

# ELCA Youth Gathering, 2024

## New Orleans, LA

**Registration opens October 11<sup>th</sup> and closes on April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Who:** Current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and adult leaders

**What:** The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) invites thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders to gather for a week of faith formation at the ELCA Youth Gathering. We will have conversations, bond as a group, be inspired to create change in our own community and learn more about the ELCA.

**When:** Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** New Orleans, LA

**Why:** 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. We will get to explore the city of New Orleans, connect with partners, worship and dive deep into the theme Created to Be.

**Registration:** Priority registration for the Youth Gathering is currently \$375 and will end November 1<sup>st</sup>. After November 1<sup>st</sup>, registration will cost \$425 until February 14<sup>th</sup>. **Registration closes April 1<sup>st</sup>** and will cost \$475 starting February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Estimated Costs: \$1350, including \$150 deposit (due at registration)**

Exact costs is dependent on flight cost and availability and number of participants. Because SOTV values immersion and trip experiences, we subsidize trip costs to help make them affordable for all students.

Cost includes transportation, YG registration, lodging, excursions, t-shirts, and two group dinners. This costs does NOT include remaining meals and spending money. The ELCA recommends \$70 per day for meals (5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners).

| <b>When</b>                            | <b>How much?</b> |
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| 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            |

**Scholarships & Fundraising:** Volunteering at Pizza Fellowship, our annual Christmas Boutique (Nov.11), and Sunday Fellowship can earn you credit towards a Merit Scholarship which you can use on this trip! We will host a couple fundraising events for registered participants throughout the year. Also, additional financial support is available – Please don't let the cost be the reason you don't participate!

**Leaders:** We aim to take 1 adult leader (21+) for every 6 students participating, and at least 1 adult of each gender including the SOTV staff. If you are interested in being an adult leader, contact Rose ([rose.bentley@sotv.org](mailto:rose.bentley@sotv.org)) or Kelsey ([kelsey.young@sotv.org](mailto:kelsey.young@sotv.org)).

At SOTV, we value the time and energy adult leaders provide so there is no costs for adult leaders.

**Mandatory Team Building Sessions:** We will have meetings leading up to the trip in July. These meetings will allow us to learn more logistical information about the

Youth Gathering, get to know each other, learn about New Orleans, and hear about the theme Created to Be.

### **ELCA Youth Gathering – Tentative Itinerary**

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| Day 1 – Tuesday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Minneapolis, MN -> New Orleans, LA<br>Opening Worship |
| Day 2 – Wednesday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> | Accompaniment, Synod, or Interactive Learning         |
| Day 3 – Thursday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Accompaniment, Synod, or Interactive Learning         |
| Day 4 – Friday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Accompaniment, Synod, or Interactive Learning         |
| Day 5 – Saturday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Closing Worship<br>Head home!                         |