

## **ELCA Youth Gathering Info Meeting**

with Pastor Emily Ebert, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Joe Zimmerly, Youth Director at Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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1. Welcome and Opening: Who are our leaders? Why are we partnering together?
  - a. It is fun to travel with local churches and by doing so, we will obtain group rates easier making the trip cost less expensive.
  
2. What is this meeting about: ELCA Youth Gathering, July 16-20th, 2024 (<https://www.elca.church/gathering>)
  - a. Promo Video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epc6mWLVbBA&list=PLD2BE6D47D7169CB5&index=2>
  
3. Why should we go?
  - a. The basics of why we go on the youth gathering every 3 years!
  - b. Extra add ons we're thinking about:
    - i. Visiting the Whitney Plantation, 45 minutes from New Orleans, a plantation from the perspective of the enslaved.
    - ii. Tour of a college
    - iii. Swamp boat ride, ghost tour of french quarter, etc.
  
4. How will we get there?
  - a. Even though we are partnering, finances will be separate
  - b. Synod has been rumored to be paying for everyone in our synod to go...but we haven't heard anything official yet. We will work on our own fundraising and financing.
  - c. At this point, you are responsible for
    - i. \$150 non-refundable registration fee
    - ii. Spending money
  - d. We will register together, travel together, be in the same hotel, and will do some activities together.
  
5. Commitment Date: October 20th, 2023. WHY?
  - a. Get priority registration - better hotel choice, group building, fundraising, and we want to give you a heads up far enough out to build your summer plans around it.
  
6. Sign up for Gnews
  - a. <https://community.elca.org/youth-gathering-newsletter-subscription>