

## Pre-Gathering Session #1 + March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019

### **Bible Study and Prayer: "REAL"**

God is Real

- Real People...Real Problems
- Real Life is Broken and Messy
- Because Jesus is Real, I can be Real

### **Participants**

DCE Leah Kortmeyer	Anna Buerck	Paul Adams
Sally Beaudean	Cassidy Klein	Adam Birk
Tyson Wunderlich	Jada Norris	Justin Buerck
Max Wieser	Joslin Riebeling	Caden Norris
	Anwyn Suhr	Matthew Theiss
Rebecca Harms (alternate)		Zander Zieba

### **Travel Schedule**

Wednesday, July 10	Gather/Depart from SLHS	AM
	Arrive Minneapolis	PM
Thursday, July 11	On-site Registration/Adult Orientation	AM
	Mall of America (tba)	AM/PM
	MO District Event/Lunch @ CU, St. Paul	4:30pm
	Opening Mass Event @ Superdome	8:30pm
Friday, July 12	NYG Schedule	all day
Saturday, July 13	NYG Schedule	all day
Sunday, July 14	NYG Schedule	all day
Monday, July 15	Closing Mass Event/Worship @ Superdome	9:30am
	Mall of America (tba)	PM
Tuesday, July 16	Gather/Depart from Minneapolis	AM
	Arrive to SLHS	PM

### **Transportation**

Charter Bus, Southwestern Illinois Bus Company  
We are traveling with the Salem, Farrar group

### **Lodging**

TBA

## **Student Accounts and Trip Costs**

- Accounts will be updated to be shared after Easter
- Total Trip Cost is an estimated \$1300 (including \$200 meals)
- Balance of fees will be announced at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Session (with "sponsorship" pending), and the payment of the balance is due to the Church Office by June 16<sup>th</sup>. Any funds to be returned as CASH (up to \$200 for meals) will be gifted at the July 7<sup>th</sup> Session.
- SPONSOR INFO: We will run this fundraiser after Easter. After this is completed, you'll receive a list of your sponsors and thank-you cards for you to send to them. While on the trip, please contact them. All sponsors will be invited to our post-Gathering event.

## **Other Information (Potpourri of Details)**

- SOCIAL MEDIA
  - [www.t-lutheran.org](http://www.t-lutheran.org)
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TLYCape>
  - GROUPME (TLY Youth Gathering)



- Twitter, Instagram
- <https://www.facebook.com/LCMSNYG/>
- LIVE-STREAMING of MASS EVENTS
- Gathering Schedule: please attend as many sectionals as your schedule will allow!
- Group meetings will take place late at night or early in the morning to go over the day's events, share concerns, ask questions, etc.
- T-shirts will be provided for each day of the scheduled Gathering.
- We will have a special Commissioning Service at Worship on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00am Service. Please make every effort to attend, wearing the official NYG T-shirt, which you'll receive at the May Session (or we can hand out that morning).
- Everyone is encouraged to use Traveler's Checks and/or Debit Cards. The Lutheran Church Extension Fund will have a bank/ATM in the Convention Center. Be sure to have some cash along, as well. Youth will be responsible for carrying his/her own cash, traveler's checks, etc.
- Bring snacks and soft drinks (plastic containers only) for the bus/hotel. Any snacks you can pack for while at the Gathering will help to defray hotel prices. We will bring bottled water and some snacks for the entire group, as well.
- Only take the amount of luggage that you will be able to carry.
- There will be a 5K Run/Walk. Pre-registration is required, so if you are interested...please add your name to the "5K Run" list. This is a paid registration, so sign up only if you can commit!
- No "dress" clothing is necessary. Please do not bring expensive jewelry, watches, etc. Dress casual, but decently, as you are representing Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church. Don't forget the designated T-shirts! If you like, we can distribute these on the day of our departure (with the exception of the one you'll wear for the Commissioning)

- A more detailed list of “items to bring” will be given at a future Session.
  - Official form of Photo ID
- Please consider bringing some money for the Mass Worship Event offering.
- Health and Medical Forms need to be completed (forms will be available at a later date). **A current tetanus shot is required. After 7 years a tetanus shot is recommended.** Each participant will be carrying a copy of his or her health and medical forms at all times. Adult Leaders will carry copies of all forms.
- We will be taking the TLY first aid kit. First Aid stations will be located at the Superdome and Convention Center.
- Everyone should read over the Group Covenant and have youth/parent/adult leader sign and return at the next Pre-Gathering Session.
- Everyone attending the Youth Gathering is required to wear a wristband, provided at Registration. This wristband is your ticket into Gathering venues, areas and events, and is NOT to leave your wrist. Lost wristbands will NOT be replaced. Damaged wristbands can be replaced, but at a high cost to the participant (registration fee).
- We will find a variety of meal options in the area we will be. The Convention Center will be offering "grab and go" food options, also. We will be making our best effort to share at least two meals together at a "dine-in" restaurant.
- Please include your cellular phone # to our list for everyone to add to their phones. We will be using text messaging quite a bit, so you might want to consider adding or increasing your texting plan for that time.
- The Gathering Helpline # will be provided to all participants and parents. Be sure to program this into your phone. The Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day throughout the Gathering, and can give immediate information about events, programs, or needs participants may have. It cannot give personal information about participants or where they are staying.
- Our next Pre-Gathering Sessions are scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>. Remember, if you are unable to attend, please have a family member or a friend represent you and gather information for you.

### **Questions?**

### **Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer**