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2021 Theme Announcement



We are so excited to announce the theme of the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering, “[boundless: God beyond measure](#).” Our primary Scripture will be Ephesians 3:19 CEV: “*I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.*”

We are bound. Bound by our sin, by the expectations of others, by poverty, by -isms that try to divide us, and by so much more. In a life that often feels like it has young people in a suffocating grip, we want them to imagine the boundlessness of God: boundless love, boundless mercy, boundless freedom, boundless creation, boundless strength. All offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them. All so abundant and endless it cannot be measured.

Our logo is a visual representation of the theme, boundless. With letters that stretch beyond the normal limitations of the written word, the logo reminds us of the immeasurable — and sometimes unexpected — reach of God in our lives and the greater world. The textures used as design elements — from a starry night sky to boundary waters to human diversity — will reflect both Minneapolis as well as the tangible ways we can witness the boundlessness of God’s creation, love, strength and grace in our own lives.

For more information about the theme, visit our revamped website: elca.org/gathering.

Make sure to visit our new website!



Want to learn more about the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering? Want more information about volunteering at the Gathering? How about some FAQs?

Be sure to visit our revamped website. Here you'll find tons of information on MYLE, the tAble and the 2021 Gathering. Don't forget to visit frequently, because we will be updating information as our planning continues!

So... what is the ELCA Youth Gathering?



As preparations to attend the 2021 Gathering in Minneapolis begin, youth, parents, congregational leaders and community members might be wondering, “What exactly is an ELCA Youth Gathering?” A lot goes on during the short five days of the Gathering, so we’ve created a video that explains what you’ll experience during your time in Minneapolis.

Have you subscribed to our blog?



The Gathering blog gives those who love and are transformed by this ministry a place to share their stories, best practices and insights. Every Thursday, you'll see new stories and tips from a wide range of voices, including youth participants, adult leaders, bishops, Gathering staff, team leaders, artists, speakers, partners and many more. We encourage you to sign up to receive these weekly blog posts by visiting: blogs.elca.org/youthgathering.

Things to look forward to:

- **January 2020:** Revamped *Handbook: Tips & Tricks for Adult Leaders* released
- **January 30-31, 2020:** ELCA Youth Ministry Network Intensive Care courses, Anaheim, Calif.
- **January 31-February 3, 2020:** ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza, Anaheim, Calif.
- **February 21, 2020:** Theme song contest opens
- **February 21-23, 2020:** Gathering Synod Coordinator training, Minneapolis, Minn.



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