



# 2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

**The mission of the ELCA Youth Gathering is faith formation in high school age youth!** The 2022 gathering is being held in Minneapolis, MN on **July 24-28, 2022**. The 2022 Gathering theme is “Boundless: God beyond measure” which is based on Ephesians 3:14-21 *“ I kneel in prayer to the Father. All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from [God]. God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that [God’s] Spirit will make you become strong followers and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in God’s love. I pray that you and all of God’s people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. [God’s] power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine.”*

The 2022 Gathering will have five program areas which are our primary vessels for engaging youth and adults in ministry. Those program areas are: **Synod Day** - a day of Bible study, worship and fellowship within our Synods; **Service Learning** - a day of learning the stories of Houston, service projects and advocacy; **Interactive Learning** - a day of hands on experiences related to theology, service, justice seeking, prayer, the arts and fellowship; **Community Life** - daily opportunities for worship, fellowship, music and recharging; **Mass Gathering** - daily gatherings of the whole community featuring inspiring speakers, engaging Christian musicians and worship.

The **NTNL Synod** had 337 participants from 31 congregations at the 2018 ELCA Gathering in Houston! This year we are going to have special activities before and during the gathering for our AWESOME KIDS! Some of these include:

- Pre Gathering Event
- NTNL Youth Meal in Houston
- A few surprises too

Contact Information for NTNL Gathering Team:

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## A Few Important Dates

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### **SUMMER 2021:**

- There were informational Zooms for adult leaders in the NTNL

### **SEPTEMBER, 2021:**

- On line early bird registration opened on September 22. (you will need your congregational ID number)

### **IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THIS YET, PLEASE DO ASAP**

- Have an informational meeting in your congregation for current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, who are the ones that will be eligible to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer (we have a powerpoint that you can edit for your congregation)
- Identify a Primary Leader for your congregation and Contact Janelle Miller (Gathering Synod Coordinator) to let her know your congregation is going!
- Begin brainstorming fundraising ideas

### **NOVEMBER, 2021:**

- Early bird registration closes and the cost of The Gathering goes up

### **JANUARY, 2022:**

- Housing assignments are announced

### **SPRING, 2022:**

- Synod preparations for The Gathering

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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- ❖ We have 3 or less kids and no adult chaperone, what do we do? *We have two options: 1) Join another group 2) Join the Synod Group which will be led by Bishop Gronberg. All NTNL kids that want to go will have a place! Contact Janelle Miller (Gathering Synod Coordinator) and she will get you set up*
- ❖ I have never led a group and don't know where to start? *We have lots of resources and experience and will walk you through every step of the process! We will provide powerpoints, handouts, fundraising ideas etc. Call Janelle at 817-726-7031 or email her at [janellemiller@yahoo.com](mailto:janellemiller@yahoo.com)*
- ❖ How much is the ELCA Youth Gathering going to cost? *There are lot of variables and ways to cut costs. A good estimate is \$1000 - \$1200 depending on transportation. This may seem like a big number, but if you break it down it is \$120/month (not even counting fundraisers)*
- ❖ Where will we be staying? *This year the Synod's will be housed together! We will all be in the same hotels which will be a great opportunity for our kids to meet each other and for the adults to support each other!*

### Our congregation does not have any youth to send to Minneapolis...

The ELCA Youth Gathering is for you too! We need your congregation to be involved too in sharing God's love with our teenagers while they are in Minneapolis! The NTNL is filled with faithful people of prayer who have much to offer! Please select a Youth Gathering Prayer Team Coordinator and get their information to Janelle Miller ([janellemiller@yahoo.com](mailto:janellemiller@yahoo.com) or 817-726-7031) so we can get your congregation involved!