



God's peace to you! We are excited to share information about the 2025 Junior High Youth Gathering happening **Friday, November 21 – Saturday, November 22, 2025**, at the Willmar Conference Center & Best Western Plus/Holiday Inn Express. This is a youth-led event hosted by the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Lutheran Youth Organization for 6th–8th grade students, designed to provide opportunities for worship, faith growth, service, and fellowship.

All participants will enjoy engaging programming, an evening snack, a brunch buffet, and a t-shirt. Students will also have the chance to participate in a service project supporting Fostering Youth Transitions – Willmar Area by creating hygiene kits for youth preparing for independent living. Items we are collecting include full-sized deodorant, toothpaste, soap/body wash, toothbrushes, razors/shaving cream, lotion, and hairbrushes/combs.

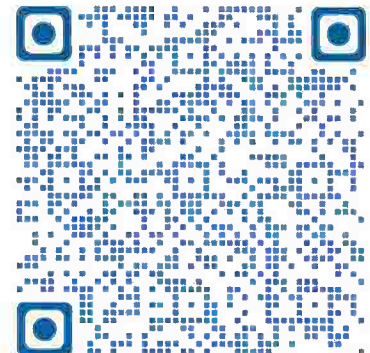
Event Cost: \$125 (includes hotel room) with a \$90 deposit.

Registration is due by October 9th. We don't want money to be a reason that a student doesn't participate—please contact the Faith church office (office@faithspicer.org) if financial assistance would help your family or if you would like to apply any of your student account money to this event.

We hope your student will join us for this fun and meaningful weekend of faith, growth, and connection with peers from across the synod. Please review the enclosed information for details, schedule, and packing list, and scan the QR code to register (registration is online through Peace Lutheran).

Blessings,
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SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering November 21-22, 2025

Please reproduce this form – one form for every youth and adult.

Please, bring ORIGINAL to the Gathering, and keep a 2nd copy for your church leaders for the weekend of the Gathering.

Name of gathering participant: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Student Phone #: _____

T-Shirt Size (Adult sizes, circle one): S M L XL XXL
(*If a larger shirt is needed, extra cost will apply)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) #1: _____ #2: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell #(s) #1: _____ #2: _____

Are there any medical conditions or allergies that we should know about? (attach further explanation, if necessary)

Emergency Contact (for youth if parents unavailable & for adults in case of an emergency), please contact:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Insurance Company Name: _____ Policy #: _____

Photo/Media Release Permission: I give permission for the Gathering planners and our _____
(Church Name Above)

Church leaders to use photos and videos that include the above participant for Youth Gathering communication and promotion of the event – including printed and social media platforms. _____ YES _____ NO

Parent/Guardian Permission: I hereby grant my permission for my child to attend the SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering, to be held at the Willmar Convention Center and hotels in Willmar, MN November 21-22, 2025 with the _____
(Church Name Above) Lutheran Church Youth Group and its adult leaders. I also grant my permission,

in case of an emergency, for medical attention to be sought by the chaperones for my child's group and/or the persons in charge of the Gathering. I understand that all efforts will be made to notify me immediately of any such happenings.

Signed: (parent/guardian) _____ Date: _____

SW MN Synod 2025 Junior High Gathering Covenant

Please reproduce this form – one form for every youth and adult.

I, the undersigned, agree to covenant the following behaviors for the duration of the SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering, November 21-22, 2025. We do this in order to receive maximum benefits from our time together and for care of others. In keeping with our witness as a Christian Community, we will:

1. Refrain from using any substance that will alter our state of mind or being, including drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in any shape or form.
2. Follow Jesus' example by putting other people before ourselves, so that all people – LYO board, speakers, musicians, security, camp/hotel staff, other guests and all other participants – will be respected. This includes listening, participating, our language and gestures, honoring our diversity and differences, and observing Quiet Hours (11 PM – 7:30 AM).
3. Treat facilities with care and respect. Seek to leave spaces better than I find them, pick up, etc.
4. Not leave the designated locations without the permission of our adult leader. Stay out of hotel rooms during Mass Gatherings and Night Life so that I participate in the ministry programming.
5. Refrain from using electronic devices (other than camera use) in Worship (Mass Gatherings) & Night Life
6. Care for our neighbors, who may have health issues of their own or in their immediate family, by not attending if I am sick.
7. Commit to actively participate in all gathering events, including being fully present.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

2025 JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING Tentative SCHEDULE: (Subject to Change)

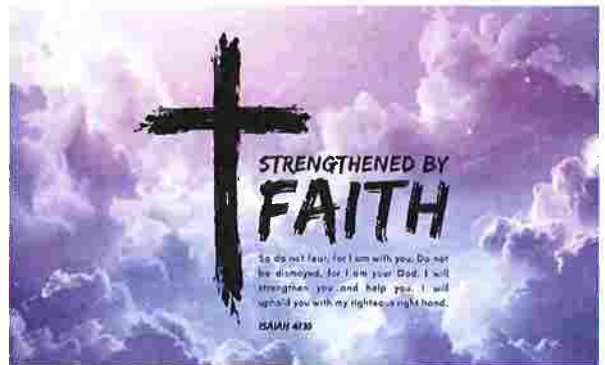
FRIDAY PM November 21st - SATURDAY AM November 22nd

Evening

4:00-6:30 pm Registration & Check-In at Hotels
6:30 pm Pre-Gathering Music

**** Before 7pm: Supper on your own**

7:00-8:30 pm Mass Gathering #1
8:45-11:15 pm Nightlife!
8:45-9:15 pm Female Adult Leader Meeting
9:25-9:55 pm Male Adult Leader Meeting



**** 10pm: Pizza Orders Due (& Paid) to the Green Mill Catering Office (located across the hall from the Dance)**

11:30 pm Mass Gathering #1
12:15 am Congregational Devotion Time
1:00 am In Your Own Rooms
1:30 am Lights Out

Morning

9:15-10:15 am Breakfast Buffet
10:30 am Mass Gathering #3: Closing Worship
12:00 pm Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

Packing List

- ☐ Sleeping bag and pillow (may want to bring 3 for every 5 people)
- ☐ Clothes (Reminder: This is a church event– Please be mindful of sayings, slogans, etc.)
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Prescription medication in original prescription container (if needed)
- ☐ Swimsuit & Towel for the Pool
- ☐ Weather appropriate attire for the drive and traveling
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Money for our Worship Offering
- ☐ Money for Friday or Saturday evening supper (OR Sack supper)
- ☐ Service Project Materials (see next page for details)
- ☐ Optional: camping mat/blow-up mattress for students without a hotel bed
- ☐ Optional: spending money and money for Saturday lunch on the way home