

In her book: *“Woo: Awakening Teenagers’ Desire to Follow in the Way of Jesus,”* Morgan Schmidt identifies the three central desires of teens.

1. Someone to **become**
2. Somewhere to **belong**
3. Something to **do** [that changes the world]

As young people struggle to answer these questions the Gathering seeks to be an opportunity and place to begin discovering God’s answers!

*Ultimately, the Gathering wants youth to understand the fierce love that God has for them, just as they are, and that by grace, through faith, they have been saved. When young people (or really any age person!) truly claim this reality, it indeed **changes everything.***

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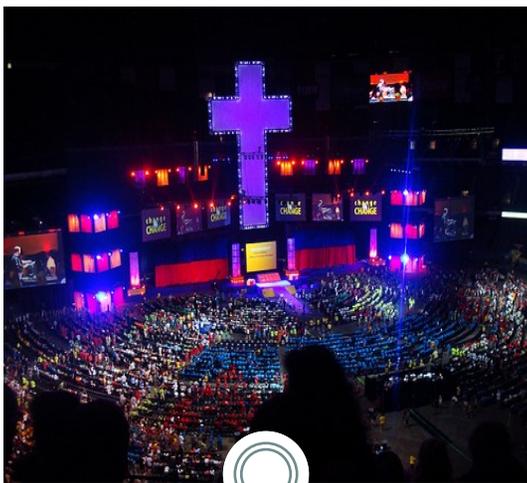
Adults: Are you interested in being a leader?

Let Katie Christensen know! Adult leaders will be selected by September 15, 2017.

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**2018
ELCA
Nation
Youth
Gathering
Houston, TX**



Every three years, **30,000** high school youth and their adult leaders from across the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** gather for a week of faith formation.

Register with us and be apart of the **2018 Gathering in Houston, TX!**

At the Gathering, you will grow in your faith and be challenged and inspired to live your faith in your daily lives through interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship.

“This Changes Everything.”

Ephesians 2:8

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God.”

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift is undeserved and freely given. Grace can change your life, once you realize you are *enough*. You are enough because of what Christ has done. Now you are called into the world to serve your neighbor and share the good news.



Registration is *first come first serve* and open **NOW** for 9-12 grade students until **September 14**.

Go to calvaryalex.org

Friends and non-Calvary members are welcome to join us for the Gathering and also participate in fundraising. They follow the same registration procedures as members.

Cost *estimates* are \$1200 per student. It is likely that half of this amount *could* be earned through fundraising efforts. We will apply for other scholarship for transportation as well. We **can not** guarantee how much money can be raised. There are also scholarships available. We want **every** student who would like to participate in this experience to be able to afford it! If you have any financial needs please ask for a confidential conversation with Pastor Hans or Katie Christensen.

We will travel by bus from Calvary June 26 and return July 2 or 3rd (travel itinerary still pending). We will have three important meetings that participants **must attend** before the Gathering.