

## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



It may seem far away, but we are already preparing for the ELCA Youth Gathering. In Summer 2024 the Gathering will be held in New Orleans, LA, July 16-20, 2024. St. John's will be helping support any of our congregational youth (Grades 8-12) who want to attend.

The Gathering is open to all young people from ELCA congregations, giving them opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service and fellowship. It is an amazing event to see our youth from Lutheran congregations across the country gathered together in one place!

Youth participants must be in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023). This is a powerful and transformational ministry if you are brave enough to let your guard down long enough for the Spirit to enter in, if you can be quiet long enough to listen to someone different from yourself, if your prayer is to be open to what God is calling you to, if you realize the strong roots of a community will ground you no matter the strength of life's storms, if you imagine yourself as part of something bigger than you.

You must register before 11:59pm on Sept. 15, 2023  
at <https://tinyurl.com/YouthGatheringRegister>

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