

Jr. High Youth Gathering

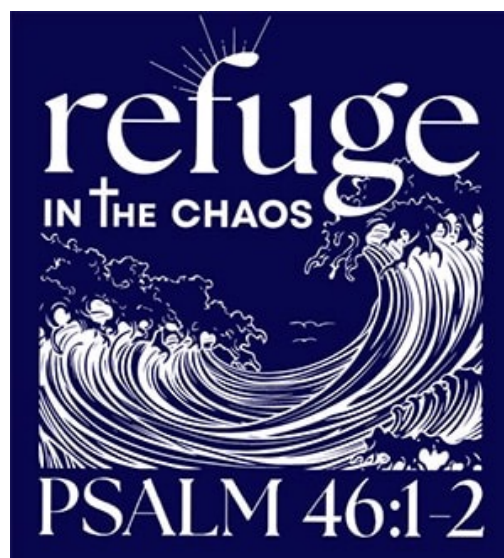
Who: Youth in Grades 6–9

When: Friday, November 20, 5:30 p.m. – Saturday, November 21, 12:30 p.m.

Need to arrive late or leave early? We can work with that!

Where: Willmar Conference Center at the Best Western Hotel

Cost: Cross of Calvary youth: \$115
Friends are welcome to join us for \$170.



Cost includes: Registration, gathering T-shirt, hotel, evening snack, and breakfast buffet.

Join us for a faith-filled and fun weekend with hundreds of Jr. High youth from across the SW MN Synod! The gathering is planned and coordinated by the SW MN Synod Lutheran Youth Organization, which includes our own Maddy Cole.

The weekend will include faith talks led by students, speaker Dr. Michael Chan, swimming, games, dancing, food, Spirit Garage, and more!

Register

Return the registration form and \$115 to Sister Sarah by **Sunday, October 11.**

Payment can also be made online at crossofcalvary.net

Select Online Giving → Jr. High Youth Gathering.

Scholarships are available. You may also use your family Youth Account dollars toward the cost —just let us know.

Adult Volunteers Needed

We need one adult age 21 or older for every five youth. Consider joining us for this fun weekend!

Questions? Contact Sister Sarah at 320-579-0838 or sarah.hausken@gmail.com.

More details will be shared after registration.

2026 Jr. High Youth Gathering Tentative Schedule

Friday

4:00-6:30 pm Registration

6:30 pm Pre-Gathering Music

** Before 7pm: Supper on your own

7:00-8:30 pm Mass Gathering #1

8:45-11:15 pm Nightlife!

8:45-9:15 pm Female Adult Leader Meeting

9:25-9:55 pm Male Adult Leader Meeting

11:30 pm Mass Gathering #2

12:15 am Congregational Devotion Time

1:00 am In Your Own Rooms

1:30 am Lights Out

Saturday

9:15-10:15 am Breakfast Buffet

10:30 am Mass Gathering #3: Closing Worship

12:00 pm Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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Name of gathering participant: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Student Phone #: _____ T-Shirt Size (Adult sizes, circle one): S M L XL XXL

Parent/Guardian Name(s) #1: _____ #2: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell #(s) #1: _____ #2: _____

Are there any medical conditions or allergies that we should know about? (attach further explanation, if necessary)

Emergency Contact (for youth if parents unavailable & for adults in case of an emergency), please contact:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Insurance Company Name: _____ Policy # _____

Photo/Media Release Permission: I give permission for the Gathering planners, Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church leaders to use photos and videos that include the above participant for Youth Gathering communication and promotion of the event – including printed and social media platforms. _____ YES _____ NO

Parent/Guardian Permission: I hereby grant my permission for my child to attend the SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering, to be held at the Willmar Convention Center and hotels in Willmar, MN November 20-21, 2026 with Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church and its adult leaders. I also grant my permission, in case of an emergency, for medical attention to be sought by the chaperones for my child's group and/or the persons in charge of the Gathering. I understand that all efforts will be made to notify me immediately of any such happenings.

Signed: (parent/guardian) _____ Date: _____

SW MN Synod 2026 Junior High Gathering Covenant

I, the undersigned, agree to covenant the following behaviors for the duration of the SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering, November 20-21, 2026. We do this in order to receive maximum benefits from our time together and for care of others. In keeping with our witness as a Christian Community, we will:

1. Refrain from using any substance that will alter our state of mind or being, including drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in any shape or form.
2. Follow Jesus' example by putting other people before ourselves, so that all people – LYO board, speakers, musicians, security, camp/hotel staff, other guests and all other participants - will be respected. This includes listening, participating, our language and gestures, honoring our diversity and differences, and observing Quiet Hours (11 PM – 7:30 AM).
3. Treat facilities with care and respect. Seek to leave spaces better than I find them, pick up, etc.
4. Not leave the designated locations without the permission of our adult leader. Stay out of hotel rooms during Mass Gatherings and Night Life so that I participate in the ministry programming.
5. Refrain from using electronic devices (other than camera use) in Worship (Mass Gatherings) & Night Life
6. Care for our neighbors, who may have health issues of their own or in their immediate family, by not attending if I am sick.
7. Commit to actively participate in all gathering events, including being fully present.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____