



2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

JUNE 26 - JULY 2, 2027

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



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

Ephesians 3:20

Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It's not just an event but a movement in which faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith and be part of something bigger than yourself. Are you ready to join the movement?

Get ready to *Imagine More* in **Minneapolis, Minnesota**

We are thrilled to hold the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minn. — also known as the “City by Nature.” It’s a place where urban energy meets the serenity of lakes, rivers and trails, all woven into the fabric of daily life. From the mighty Mississippi River to the Chain of Lakes and 200 miles of trails, Minneapolis offers a stunning backdrop for reflection, connection and celebration. It’s a city alive with creativity, diversity and a deep sense of community — an inspiring setting in which to explore God’s creative work and build on the foundation of life and love already present.

Registration Info

Registration will take place online beginning August 30 at www.epiphanydayton.org/elca-youth-gathering/

Registrations are considered complete with a non-refundable \$250 deposit online or by check, and should be completed no later than October 1. A final payment of \$250 will be due in May 2027.

Gathering Preparation

Informational Meeting: August 30, 12:00pm

Join us for an important informational meeting for students and parents on **August 30 at 12:00pm** to find out more about joining us in Minneapolis in 2027. Lunch will be provided. RSVP online for lunch: <https://epiphanydayton.org/event/2026-08-30-2027-elca-youth-gathering-informational-meeting/>

Registration Deadline: October 1

Gathering Preparation Meetings

These are not simply 'meetings' - they are opportunities to grow in our faith, connect with other participants, and prepare ourselves for our experience in Minneapolis. They are part of the Gathering experience, and your attendance is expected. Lunch is included at all meetings.

- **October 11** - 12:00-2:00pm - Parents join at 1:30pm
- **November 8** - 12:00-2:00pm
- **January 10** - 12:00-2:00pm
- **January 31** - 12:00-2:00pm
- **February 28** - 12:00-2:00pm
- **April 11** - 12:00-2:00pm
- **May 2** - 12:00-2:00pm
- **June 6** - 12:00-2:00pm - Students & Parents

Fundraising

Our goal is to work as a group to help each student fundraise at least \$1,500 towards the total cost of the trip. More information about fundraising plans and involvement expectations will be available at the informational meeting.

Dinner Auction: March 13, 2027

Our main fundraiser is planned for the evening of March 13, 2027. This dinner auction will be a congregation-wide event. This fundraiser will be all hands on deck for registered students and parents for planning and execution of the event. Information and signups for planning teams will be available at the October 11 meeting for registered students and parents.

Additional Fundraisers

We plan to host a variety of additional fundraisers throughout the year. Dates and details will be available at the informational meeting on August 30 with signups available at the October 11 meeting for registered students and parents.

Through the Gathering, young people come together to experience that unity and understand their role in the community of the larger church. We recognize both the joy of community and the unique role of each participant as they return to their individual communities after this life-changing event. The apostle Paul sought to provide for the needs of the Ephesians with encouragement, hope and confidence in God's faithfulness. The needs of faithful young people today are much the same.

Imagine more **love**.
(Mark 4:35-41)

Imagine more **welcome**.
(Matthew 9:9-13)

Imagine more **grace**.
(Luke 15:11-32)

Imagine more **joy**.
(John 20:1-18)

Imagine more **courage**.
(John 4:1-42)

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