



SYNOD YOUTH WORKSHOP

What a gift for St. Mark to have six youth and three adults attend Synod Youth Workshop at the University of Tulsa, July 13-18, 2026!

Two of our students, Caroline and Emma, were selected to be on the Youth Planning Team for this year's event. They met several times throughout the year to come up with the theme, "May the Lord be with you" (Numbers 6:22-27), develop skits and ideas for presenting the message, and practice leading the music and energizers. Both girls took the assignments seriously and did an amazing job leading during the conference.



Everyone that attended enjoyed lots of fun activities like water games, mixers, dancing, keynote messages, a variety show and worship in a large group. However, the focus of Synod Youth Workshop is growing strong bonds in small groups. Together, each small group works to plan an afternoon and evening in the town, attempts group building challenges, engages in meaningful discussions, has vespers, walks the Labyrinth, and spends a day serving at local Tulsa organizations.

The participants from St. Mark shared their experience during worship on Sunday, July 19. Most commented on what a special time they had and how welcomed they felt during the week. I am so grateful to our church family for the opportunity to attend and for the love and support of our youth, to Synod Youth Workshop leadership for all they pour into this conference throughout the year and to the Lord for that this "place" exists!