



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

March 16, 2011

Grace and peace to you! Believe it or not, it's time to be thinking about the next ELCA Youth Gathering in the summer of 2012! There are some important changes in store for the Gathering as we head back to New Orleans on July 18-22, 2012. Probably one of the most significant will be the special focus of the Gathering as a way to encourage and challenge young people to live out and speak about their faith, especially once you come home.

One of the new areas the Gathering will be focusing on is providing training opportunities for all adults throughout the Synod. This is where our Gathering Coach, Mick Althaus, will be active in helping to lead the trainings. All trainings are open to youth leaders, regardless of involvement with the Gathering - it's an equipping opportunity for you from the ELCA! However, for adult attending the Gathering, these trainings will be essential because of the increased role you will play during a Synod-specific day of the Gathering. So talk with your adult leaders and attend one of the following trainings:

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (2-5pm)  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
7393 Dimmick Road  
West Chester, OH (513)777-4370  
[www.ckluth.org](http://www.ckluth.org)

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (2-5pm)  
Zion Lutheran Church  
11 West Main Street  
Tipp City, OH (937)667-3110  
[www.ziolutherantc.com](http://www.ziolutherantc.com)

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (2-5pm)  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
116 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Zanesville, OH (740)452-7569  
[www.stjohnszanesville.org](http://www.stjohnszanesville.org)

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> (1:30-4:30pm)  
All Saint's Lutheran Church  
6770 North High Street  
Worthington, OH  
(614) 885-0112  
[www.saintsonhigh.org](http://www.saintsonhigh.org)

Please plan on attending one of these training sessions. If you're not able to make one of these meetings in your area, please feel free to call or e-mail Jen Jarman, NYG Coordinator for the Southern Ohio Synod, to talk specifically about your group. Jen is available throughout the process of getting your group ready, so please do not hesitate to be in touch with any questions.

**Reservations are appreciated, but not required - register with Jen Jarman at [jjarman@goodshepherd.com](mailto:jjarman@goodshepherd.com) or 891-1700, X.20**

Keep watch to the ELCA Youth Gathering website at [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering) as new information is dispersed.

Registration opens on October 9th... While that seems so far away right now, when you're planning for the Gathering it's a lot closer than it seems! We are looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming spring training sessions and working together to bring this experience to your church and youth!

In Christ,

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