



2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Update

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The ELCA Youth Gathering is an amazing experience for high school youth and adult leaders to experience the boundless love of God.

Congregations from the Northern Great Lakes Synod are already planning for the 2022 Gathering, which will take place July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. Registration opens on September 22 and remains open through May 22, 2022, although registration prices increase on November 22 and February 22. During this time of COVID-19, the Gathering coordinators are doing their best to prepare for a safe event, and fully recognize that it is impossible for 30,000 people to remain socially distant. A **Safety and Security Webinar** is scheduled for Thursday, October 7 at 8 pm ET / 7 pm CT to discuss these concerns and more. You may pre-register for the webinar on the official Gathering website: <https://elca.org/youthgathering>.

We hope you consider sending your high school youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer. We understand this is a difficult time to plan for anything and encourage congregations to use their best judgement when fundraising and registering for the event. Our synod hopes to help subsidize and coordinate bus transportation to Minneapolis for all interested NGLS attendees. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

For more information and resources about the ELCA Youth Gathering, please

- Check out the official Gathering website www.elca.org/youthgathering
- Contact Stefanie Ehle, NGLS Youth Ministries Coordinator at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org or (810) 881-2669

Important Dates Regarding the ELCA Youth Gathering:

- September 22, 2021: Early Bird Registration begins
- **October 7, 2021 at 8 pm ET / 7 pm CT: Safety and Security Webinar**
Pre-register for the live event at <https://elca.org/youthgathering> or watch a recording at your convenience.
- November 22, 2021: Regular Registration begins
- January 22, 2022: Hotel Assignments
- February 22, 2022: Late Registration begins
- May 22, 2022: Registration closes
- July 24-28, 2022: ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN