

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

June 28 - July 2, 2027 | Minneapolis, MN

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The Gathering's Mission

The ELCA Youth Gathering, a unique community by size and scope, exists to accompany young people in their faith journey. Through experiential learning, worship, and intentional community, participants will be both *affirmed and challenged* in their faith.

The Gathering's Vision

*Inspire a movement of young people to
boldly live out their faith.*

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The Gathering's Values

Faith — Rooted in God's undeserving grace; space to grow, wrestle, and be transformed.

Belonging — Every young person is created in God's image; all are seen, valued, and embraced in Christ's love.

Connection — Shared experiences that link congregations, the ELCA, and the world.

Curiosity — Encouraging bold questions and exploration of new perspectives.

Inclusion — Commitment to equitable, accessible, and just spaces where every young voice matters.

Leadership — Empowering young people as leaders here and now.

We hear all the time...

Youth return with deeper faith, stronger ties to their congregation, and a clearer sense of purpose.

SACRED PLAYGROUNDS

The Gathering is one of the ELCA's four most influential ministries, confirmed by a survey of 3,000+ rostered leaders as independently shaping faith and call.

The Gathering is strongly tied to younger calls to ministry— rostered leaders who participated in at least one key ministry (including the Gathering) were rostered at a median age of 29, compared to 41 for those who participated in none.



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Theme Verse

*To God – whose power now at work in us can do
immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.*

Ephesians 3:20 (Inclusive)

Daily Themes

Imagine More love

Imagine More welcome

Imagine More grace

Imagine More joy

Imagine More courage

PRE-EVENTS

June 26 - 28, 2027

Marriott City Center, Minneapolis

**Multicultural Youth
Leadership Event (MYLE)**

the tAble

pre-event for youth living with disabilities

June 28 - July 2, 2027

Minneapolis Convention Center
U.S. Bank Stadium

SERVE

**2027
Gathering**

Young Adult Gathering

Registration opens Oct. 21, 2026

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Program Overview

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SATURDAY JUNE 26

NOON MYLE + the tAble Registration

2-9pm MYLE + the tAble Programming

SUNDAY JUNE 27

ALL DAY MYLE + the tAble Programming

2pm Gathering Registration Opens

MONDAY JUNE 28

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ALL DAY Gathering + Young Adult Gathering
Registration

9am-4pm SERVE *(an add-on experience)*

3pm MYLE + the tAble Ends

4-7:30pm Community Life

8:30pm Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
7:00pm — ADA Doors Open
7:15pm — Doors Open

TUESDAY JUNE 29

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MORE WELCOME

9am Worship @ US Bank Stadium

10:30am
12:30pm ENGAGE Block 1

2pm
4pm ENGAGE Block 2

4-7:30pm Community Life

8:30pm Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
7:00pm — ADA Doors Open
7:15pm — Doors Open

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

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MORE GRACE

9am Worship @ US Bank Stadium

10:30am
12:30pm ENGAGE Block 3

2pm
4pm ENGAGE Block 4

4-7:30pm Community Life

8:30pm Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
7:00pm — ADA Doors Open
7:15pm — Doors Open

THURSDAY JULY 1

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10:30am
12:30pm ENGAGE Block 5

2pm
4pm ENGAGE Block 6

4-6pm Community Life

7:30pm Mass Gathering @ US Bank Stadium
Closing Worship + Concert
6:15pm — ADA Doors Open
6:30pm — Doors Open

FRIDAY JULY 2

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9am Depart

MORNING Synod Events*
*check with Regional Rep to see
if your Synod has something planned!*

Note: The Young Adult Gathering schedule differs.



Worship

On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, everyone gathers together in U.S. Bank Stadium for powerful, large-scale worship. Surrounded by thousands of young people, you'll experience music, prayer, and a shared sense of God's presence in an unforgettable way. These mornings are a time to come together as one community, be grounded in faith, and start the day inspired and renewed.

Mass Gathering

We end each night in Mass Gathering, where the whole community comes together for powerful worship, inspiring speakers, and unforgettable moments of faith. Through music, storytelling, and prayer, you'll connect with God and thousands of other young people. It's a space to be energized, challenged, and reminded that you're part of something bigger.





ENGAGE

ENGAGE is all about diving deeper into topics that matter to your life and faith. Through immersive experiences, you'll explore important issues, ask big questions, and grow in your faith. It's a space to learn, reflect, and be inspired, while being surrounded by partners doing amazing work in our Church and world. Each ENGAGE block is different and a new experience, so there will be something for everyone.

Community Life

Community Life is where connection and fun come to life. After you're done with ENGAGE for the day, head to Community Life to grab a bite to eat, play some games, or dance! Community Life is a place to meet new people, build friendships, and celebrate together. It's all about joy, belonging, and experiencing the Gathering community before we head into the stadium for Mass Gathering.



Pre-Events & Add-On Experiences

SERVE | First Come, First Serve Add-On Experience

SERVE invites participants to step into the Twin Cities community for a full day of learning and action. Through hands-on service with local partners, you'll meet neighbors, hear stories, and experience the city in a meaningful way. The day continues with time to reflect and create an ACTION plan, helping your group bring what you've learned back home through ongoing, authentic service.

MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event) | Pre-Event

MYLE is a pre-event that celebrates and lifts up young people of color in the ELCA. Through worship, community, and conversation, participants explore identity, faith, and leadership in an empowering and supportive space.

the tAble | Pre-Event

the tAble is a pre-event for youth with disabilities and their caregivers, offering an inclusive space for community, worship, and faith exploration. It centers accessibility, connection, and belonging, celebrating each person's unique gifts.







Key Fundraiser Dates

\$100 non-refundable deposits
will be due Nov. 1

Cookie Walk Fundraiser Dec. 13

Easter Sunrise Service and
Breakfast Mar. 28



Trip Costs

Students:

\$100 deposit by November 1

(Add \$75 to register Nov 2 - Feb 1, add \$125 to register Feb 2 - March 1)

Most meals (estimated \$40/day)

Luther League Funds:

\$350 registration

\$100 SERVE experience (includes supplies, food, transportation and shirt during mission work)

\$200/room for hotel

2 group meals & Transportation

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