



2006 ELCA Youth Gathering Cruzando: Journey with Jesus

[Official 2006 Gathering Web Site](#)

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Informational Meetings for 2006 Gathering in DE-MD Synod:

Tuesday, May 10th (1pm)

Ascension Lutheran Ch.

“Luther Room”

7601 York Rd

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 825-1725

www.ascensiontowson.org

Monday, May 16th (7pm)

St Philip’s Lutheran Ch.

“Social Hall”

4501 Kirkwood Highway

Wilmington, DE 19808

(302) 998-0171

Tuesday, May 10th (7pm)

Christ Lutheran Ch. (Inner Harbor)

“Coffee Hour Room”

701 S Charles St

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 752-7179

www.christinnerharbor.org

Tuesday, May 17th (7pm)

St John’s Lutheran Ch

“Auditorium”

141 S Potomac St

Hagerstown, MD 21740

(301) 790-2510

www.stjohnsfamily.org

2006 Gathering Information:

Dates:

July 5-9, 2006

July 12-16, 2006

July 2-5, 2006

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Week 1 Youth Gathering

Week 2 Youth Gathering

Multi-Cultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE)

Differently-Abled Youth Leadership Event (DAYLE)

Cost:

The Gathering Registration Fee will be \$235.00 (*this does NOT include transportation, housing or meals*).

The MYLE and DAYLE registration fees are \$100.00

Timeline:

March 2005	Promotional DVD delivered to each congregation (VHS available)
April 2005	Registration Books delivered to every congregation
December 2005	Getting Ready Materials will include 6 months of curriculum to prepare for the gathering including Bible studies on all texts, and logistical details

Youth Challenge:

Remember the 2003 ELCA Youth Gathering's **Million Dollar Youth Challenge**, rolls of quarters, Stand With Africa Campaign, and commitment to fight hunger and poverty in the world? The work's not over yet! [Youth Challenge²](#) continues what was begun with so much enthusiasm and generosity. You can still raise money, awareness, and action to fight hunger and poverty with other young people, adults, and congregations through [Youth Challenge²](#).

Savings Accounts:

If you want to get a head start on saving money for your 2006 Gathering experience, the ELCA's [Mission Investment Fund](#) can set up a special account for your group. More Details coming soon.

What Is The Theme?

Theme: Cruzando (Journey with Jesus)

Day 1: *Jesus nos encuentra* (Jesus encounters us)

Luke 1:46-55 –The Magnificat- In Mary's hymn we learn about the great works and deeds of God, for the comforting of all those of low degree.

Day 2: Jesus encounters us *en la Cruz* (Jesus encounters us on the Cross)

John 20:19-29 – Doubting Thomas – Beyond our sense perception, we view the world through faith in the risen Jesus, whom we proclaim as the Christ. Belief does not walk hand in hand with site and is always the work of the Holy Spirit.

Day 3: Jesus encounters us in our *projimo/a* (Jesus encounters us in our neighbor)

Luke 10:25-37 – The Good Samaritan – The authentic neighbor is the one who models Gods' way of mercy and compassion, without expecting anything in return.

Day 4: Jesus encounters us *en la Frontera* (Jesus encounters us on the border)

	Youth Ministry Network Academy
7:00 – 9:00pm	Mass Gathering in the Dome
9:30 – 11:45pm	Hotel Activities
11:45pm	Final 15

Day 4 (July 8 or 15 SABBATH SAT.) *en la Frontera* (Jesus encounters us in the frontier)

Morning	Community Hotel Life
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Service Life Events
	Learning
	Interaction Center
	Youth Ministry Network Academy
6:00 – 10:00pm	Fiesta- La Villita
10:00pm	Fireworks
11:45pm	Final 15

Day 5 (July 9 or 16) *en la Fiesta* (Jesus encounters us in the fiesta)

Morning	Prepare to Depart
9:00 – 9:30am	Warm-up in the Alamo Dome
9:30 – 11:30am	Closing Eucharist

REGISTRATION:

Registration Book will be mailed by April 15, 2005

-Whatever is in the book will also be on-line

Registration opens September 16, 2005

-on-line and print registration opens at the same time

-everyone who registers will be accepted in the week requested

-on-line registration will be open until January 2006

-participants can be added/edited on-line even after it has been submitted

-checks, credit cards, MIF account direct withdrawal

-registration increases by \$50.00 on January 16, 2006

Confirmation letter and Housing assignment come in February

HOUSING:

Hotel Rates range between \$89.00 – \$142.00 per room/per night

-If a congregation applies they can be tax exempt in Texas

42 Hotels will be utilized, 85% of participants will be downtown

-Congregations can prioritize price and location

-Other Hotels are in the “Northwest Corridor” or by the airport

SERVANT EVENTS

Servant Life Events:

\$5.00 fee for each participant to cover the cost of a box lunch

Participant can request the day and the type service choose between:

Care – Relational

Construction – Habitat for Humanity project

Culture – Visit the cultural aspects of the city

Way of Life Events: walk-up events in the Interaction Center

SAN ANTONIO:

Population 1.2 Million
150 Miles North of Mexico

Frequently Asked Questions

Will it be hot?

Yes, the Average July Temperature in San Antonio is 95 and humid compared to Baltimore, Maryland's average of 91 degrees.

What about T-shirts

T-shirts, water bottles, bags, blankets, mints, carabiners and more will be available after April 1, on www.oldlutheran.com. They can also be personalized for your church's group!

How do I get From the Airport to the Hotel?

Airport Hotels have free shuttle service
[SA Trans](#) is a local company providing service from airport to all other hotels (group sales available)

Is there public transportation?

Yes, there is a great four route [streetcar service](#) downtown that also goes to the Market for \$0.80 a ride. See their on-line [trip planner](#) and [interactive map](#)!

What about the Time-Zone?

San Antonio is in the Central Time-Zone.

Are there places To Eat?

Yes, hundreds including:
McDonalds
Denny's 210-223-4321
Johnny Rockets 210-227-6258
30 Restaurants on the River walk
Hard Rock Café 111 West Crocket St. 210-224-7625
Food court in the River Center Mall
Pico de Gallo 111 South Leona (Mexican) 210-225-6060

What is there to do in and around San Antonio?

[PDF Map](#) of Downtown San Antonio ready to print

For General Assistance and coupons:

www.sanantoniocvb.com/index.asp convention & Visitor's Bureau

www.ci.sat.tx.us/?res=1024&ver=true City of San Antonio
<http://www.alamocity.com/> AlamoCity.com

Specific Information:

[The Alamo](#) – FREE (background info about the Alamo is available [here](#)).

[El Mercado](#) Large outdoor Mexican Market with imports, hand-crafts, music and food.

[IMAX Theater](#) “Alamo...The Price of Freedom”

[Hard Rock Café](#) – On the River Walk 111 West Crockett St, on the Riverwalk 210-224-7625

[Wax Museum and Ripley’s Believe It or Not](#) Houses more than 225 life-like characters in four themed sections -- Hollywood, Horror, History and Religion. Ripley's Believe it Or Not! has more than 500 unique curiosities from around the world.

[Rivercenter Mall](#) More than 125 stores on the Riverwalk

[River Walk](#) Several miles of winding sidewalks below street level with shops, cafes, hotels, galleries. The River Walk stretches for approximately two-and-a-half miles from the Municipal Auditorium and Conference Center on the north end to the King William Historic District on the south. Rio San Antonio Cruises, the river's floating transportation system, provides a novel method of sightseeing and people-watching in downtown San Antonio.

[Natural Bridge Caverns](#) A National Natural Landmark with activity center

[Tower of the Americas](#) – There is a rotating restaurant atop a 750’ tower (great view expensive food)

[San Antonio Botanical Garden](#) 33 acres of gardens, trails & Conservatory

[San Antonio Missions](#) Free tour of four Spanish Frontier missions

[San Antonio Zoo](#) A “world class zoo”

[Sea World](#) This is the largest marine-life park in the world

[Witte Museum](#) A museum with a philosophy of hands-on learning, with exhibits exploring Texas history and science. The natural history collection focuses on Texas, Mexican, Indian & Spanish heritage and live historical dramatizations.

Fund Raising:

[Kintera](#)

A free service which allows youth establish their own web page to request pledges from friends and relatives. Donors can pledge to an individual youth, or a youth group, and pay by credit card. Donations are deposited directly into savings accounts established with the Mission Investment Fund (see above).