



What is NYG?

A National Youth Gather is an event for high school youth, held once every three years, aimed at engaging youth in worship, God's word, prayer, song, and service activities. During these full five days, youth learn about Jesus, their personal faith, and their Lutheran identity. The theme verses for the Gathering will be...

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Feel free to check out more details about the Gathering at <https://lcmsgathering.com/>.

When is NYG?

The Gathering takes place July 9-13, 2022. It is still to be determined if our travel dates may extend this time at the beginning and/or end.

Where will we stay?

Hotels will be assigned by group based on receipt of hard-copy registrations beginning in October, 2021. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel if it is not within walking distance of the Convention Center. All hotels will be using the same rate.

How will we get there?

We currently plan to fly to Houston, but there is an ongoing discussion regarding the cost/benefit analysis between taking a charter bus and flying. The mode of travel will be determined by the planning committee and more details will be known about this decision next fall.

What is the cost?

At this point, not every cost is known, but we are estimating \$1350 based on previous year's expenses.

Registration Fee \$375

Airfare \$500

Hotel \$50 per night = \$250

Food \$30 per day = \$150

NE District Event \$ 40

Extra Activity/Souvenirs, Snacks, T-Shirts – on your own

How will we pay?

There is a separate committee working on fundraising opportunities for this event, but WE NEED additional parent volunteers to help make these fundraisers come together and produce the funds we need to best support each participant. As your child participates and serves in fundraising events, money will be distributed to his/her youth account. These funds can be accessed to make deposits and payments. More information will be coming regarding fundraising opportunities.

Approximate Timeline for Payment:

October 1 - \$150 deposit (required registration at this time)

December 1 - \$400

February 1 - \$400

May 1 - \$400

Commitments

If you plan to attend NYG, a non-refundable \$150 deposit is due by October 1 (payable to St. John Lutheran Youth"). After travel costs have been booked, that cost will also be non-refundable. If for some reason your child is not able to attend after the NYG cut-off (probably near May 1, 2022), there will be no refund of the full \$365 registration fee.

Other commitments include:

- Participating in fundraising events
- Attending pre-gathering activities and Bible studies
- Representing Christ and St. John by participating in activities, displaying Christ through words and actions, following guidance of chaperones. Disrespect or disobedience will not be tolerated and if necessary, youth will be sent home at parent's expense.

Adult Leaders

- The primary adult leaders are Shanna Opfer ([shanna.opfer@cune.edu/402-7641-6725](mailto:shanna.opfer@cune.edu)), Ben Limback ([ben.limback@cune.edu/402-646-0755](mailto:ben.limback@cune.edu)), and Kelley Limback (Kelley.limback@sewardschools.org /402-646-0682). *Please feel free to contact any one of the primary leaders with questions that you have.*
- Other adult leaders who plan to chaperone include Jon and Tina Marroquin, Jessica Brashear, and Rachel Miller.