



northeastern minnesota Synod Journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering

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Let's travel together!

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod has a long tradition of traveling together to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Much has changed since the last Gathering was held in 2018, but as we look ahead to 2024, we are eager to continue this beloved tradition!

Partnering for the Synod Journey this year will include:

- Pre-trip Support, including a registration walk-through on Zoom
- Spring Training and Networking Event for adult leaders in 2024 - more details to come!
- Group overnight at Camp Onomia Sunday, July 14 - featuring group building experiences, worship, and a service opportunity.
- Flying together to New Orleans.
- Intentional time together as a Synod Journey group throughout the Gathering - including special events on Monday when we arrive, Tuesday before the Gathering begins, and throughout the Gathering experience by way of daily breakfasts, adult leader support, and check-ins - you're not in this alone!
- Partnership with Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry staff for worship experiences, games and activities, and adult leader support.
- Flying home together back to Minnesota.
- Relationships, memories, and connections throughout our synod that will last beyond the trip!

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. PSALM 139:14*

July 14-21, 2024
New Orleans

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Synod Journey INFO SHEET*

As part of the Synod Journey, our church will journey alongside congregations from across Northeastern Minnesota. We'll begin the Synod Journey in Minnesota before flying together to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Thousands of young Lutherans will explore the city and their faith in different ways. Each night, we will join together in the stadium for the mass gathering, which includes incredible music, speakers, and more. We would love to have you join us on this journey!

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Sunday, July 14: Worship in your home congregation, overnight at Camp Onomia with participants from all over the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. Our time at Camp Onomia will include fun activities, group building, worship, and service learning.

Monday, July 15: Bus to the Minneapolis, then fly to New Orleans! Check into hotel; more group activities including a "Welcome to New Orleans" photo scavenger hunt.

Tuesday, July 16: Our group from Northern Minnesota expands to include thousands of young Lutherans from across the Church! Welcome to the ELCA Youth Gathering!

Wednesday, July 17 - Friday, July 19: Three full days including worship, learning about our faith and church, community life, and exploring our host city of New Orleans.

Saturday, July 19: Closing worship together. Sending Synod Journey meal and activity. Fly back to Minnesota. Congregations may opt to spend one more night at Camp Onomia (for an additional fee), depending on what time our flight arrives at MSP.

COST:

\$1,500 per participant (youth and adults)

This includes flights to and from New Orleans, hotel stays, the ELCA Gathering Registration Fee, 9 meals together (including dinner and breakfast at Camp Onomia, breakfasts throughout the Gathering, and two meals as a large group in New Orleans.) We are not able to provide meals on travel days, or lunches & dinners during the Gathering schedule. As a congregation, you will decide if you'd like to pay for those meals as a church, or if individuals will be expected to pay on their own.

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HOW TO REGISTER:

You will need to sign up as a congregational group.

On the NEMN Synod website, you will find:

- Synod Journey Online Registration Form
- ELCA Youth Gathering "Congregation Details" Worksheet
 - ELCA Adult Participant Registration Worksheet
 - ELCA Youth Participant Registration Worksheet
- Detailed Synod Journey packet

How to Register:

Step 1: Collect Forms/Worksheets from all participants – youth and adults!

Step 2: Register (as a group) online through the ELCA Youth Gathering website. Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering includes a deposit of \$150 per participant.

Step 3: Register online each of your participants for Synod Journey. This can be done on the Synod website: www.nemnsynod.org/synod-journey

Step 4: Make copies of all worksheets, and send to the Synod Office, along with a check for \$100 per participant by/before October 15.

***Important Notes:** You may register for the ELCA Youth Gathering without registering for the Synod Journey. The Synod Journey is an additional step, process, expense, and support network. These are just the first two payments (one to the ELCA, one to the Synod Office.) You will need to make additional payments, totaling no more than \$1,500 per participant throughout the year.

We will offer a Synod Journey Registration Support Meeting on Zoom Thursday, September 14 at both 12:00pm and 6:00pm to walk through registration and answer any questions.

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