



NE MN Synod Journey and
ELCA Youth Gathering
July 21-28
Duluth & Minneapolis
Grades 8-12
Registration Form due by 10/16

What is the NE MN Synod Journey?

Every young person is on a journey to discover their identity, belonging and purpose. The Synod Journey

- **deeply roots** youth so they know who they are and whose they are as children of God,
- **connects** youth to their congregation and the wider community of Christ,
- and **equips** youth to be **boundless** as they live out their faith in the world around them.

The Synod Journey is a faith formation, relationship building, and leadership development event. We will spend next month's growing in our faith as a group and while we are in Duluth we will grow in our faith as a synod. The Synod Journey is time to use your leadership skills within our congregation and beyond. The Synod Journey is much more than a trip. It is an invitation to join the NE MN Synod for a year long journey to learn and live into how we are **deeply rooted** to be **connected** to a **boundless** God beyond measure!

What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Check out the website: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/>

Check out the information video: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Kickoff-Celebration>

Cost Total: \$975 (Yes this seems like a lot but it covers a lot!) We will have fundraisers and we have generous members who are willing to help!

Breakdown

Registration Cost: \$350 – This cost is set by the ELCA Youth Gathering Planning Team

Housing: \$225 – for our housing in Duluth and in Minneapolis

Transportation: \$205 – This includes coach buses to Duluth, Minneapolis, and home.

Meals and Additional Programming: \$195

This trip is an investment

Youth and their families are asked to invest in many opportunities throughout their high school years. Extra-curricular activities, various camps, sports, and school trips are all valuable and enlightening experiences that can contribute to the well-being of our young people.

The Synod Journey is much more than one more option among many good options. This investment of time, money and commitment is so valuable because it is a year-long process that leads up to the trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering. We believe this will be a transformative faith experience that will contribute to the faith formation of its participants through prayer, worship, study, service, relationship building, and holy play. This is an investment that will last a lifetime.

Zoom Information

Leigha Lange is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NE Synod Journey Information Meeting

Time: Oct 11, 2021 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85681389503>

Meeting ID: 856 8138 9503

2022 Synod Journey Youth Participant Worksheet



Please fill out this worksheet and return to your Primary Adult Leader.
All fields are required!

Return by: _____

Deposit Due: _____

Name *

Preferred Name

Email *

Mobile Phone *

Address *

Minnesota



Gender *

Male Female Non-Binary

Racial and/or Ethnic Identity: *

- African Decent or Black Asian or Pacific Islander
 Arab or Middle Eastern Multicultural / Multi-ethnic
 American Indian, Alaska Native Latino/a
 European American or White

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes) *

S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL

What grade will you be in at the time of registration (fall 2021)? *

8th Grade 9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade

Did you attend the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas? *

Yes No

Special Needs (check all that apply): *

- None
- I use a wheelchair full time.
- I have a sensory processing disability that makes me sensitive to light.
- I have limited mobility, but I am able to board a bus with no assistance.
- I have a sensory processing disability that makes me sensitive to sound.
- For the purpose of Service Learning, I am medically prohibited from handling certain food products.
- For the purpose of Service Learning, I am medically prohibited from being around animal allergens.
- For the purpose of Service Learning, I am medically prohibited from prolonged exposure to sun or heat.

Additional Information Related to Special Needs:

Emergency Contact Name *

Emergency Contact Relationship *

Emergency Contact Mobile Phone *

Do you agree to comply with COVID-19 protocols put in place by the NE MN Synod and the ELCA Youth Gathering. *

- Yes
- No

I understand that I am required to either be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or submit a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival to participate in the NE MN Synod Journey and ELCA Youth Gathering. *

- Yes
- No

Roommate Request: List up to 3 people you prefer to room with. Requests are not guaranteed, but helpful for your Primary Leader in making housing requests for your group. *