as needed by their congregation.
- If your congregation cannot afford background checks contact **Amy Mews** at the Indiana District Office:

amy.mews@in.lcms.org



Primary Adult Leader

- Each congregation designates one **PAL**.
- This is the one person from the congregation that communicates between the Gathering office and the congregation.



Registering

- All registration is online at www.lcmsgathering.com/attend
- Online data entry opens on September 5th, 2018
 - Register using the Congregational ID sent with the Gathering materials.
 - Can't find the congregational ID? Contact Krista Miller at Krista.Miller@lcms.org
- Submit online information on October 17th, 2018.
- After registering online the following **must** be mailed to the Gathering office:
 - Pastoral Affirmation Form for each youth, signed by the pastor.
 - \$150 non refundable deposit per person; pay the balance anytime before May 1st or upon arrival at the Gathering. You can also pay the full amount up front.
 - After May 1st any remaining balance must be paid AT the gathering in MN.
 - If you submit the full amount by May 1st, your church can do the Express Registration.

Payment Options

- LCEF Account- Lutheran Church Extension Fund
- **ONE** Check or Money Order per congregation
 - **NO PERSONAL CHECKS! NO CASH!**
 - Checks must be drawn on the congregation or youth group bank account.
 - A cashier's check or money order may be sent in lieu of a check.
 - Make checks money orders, or cashier's checks available to the **LCMS Youth Gathering**.
 - Congregational ID number **must** be included on the memo line.
 - \$50 fee is charged for any check returned with insufficient funds.



If you are a smaller congregation planning to travel with a nearby church...

- + Each congregation should register individually.
- + After submitting your forms online, there will be papers to print and mail to the Gathering Office. Submit your church's forms in the same envelope as the other church you are traveling with.

This ensures both churches are assigned the same hotel.

Substitutions & Cancellations

- Substitutions may be made until May 29th, 2019 and will not be accepted afterwards OR on-site.
- A \$150 charge per person will be retained for cancellations made on or before May 29th, 2019
- No refunds will be issued after May 30th, 2019



Special Needs

- There is a form required for individuals with a disability who need assistance from the Gathering.
- Also take into consideration your group's unique needs such as:
 - Special dietary restrictions
 - Upcoming surgeries or other physical limitations.



Other Forms to Bring

- Emergency Contact Information
 - Congregation's Medical Forms
 - Don't have one? Contact Amy Mews and she'll send the Indiana District's Medical Form.
amy.mews@in.lcms.org
 - Congregation's Group Covenant
 - Sample Covenants are available at
www.lcmsyouthgathering.com/prepare
- Click to see more posts (it's toward the bottom)



Tax Exempt Information

Minneapolis does not give sales tax exemptions to out of state churches.

However, MN does not charge tax on clothing purchases...



Hotel Information

- All registered participants **MUST** stay in the Gathering Hotels. Congregations **MAY NOT** find their own housing.

Expect about \$170/night along with 15% tax added.



Transportation

- Fly
 - take the Green Line Metro Transit from the airport to a stop nearby your hotel
- Drive
 - Some hotels charge pay for parking and may or may not offer in/out privileges
- Train
- Public Bus
- Chartered District Bus
 - Contact Sarah Shadday if interested
Concordia.Rice@gmail.com

Minneapolis is a very walkable city!



District Opportunities

- Indiana District T-Shirt
 - Cost will be \$8-12.
- Buffet Dinner and Lumberjack Experience at Concordia University, St. Paul for \$20 or less.
 - Campus tours will also be available if interested.
- Additional Possibilities in the Works...

Chartered District Bus
Indiana District Booth

Sample Budget

Gathering Registration
\$365

Gathering Housing
Based on \$170/ night, 3 people in a room,
and 15% in hotel taxes

\$265

Travel to Minneapolis
(varies by group)

\$300

Travel in Minneapolis
(depends on group)

\$50

Food
(\$50 for 6 days) \$300

Gathering Offering \$10

District Event and t-shirt
\$50

Special Group Outing
(depends on group) \$50

Estimated Total **\$1,390**

Blank budget forms can be found on the Gathering website under the “Prepare” section.

Fundraising

This is a way for your group to bond and build relationships.

It allows youth to use leadership, creativity, and organizational skills.

It creates visibility for the youth within the congregation.

It provides opportunity for the congregation to support youth.

LCMS Youth Gathering Planners, Adult Leaders,
and the ESource are great resources

www.youthesource.com

<http://www.lcmsgathering.com/tried-and-true-fundraising-ideas/>



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- NYG Adult Leader page on **facebook**
- Sign up for Gathering emails
- Gathering **webinars** first Thursday of month
 - Gathering's YouTube: LCMS Gathering
 - Past webinars are stored on here



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Thank you for coming!
Any questions?

Hope to see you in 2019!

