

**ENDURE**

JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



# **National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting**

- *September 15th, 2024* -

# Agenda

11:30- about 12 pm: Lunch (pizza)

12- 1 pm: Meeting

- Opening Prayer and Devotion
- Why the Gathering?
  - Overview of the Gathering
- Exploring “Endure”
  - Theme Reveal
- Logistics
  - Gathering Dates and Location
  - Fundraising
  - Cost and Registration Deadlines
- Questions?
- Closing Prayer



## LCMS National Youth Gathering 2025

### **What is a LCMS National Youth Gathering?**

Held every three years, this is a life-changing experience where youth gather with 30,000 other Christian teens and adults for a time of growth, fellowship, and fun. Large assemblies, Christian bands, dynamic speakers, powerful programs, and Bible Studies highlight the gathering. For Park View Lutheran, it is an opportunity for our LYTES to grow closer to each other, with other Lutheran Youth, and with their Lord.

### **NYG 2025**

**Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**Dates:** Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>– Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

**Theme: Endure**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” **Hebrews 12:1-3**

**Who is able to go:**

- Students **currently** in grades 8-12 (Goal amount of students: 15)
- Parent chaperones (will need about 4)
- Other serving options outside of the LYTES youth group:
  - Young Adult Volunteers (YAV's) – ages 19-25, application opens July 15, 2024
  - Team Flex – ages 18+, flexible serving opportunity, application opens Jan. 15, 2025

### **Rough Idea of LYTES Group Schedule:**

- Friday –
  - Travel to New Orleans, LA.
- Saturday -
  - 8 am- 6 pm Registration and Pre-Gathering Orientation Sessions
  - 8:30 pm: Mass Event in the Superdome
- Sunday - Tuesday – conference days (Bible studies, speakers/sessions, exhibits mass events)
  - Adult Leader Morning Meetings
  - Servant Event Deployment
  - 10 am- 6 pm- Bible Studies, Speakers/Sessions, Convention Center games and activities.
  - 8:30 pm- Mass Event in the Superdome
- Wednesday – worship service in the morning & head back
  - Adult Morning Meeting
  - Worship Service at 10 am
  - NYG ends at 12 pm.
  - LYTES travel back to Park View Lutheran Church, Iowa.

### **Fundraising Plans:**

- LYTES House
- We were able to raise \$14,000 from the Fair Booth this year.
- *What does this mean?*
  - The National Youth Gathering has a Registration fee of \$395 per student, plus travel expenses (not including food, souvenirs, and such).
  - However, thanks to the amazing ministry of our LYTESHouse, student's **will not have to pay for anything other than: food, souvenirs, and bring some money for offering.** (Roughly \$200 in total- bring **cash** for offering)

### **Covenant to Sign for Attendees:**

- List of expectations for gathering week
- **We'll make together as a group during a future meeting**
- All youth & parents expected to sign
- Will be upheld to these expectations

### **Important Details:**

**October 2nd- deadline to sign up**

## Chaperone Info:

- We will need 4 adult chaperones (Pastor, Bethany D, and 2 more!
- Questions to ask yourself when considering chaperoning:
  - Can you be away from home for one week?
  - Are you a faith role model to these students?
  - How do you handle traveling?
  - How do you handle traveling with high schoolers?
  - How are you with limited sleep? Long days? Hot weather?
  - Can you handle stress/can you be flexible?
  - Are you willing/able to serve in this way?

## What next?:

- Pray about this opportunity
- **October 2nd- deadline to sign up**
- Start saving/budgeting accordingly
- Keep looking for more info/dates to come
  - Next Meeting:

## Resources/Links to Look At:

<https://www.lcmsgathering.com/> - LCMS NYG website

<https://www.neworleans.com/lcms-2025/> - New Orleans website / tourist recommendations

<https://youtu.be/m2-h1iqOZq8> - LCMS NYG 2025 promo video

<https://youtu.be/-TqYsC4xvC4> – LCMS NYG 2025 volunteer promo video (share with adults or older youth!)

## **Closing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we come before You, grateful for the strength You give us each day. When our burdens feel heavy and our hearts grow weary, remind us of Your unchanging love and faithful presence.

**Group: His steadfast love endures forever.**

In moments of trial, when the path ahead seems uncertain, we trust in Your guidance, O Lord. You are our refuge, our rock, and our redeemer, sustaining us through every hardship.

**Group: His steadfast love endures forever.**

When we are tempted to lose hope, fill us with the endurance that comes from knowing Your promises are true. You give us the strength to persevere, knowing that You are with us always.

**Group: His steadfast love endures forever.**

As we leave this place, may we continue to walk in faith, trusting in Your plan for our lives. Let our endurance be a reflection of Your grace at work within us, pointing others to Your everlasting love.

**Group: His steadfast love endures forever.**

In all things, Lord, may we remain steadfast in our love for You, just as You have been steadfast in Your love for us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Group: His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**