



Immanuel's 2025 Gathering COVENANT

cov·e·nant Function: noun 1: a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement.

Youth:

The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans, Louisiana on **July 19-23, 2025** is very important to me. It is my desire to prepare myself, so that I can not only attend, but get the most out of this faith-strengthening experience. I realize that preparing for the Gathering will take a lot of hard work. I am willing to put my time and effort into three areas:

- ✓ I will faithfully attend worship, as well as Youth Bible Class on Sunday mornings. My absences will be rare. I will also go daily to my Lord in prayer and devotion. I commit myself to do this, so that I can prepare myself **SPIRITUALLY** for the Gathering.
- ✓ I will faithfully attend and be an active part of Youth Meals and Meetings on Wednesday evenings. My attendance, participation, and interaction with others will become a regular habit. I commit myself to do this, so that I can prepare myself **SOCIALLY** for the Gathering.
- ✓ I will faithfully attend and/or be an active part of all youth fund-raising and service activities. I commit myself to do this, so that I can prepare myself **FINANCIALLY** for the Gathering.

I realize that if I begin to fall behind in any of these areas, my actions may be reviewed by the Director of Christian Education, the Pastor, and the Board of Youth. I will fulfill all of these commitments with the help of God.

Youth Signature

Date

Parents:

I know how important it is to my child to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. I stand by my child's commitment to go to this faith-building event. I commit myself to supporting and uplifting my child as he/she prepares to go to the Gathering. I will pray for my child, and help him/her to accomplish the Gathering goals that he/she has committed to. I will share the love and grace of God with my child.

I commit myself to keeping our youth and youth leaders in my prayers. I desire to be a supporter of youth ministry at Immanuel. I will be encouraging of the preparation that my child does in church and at youth activities. I will fulfill all of these commitments with the help of God.

Parent Signature(s)

Date

Youth Leaders:

I realize the importance of the National Youth Gathering, as well as the important journey of each youth and family as they prepare for the Gathering. I support each youth's commitment. I also support the parents' commitment to support and nurture their children.

I commit myself to pray daily for the youth and parents. I will do everything I can to help each youth in their preparation for the Gathering. I will care for and nurture each youth. I will share the love and grace of God with each youth and family. I will fulfill all of these commitments with the help of God.

DCE or Adult Participant Signature

Date

Participant Financial Plan



The total cost for the July 19-23, 2025 National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans for youth from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Missouri will be \$1400 per participant. This cost includes all travel, lodging, food, and registration fees. Other than optional extra spending money and souvenirs, the following financial plan will take care of all expenses while we are away.

Of the \$1400 per participant, \$395 is the non-refundable, out-of-pocket responsibility of each participant. (Adult leaders on the trip will attend “free of charge,” since they will be donating so much of their time in the year ahead, plus a week away from work and family next July.)

Please fill out the following Financial Plan and turn it in with your registration papers and down payment, **no later than September 30, 2025**. You may choose to pay your \$395 all at once, or spread it out over the next several months. (A payment schedule is suggested below.) **The preferred method of payment is the GIVELIFY Online Giving tool at immanueljoplin.com/GIVE.** Checks can also be written and mailed to: Immanuel Lutheran Youth, Attn: Jason Glaskey, 2616 Connecticut Ave, Joplin, MO 64804.

Each participant’s balance is DUE IN FULL by May 11, 2025.

Payment Date	Amount		Running Total up to 395
COMMITMENT TIME UNTIL September 30, 2024	Monthly Plan \$155	Thirds Plan \$155	at least \$155
October	\$30		\$185
November	\$30		\$215
December	\$30		\$245
January 2025	\$30	\$120	at least \$275
February	\$30		\$305
March	\$30		\$335
April	\$30		\$365
May 11, 2025	\$30	\$120	up to \$395

I agree to support the 2025 National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans by faithfully making the payments listed above. If this becomes a financial hardship, I will talk to our group leader, so that other arrangements can be made. I understand that the money I give cannot be refunded. I also understand that if I do not fully participate in the fundraisers and service work this year, I may be asked to pay more toward the \$1400 trip.

Signed _____

Date _____

PARENT and PARTICIPANT INFO MEETING

Sunday Morning, September 15, 2024

TRIP DATE: July 19-23 in New Orleans, Louisiana

For students entering grades 9-12 this year (age 14 to 19)
Cost is \$1400 per participant (\$395 family contribution)
20,000+ LCMS Lutheran Youth from all over the country
Every three years since 1980, Immanuel has sent generations of youth to the Gathering!



ELIGIBLE GALS (12)

Genevieve Billings
Amy Kessler
Kaydence Killebrew
Kailee Miller
Katie Murdock
Caitlyn Boyd

EmmaLee Bright
Skyler Winter
Gabriella Duerr
Chelsea Haslip
Ellie Gess
Jesse Ideker

ELIGIBLE GUYS (7)

Henry Meeker
James Holifield
Aiden Cordova
Braden Dieckhoff
(Brandon Hoskins)
Deyton Schleuter
James Rigger

any others??

FUNDRAISING SCENARIOS — \$10,000 already in the bank (yay!)

5 students + 2 adults = ZERO
8 students + 3 adults = \$2240
10 students + 4 adults = \$5650

The year leading up to the Gathering IS JUST AS IMPORTANT as the Gathering itself.
(Wait...Huh?)

We prepare SPIRITUALLY, SOCIALLY, FINANCIALLY—together.

The GATHERING COVENANT

The FAMILY FINANCIAL PLAN is flexible. Financial Aid is also available—Let's talk!

YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM now forming. We need several adults AND youth to help plan activities, fundraisers and service projects for the year ahead.

COMMITMENT TIME now until the end of September—
(paperwork and first payment due by the end of the month)

Talk It Up — Pray — Ask Questions

This is YOUR Gathering! a faith-growing experience you will never forget.

immanueljoplin.com/YOUTH — DCE Jason Glaskey — 417.540.9011