

IMMANUEL'S GATHERING COVENANT



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

Youth:

The LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota 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. (goal of
- ✓ 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 Minneapolis. 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 National Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis for youth from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Missouri will be \$1100 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 \$1100 per participant, \$365 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 15, 2018**. You may choose to pay your \$350 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 VANCO Online Giving tool at immanueljoplin.com**. 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 5, 2019.

Payment Date	Amount		Running Total (up to \$365)
COMMITMENT TIME UNTIL September 15, 2018	Monthly Plan \$125	Thirds Plan \$125	at least \$125
October	\$30		\$155
November	\$30		\$185
December	\$30		\$215
January 2019	\$30	\$120	at least \$245
February	\$30		\$275
March	\$30		\$305
April	\$30		\$335
May 5, 2019	\$30	\$120	up to \$365

I agree to support the 2019 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 \$1100 trip.

Signed _____

Date _____

LCMS Gathering 2019 LAUNCH PARTY
Sunday Evening, July 8, 2018

July 9-16, 2019 Minneapolis

For students entering grades 9-12 this year (age 14 to 19)

ELIGIBLE GALS (8)

Logan Bruggeman
Izabella Burgess
Lauren Burgess
Gabbie Emert
Allie Fiscus
Caleese Ideker
Taylor Meadows
Lily Wollbrinck

ELIGIBLE GUYS (10)

Gage Brett
Micah Bruggeman
Sam Glaskey
Quincy Graves
Chris Holder
Jonathan Houser
Stephen Houser
Grant Osen
Dylan Reeder
Tyler Schumann

cost is \$1100 per participant (\$365 family contribution)

FUNDRAISING SCENARIOS

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

6 students + 3 adults = ZERO fundraising

10 students + 4 adults = \$1750 fundraising

15 students + 5 adults = \$6525 fundraising

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

COMMITMENT TIME

now until September 15, 2018
(paperwork and first \$125 due)

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Psalm 46:2

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Psalm 46:3

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Psalm 46:4

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Psalm 46:5

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Psalm 46:6

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:7

Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Psalm 46:8

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Psalm 46:9

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Psalm 46:10

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:11