

# THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHER  
JUNE 27 - JULY 1

## Feb. 6, 2018 SYNOD DAY

Dear Gathering Grown-ups,

Our second day at the ELCA Youth Gathering will be "Synod Day." This means everyone from the Northeastern Iowa Synod, all 582 of us, will gather in a Ballroom at the Crown Plaza – NRG, 8686 Kirby Dr., Houston, TX 77054.

Because our Synod Day will meet over lunch, it is important to make sure the youth have a big breakfast or brunch before they enter the hotel. However, this is one day it may be good to let the youth sleep in after their long trip. The trick here is to make a plan in advance.

The schedule is:

- Morning - Eat an early lunch or brunch (make a plan)
- 11:30 a.m. - Ballroom Doors Open at the Crown Plaza - NRG
- 12:00 p.m. - Synod Day Begins
- 3:00 p.m. - Event Ends, go to the NRG

The Goal of "Synod Day" is Faith Formation for youth. That goal will be met through Worship, Bible Study, and Fellowship.

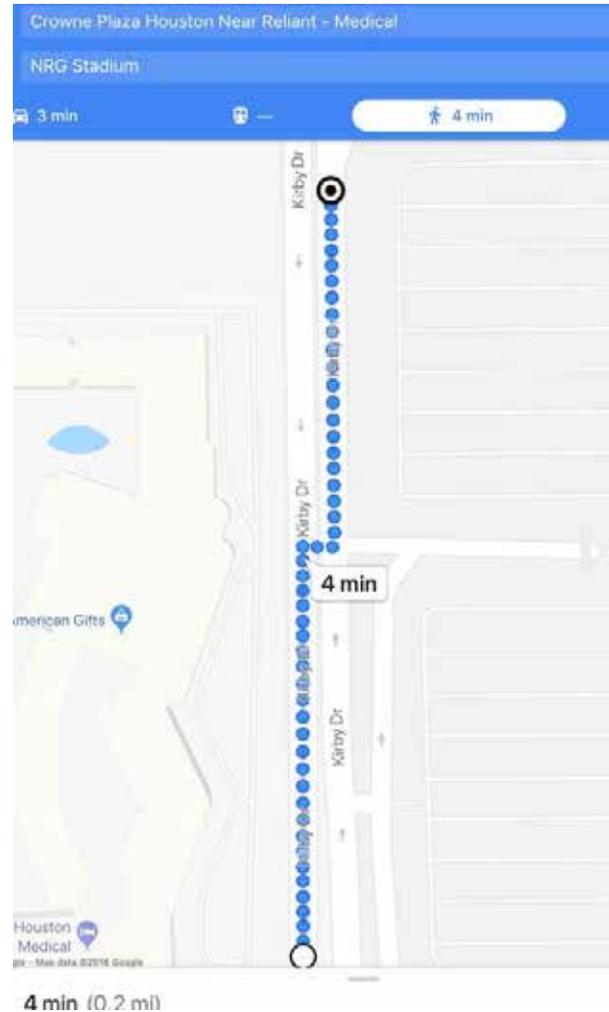
This event is 2.5 hours long and bears the tag line "We Belong Together." It will include:

- Gathering - mixers
- Word - sermon and small group Bible study
- Meal - Holy Communion
- Sending

The curriculum for our Synod Day will be "God's Love: John 4" (woman at the well)

Bishop Steven Ullestad will preach and preside at the Eucharist. The Youth from First Lutheran Church in Decorah will provide music for this event. Ms. Deb Bachman is our Synod Day Coordinator. She may have more information to share as we get closer to the Gathering.

Google Maps Directions from the Hotel to the NRG shows 4 minutes on foot.



Please note that this email is being sent to the Primary Leader of each group registered for the ELCA Youth Gathering from Northeastern Iowa. Please share this email with other adult leaders, parents, and youth as you see fit.

Your Gathering Partner in Ministry,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Mark".

Pastor Mark A. Anderson