

ND District LCMS Youth Gathering  
For grades 6 and up!  
Thursday - Saturday, October 20-22

Ramada Inn

1500 Interchange Ave (SE corner of I94 & US83)

Bismarck, ND

Four Bible studies ♥ morning & evening devotions ♥ worship ♥ music ♥ interest sessions ♥ packing Mercy Meals ♥ recreation ♥ and MORE!



Registration cost: \$150 + housing (prorated fee available)

Registration forms available for download at <http://www.nodaklcms.org/youth>

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 5

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ND District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Life Together/Youth & Young Adults

FOR GATHERING INFORMATION:

Pat Sebastian, Gathering Coordinator Cell: (701) 471-3289 patsebbis@aol.com

♥ GUEST BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Rev. Jason "Doogie" Neel has served as pastor at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, Ham Lake, MN, for 18 years. He has served as an adjunct professor of Theology at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN for 16 years, and was a theology instructor at Lutheran High School of Greater Minneapolis for four years. Doogie also served as a youth minister at Jehovah Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN and at Cross View Lutheran, Edina, MN.

He is celebrating his twentieth year of marriage to his wife Sara. They have two children, Judah (16) and Elijah (11). Doogie enjoys fantasy sports, music, podcasts, his springer-doodle Jazzy, and his addiction to Diet Dr. Pepper. He's thankful for every chance he gets to tell the story of God's gracious, forgiving love shown to us in Jesus the Messiah!



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Rev. Jason Neel  
Spirit of Christ Lutheran  
Church  
Ham Lake, MN

♥ GUEST MUSICIANS

LLOYD GARRELTS  
Nokomis, IL  
Guitars, vocals



Currently lives and works on the family homestead in the USA heartland.



LYNN STONEKING Windom, MN  
Wife, mom, daughter, FUN auntie, sister, singer-songwriter, musician.

Resides on a small southern Minnesota farm sharing a home with her husband Thomas, three children-Jackson, Evelyn and Pearl, and her mother. Her passions are loving Jesus and listening to people's joys, hurts, concerns, wisdom and interests.

♥ SPECIAL GUEST

Gideon Comfort Dog, Bloomington, MN

Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred golden retrievers. Comfort Dogs and handlers are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ.



## Gathering Schedule

### Thursday, October 20

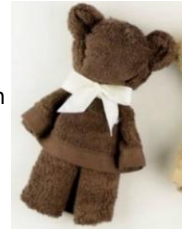
4:00 PM	Teen counselor registration & room check-in
5:00	REQUIRED teen counselor orientation (Supper provided for teen counselors only)
5:00 - 7:00	General registration & supper on your own
7:00 - midnight	Gathering ♥ Bible study ♥ music ♥ recreation ♥ snack ♥ devotion

### Friday, October 21

8:00 AM - midnight	Gathering ♥ Two Bible studies ♥ music ♥ devotions ♥ worship with Family Convocation attendees ♥ interest sessions ♥ packing Mercy Meals ♥ meals ♥ snacks + more!
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Friday evening Gathering attendees will join Family Convocation attendees to make wash cloth teddy bears for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes.



### Saturday, October 22

8:00 - 11:00 AM	Gathering ♥ breakfast ♥ Bible study
Noon	Lunch on your own

♥ **Variety show act** - Optional! Prepare an act for the variety show on Friday night! Songs or skits that convey a Christian message are encouraged. While not all acts need to be of a spiritual nature, there should be nothing in them which would in the slightest way compromise our Christian witness. This includes the words, messages and actions in any songs or comedy acts.

**COST:** The \$150 registration fee includes:

- Meals on Friday, Saturday breakfast and three snacks
- Program costs (including partial cost of Mercy Meals supplies)

Housing at the Ramada Inn is an additional charge depending on how many people are housed in a sleeping room. If a youth/congregation group makes other housing arrangements (i.e. sleep at a relative's house or at home), a reduced fee is available as shown on the registration form.

Part-time attendees are also welcome! If you can attend only parts of the Gathering, please specify which parts: 1) Thursday evening; 2) Friday morning; 3) Friday afternoon; 4) Friday evening, and/or; 5) Saturday morning. The cost for each segment is \$30 and does not include breakfasts or sleeping room.

**ADULT COUNSELORS:** Counselors will be expected to help with small group Bible study discussion, prayer time, congregation sharing times and room checks. Each youth and teen counselor will be assigned to an adult counselor, with one adult counselor for approximately every seven students. If a congregation registers with less than seven youth, one or more youth from another church may be assigned to your congregation group.

It is the responsibility of congregations to provide adult (over age 21) drivers for transportation to and from the Gathering.

**TEEN COUNSELORS:** Confirmed young people may serve as teen counselors if recommended by their pastor or adult counselor. Teen counselors are an important component of this Gathering because their role is to be a positive influence for the middle school age youth.