

# National Youth Gathering 2024 - Reserve your space NOW!

**What:** [National Youth Gathering](#) - Learn more by visiting the Gathering website. The Gathering brings together thousands of high-school age Lutherans from across the country and overseas for faith formation, worship, fellowship and service. Talk to anyone who has attended the ELCA Youth Gathering and they will tell you it was inspiring, meaningful and FUN!!! You will not be sorry you attended.

**Who:** Open to all youth who will have completed Grades 8-12 in summer 2024. Friends are welcome to be part of our group. We ask all participants to commit to pre-event team building activities, planning sessions, and fund-raising events.

**Where:** New Orleans, LA

**When:** July 16-20, 2023 (Exact travel dates TBD)

Priority Registration (\$375) must be reserved by November 1. **Reserve your space with \$150 non-refundable deposit to BLC by October 22.\*** (Use Tithe.ly or make checks payable to BLC, write LYO Fundraising in the memo.)

\*In addition to registration costs, there will also be RT transportation and meals for each day of the event. Bethlehem has a strong history of supporting opportunities for youth such as the ELCA Youth Gathering and so we anticipate that congregational support and fundraising (which you participate in) will cover about 2/3 of the total cost. Exact cost will be more clear once we know transportation costs in the winter. If the cost of this trip is a concern, please reach out to one of the pastors. We will work with you to provide financial assistance, if needed.

BLC will identify adult leaders who will accompany our youth group in preparing for the gathering and attending along with them. A minimum of 3 adults will accompany the group.

If you have questions, please reach out to one of the pastors. We'd love to talk with you more about the gathering. We REALLY want BLC youth to have this experience!