

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
National Youth Gathering 2019
Participation Commitment**



**National Youth Gathering
July 11-15, 2019**

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea...
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our fortress.
Psalm 46:1-2, 6 ESV*

The National LCMS Youth Gathering provides youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to

- be affirmed in their lives as God's people
- nurture their relationship with others in the church
- celebrate their salvation in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament
- recognize that youth ministry happens in a variety of settings in their parish, community and world

LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service.

This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry. National LCMS Youth Gatherings are held every three years for and are intended for high school youth ages 14-19 at the time of the gathering. The NYG is an incredible way for you to grow in relationships with your peers and with God. In these five days over 35,000 youth from across the nation will come together in worship, through service, and fellowship.

This event is July 11th-15th, in Minneapolis. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme ***Real Present God.***

**Estimated Trip Cost \$1000 to cover travel, food, registration, and activities.
Registration fee of \$365 will be due by December 1st, 2018.**

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Motivated by God's love for me, I, _____, commit to exploring, sharing, and growing in my faith this year. As a part of the First Evangelical Lutheran Youth I plan to attend the National Youth Gathering 2019 in Minneapolis.

Parent Youth
Initials Initials

_____ _____ I understand the spiritual, financial, and personal conduct expectations that are a part of this trip. I also understand this registration fee is non-refundable. If an unavoidable circumstance causes me to not attend the Gathering, I know that I will not be refunded any payments made toward the trip and will not be held responsible for any remaining payments.

_____ _____ Throughout this experience we will be intentional about sharing God's love with others through both our actions and our words. I will build relationships with fellow youth, serve my peers, and strengthen our youth group by being actively involved in worship and Youth events before and after the trip. I will participate in at least 5 youth events.

_____ _____ I understand that there will be fundraisers available to help offset the costs associated with the 2019 Gathering. If I do not raise enough funds through the fundraisers, I understand that it is my responsibility to come up with the remainder amount of money due by June 1st, 2019.

With my signature affixed below, I hereby give permission for my child, _____, to attend National Youth Gathering 2019 in Minneapolis. This signed agreement hereby absolves the volunteer sponsors, First Lutheran, the church staff, and any and all members of its governing boards of any responsibility for the safety, welfare, health, and well-being for my child beyond such matters as may be called reasonable care for youth in the care of a sponsor, and subject to the sponsor's clear instructions. The undersigned also assumes, personally and exclusively, all responsibility and liability for accident, injury, or other misfortune which may occur to the above-named child during the time of this activity.

My child agrees to behave responsibly according to the laws of the State, the rules of First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the reasonable expectations of the adult sponsors.

First Evangelical Lutheran Commitment Form is due by July 1st, 2018.

Registration—December 1st Deadline

\$365 deposit due at registration. (\$100 due every month and remainder due June 1st, 2019) = Total \$1000

Youth Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date