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Bringing the Gathering Home

How do we make this more than
a five day experience?



Before the Gathering



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Before the Gathering

- Use fundraisers to connect people to your group and the Gathering.
- Pre-Gathering Bible studies (Website » Lead » Bible Study Resources)
- Include everyone, whether or not they are attending
- Pre-Gathering activities
- Commissioning



During the Gathering



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Build Toward Better Conversations

- Do **NOT** skip community group processing time
- Not “What I liked...” but “What I learned...”
- Set the tone for real conversations
- Small vs. big group conversations, “along the way” conversations
- Group processing time – preparing for the conversations now and then



Building on the Themes

- Opening Night: True Joy vs. Happiness
- Saturday: Identity
- Sunday: Humility
- Monday: Community
- Wednesday: Closing Worship Service



After the Gathering



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After the Gathering: Building on the Themes

- Humility Service Project
- Next Sunday School or Youth Group Series
- Community – How will we “be” together



Practical Tips

- Thank your supporters
 - Thank you in bulletin, church newsletter, website, Facebook, etc.
 - Thank you notes to individuals that supported your trip
- Share your experiences
- Share what you learned (and act on it)



Family

- Have parents livestream the Mass Events
 - Engage their kids immediately via text or call
 - Engage later when you get home
- Send pictures to family as things happen
 - Facebook Group?
 - Youth group/church blog?
- Send postcards home
- Use Bible studies/devotions at home



Youth Group

- Livestream Mass Events
- Bible Study
- Gathering Reunion
- Tangible reminders (youth room decoration, verse art, etc.)
- Make an action plan: What do you want to do differently because of the what you learned at the Gathering?
- Plant the seed to serve as 2019 YAVs
- Use the Gathering Bible
- Use your travel time: bus, plane, car, train



Congregation

- Have the congregation pray for you the week you are gone
- Presentation at the end of worship services
- Presentation during Bible study hour
- Lead a church Bible study on the Gathering theme
- Integrate into a worship service
- Provide snacks for fellowship hall/Bible study (beignets anyone?)
- Remember to say thank you!



The Best Tool:



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Relationships



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Questions?



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LCMS Youth Gathering Resources

Gathering App

Available: May 1, 2016 – May 1, 2017
Theme-related devotions through the NYG and beyond

Website

Audio Files of speakers
Downloadable resources
Post-Gathering Bible studies

Social Media

Adult Leader Facebook Group
Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. – Keep connected!

YouTube

Recap videos
Connections with Gathering speakers
Videos of Mass Event Speakers

www.youthESource.com

Continued resourcing

Gathering Bible

Additional Studies/Materials
Witness Materials
Action Plan



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LCMS Youth Gathering Resources

Guidebook

On-site Bible Studies

On the way home study

Transitions

LCMSU

Lutheran Young Adult Corps – starting 2017

LCMS Young Adult Ministry on social media and the web



LCMS Youth Gathering Resources

Conferences/Events

LCMSU (College Students and Campus Ministry Practitioners),
Washington D.C – January 2016

Life Conference (High School and Older),
Washington D.C. – January 2016

Lutheran Youth Fellowship Leadership Training (Youth and an Adult
Leader)
Expected March 2017

LCMS Servant Events, (Youth and Adults)
2017 listing released fall of 2016

LCMS Children's and Youth Ministry Conference (Children/Youth
Ministry Practitioners)
Summer 2017

