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# **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**



**New Orleans is a vibrant city filled with history, great food, inspiring jazz and so much more. Throughout the week of the Gathering, we will get to explore the city, connect with partners, worship and dive deep into the theme Created to Be.**

**We will have conversations, bond as a group, be inspired to create change in our own community and learn more about the ELCA.**

# Different Days, Different Activities

## Accompaniment

Our hope is that after our Accompaniment Day, we will be inspired to return home as agents of change. The Youth Gathering is working hard on nurturing partnerships with local organizations in New Orleans to provide your group with a meaningful day filled with learning.

## Synod

Every synod will have the chance to gather together on your assigned Synod Day. During this day, you'll gather for a 45-50 minute worship service, exploring the daily themes of the Gathering.

Time to explore, have fun, and learn about New Orleans as a group!

## Interactive Learning

During your Interactive Learning Day, you'll get to explore a "holy playground" of sorts for us to explore the theological and Biblical themes of the Gathering, utilizing multiple learning styles. We will get to also explore and interact with partners from across the ELCA doing amazing work in hunger, advocacy, and more!

# Evenings will include . . .

## Mass Gathering

Our entire community will come together in Caesars Superdome for Mass Gathering. We'll hear inspiring speakers, uplifting music and much more. Our house band leads us in music each night, where you will sing some of your favorite praise songs and hymns, as well as learn some new favorites.

On our last morning together, we will gather one last time in the Superdome for closing worship.

## Community Life

With all of our hotel properties and venues in close proximity, New Orleans allows for us to have optional programming following Mass Gathering for your congregational group to take part in. These are fellowship events for youth to reflect on the day, meet others from across the ELCA, dance, sing and more! Stay tuned to learn more about these opportunities as we get closer to the event.

# Tentative Itinerary

## Day 1

**Tuesday, July 16**

Minneapolis, MN -> New,  
Orleans  
Opening Worship

## Day 2

**Wednesday, July 17**

First full day of the  
Gathering

## Day 3

**Thursday, July 18**

Second day of the  
Gathering

## Day 4

**Friday, July 19**

Third day of the  
Gathering

## Day 5

**Saturday, July 20**

Closing Worship  
Head Home!

# Who's Going?

## Youth

Youth participants must be CURRENT 8th to 12th graders!

## Staff

Rose Bentley

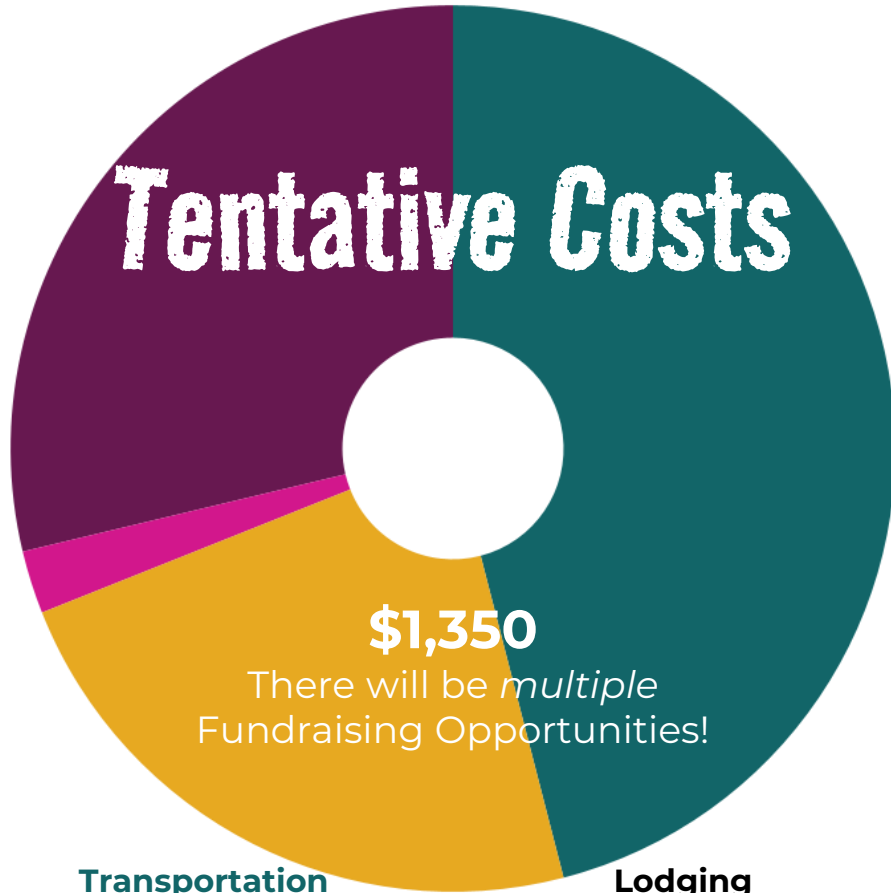
## Adult Leaders

We need Adult Leaders to join us on this trip:

- Positive mentors and guides
- Empowering and encouraging
- AAA adults: adults who are authentic, affirming & available

Interested? Let's connect!

# Tentative Costs



**\$1,350**

There will be *multiple* Fundraising Opportunities!

## Does Not Include:

Meals  
(Recommend ~\$70 per day)

### Registration

\$375 total

*Increases by \$50 on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>*

### Transportation

\$450 for flight tickets

### Lodging

\$205 for four nights

*3-4 youth per room*

### Excursions + T-shirts

\$50 for Outings

\$20 for T-shirts

\$50 for Group Dinners



# Youth Gathering Registration

**PRIORITY**

Sept. 15 - Nov. 1, 2023

the GATHERING

**\$375**

(\$150 deposit due at registration)

**REGULAR**

Nov. 2, 2023 - Feb. 14, 2024

the GATHERING

**\$425**

(\$150 deposit due at registration)

**LATE**

Feb. 15 - April 15, 2024

the GATHERING

**\$475**

(\$150 deposit due at registration)

# Payment Breakdown

When	How much?
At Registration - Deposit	\$150
November 30 <sup>th</sup> - Payment #1	\$300
January 15 <sup>th</sup> - Payment #2	\$300
February 29 <sup>th</sup> - Payment #3	\$300
April 15 <sup>th</sup> - Payment #4	\$300

**Registration opens Wednesday,**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Closes April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

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**Want to know more? Let's connect!**

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