

## District Event—Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm-8:45pm

All youth and leaders from the English District are invited to the district event. Round trip transportation via buses will be provided from the convention center as we head to Minneapolis Sky Zone—An indoor trampoline park. Once at Sky Zone we will have opportunity for several rounds ultimate dodgeball (including an adult vs. student round and blacklight). Since we have the full facility other opportunities such as sky climb, warrior course, foam jump, and sky joust are available. All you can drink soda on site and a meal are included. Since there is no mass event on this evening it's a perfect time to join us. Cost of this is \$40 per person and includes bus transportation to/from, entry to Sky Zone, meal, and a district T-Shirt.

Visit: [www.skyzone.com/minneapolis](http://www.skyzone.com/minneapolis)

## Gathering Dates and Deadlines

### September 5, 2018

Online data entry for registration is available on [lcmsgathering.com](http://lcmsgathering.com)

### October 17, 2018

Gathering registration opens on first-come, first serve basis. This is the earliest postmark date.

### January 2019

Registration confirmation sent to groups accepted to the Gathering.

### Early Spring 2019

Primary Adult Leaders receive hotel information

### Early April 2019

Hotel deposit is due

### May 1, 2019

Full Payment due to qualify for express Registration

### July 11-15, 2019

2019 LCMS Gathering!

## National Youth Gathering

English District Co-Coordinators



**DCE Kristi Bauer** from Hope Lutheran Church in Hastings, MN serves as the 2019 National Youth Gathering district event coordinator.

As a native Minnesotan, living less than 40 minutes from US Bank Stadium, Kristi is knowledgeable in many local "must see" opportunities, tips, and intel to assist you and your students.



**DCE Jim Bretthauer** from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Medina, Ohio serves as the 2019 National Youth Gathering English District Booth Coordinator. Jim is a proud born and raised Texan. He is a 2008 graduate of Concordia

University, Texas. He married his best friend, Christine, they have 2 kids, Hogan (5) and Eden (2). He enjoys equipping others for teaching and service. His interests include golf, family time, and sharing experiences with others.

Please watch for emails from Kristi & Jim and the District Office with information regarding the Gathering. Contact us if you have any questions about getting your students to Minneapolis and be sure to LIKE the English District NYG Facebook page.

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# 2019 National Youth Gathering Minneapolis, MN

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## What is the National Youth Gathering?

The LCMS National Youth Gathering (NYG or Gathering) is an event held every three years for youth of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. The Gathering provides young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. This event, which is the single largest

LCMS event, is organized by the LCMS Youth Ministry in St. Louis, Missouri.



## Gathering History

1980 Ft. Collins, CO	4,000 Participants
1983 San Antonio, TX	10,000 Participants
1986 Washington DC	15,000 Participants
1989 Denver, CO	17,500 Participants
1992 New Orleans LA	22,500 Participants
1995 San Antonio, TX	28,000 Participants
1998 Atlanta, GA	30,000 Participants
2001 New Orleans LA	33,000 Participants
2004 Orlando, FL	33,000 Participants
2007 Orlando, FL	25,000 Participants
2010 New Orleans, LA	22,300 Participants
2013 San Antonio, TX	22,250 Participants
2016 New Orleans, LA	22,220 Participants

## Attending the Gathering

### Mass Events

At each Mass Event, ALL participants will gather at US Bank Stadium. Each Mass Event will focus on "Real. Present. God." through Christ-centered presenters, music, videos, and group participation.

### Worship

The Gathering worship service will take place on July 15th at 9:00am at US Bank Stadium. Holy Communion will be celebrated and youth will participate in the Gathering Wind Symphony and Choir.

### Morning Session

Morning Sessions will dig deeper into Psalm 46. Morning Sessions will serve to communicate program updates and propel participants into Gathering program which happens throughout the day.

### Breakout Sessions

Breakout Sessions will take place mainly at the convention center. These sessions delve deeper into the theme and scripture. The Gathering will utilize three large areas in the convention center.

### Intensive Sessions

Intensive Sessions are designed to challenge youth to explore topics at a deeper level. Leaders will teach advanced theological topics, approach difficult practical questions, and give participants tools for studying the topic beyond the Gathering.

### Interactive Center/Convention Center Halls

The Interactive Center is found at the convention center and provides hands-on learning experiences. One portion of the floor will focus on service opportunities such as canned food drives, collection of items for those in need, etc. The convention center floor will also host the youth booth, exhibitors, and district booths.

## Servant Events

Gathering servant events will take place on the mornings of July 12, 13, and 14 away from the Gathering sites. Participants will have the opportunity to serve the community of Minneapolis through many different ways. Gathering planners hope to secure 10,000-12,000 service spots for Gathering participants over the days of the Gathering.

### Late Night Options

Along with Mass Event Plus, other limited late-night (after Mass Event) programming will take place in Gathering hotels and other locations in the downtown Minneapolis area. Opportunities will focus on community group and prayer time.

### Adult Rest Area

The Gathering will again host an Adult Rest Area at the convention center in which Adult Leaders can get a charge, receive information about the Gathering and youth ministry, and have an opportunity to rest.

### Adult Sessions

The Adult sessions are designed to help equip adult leaders in cultural, congregational and youth development issues. This will help them navigate the Gathering with an increased focus on their ministry in their congregational context.

### Featured Adult Session

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will host a Featured Adult Session asking at least 1 adult from each congregation to attend. This session will be led by top-level leaders addressing the big issues of youth ministry and today's culture. It will also give a preview of Mass Events and Community Group time to prepare you for what your group will encounter that day.

## Registration Info

- \$365 per participant through March 1, 2019
- \$400 following March 1, 2019
- Hotel, travel, and meal costs are NOT included