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Welcome!

Greetings in Christ!

Welcome to the 2025 Michigan District Junior High Youth Gathering!

We are so glad you've made the choice to join us this week to grow in our faith *TOGETHER*. Speaking of which, that's our theme for this year, based on Hebrews 10:24–25:

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet TOGETHER, but encouraging one another ..."

It is such a blessing to be gathered in a large group, to know that we are not alone but have the support of so many other friends in Christ. When our life "on our own" seems so tough or lonely, we can lean on the support we have with other believers. But what's even better than that is the relationship we have *TOGETHER* with our Lord and Savior!

Our prayer is that this is a truly blessed event and you leave filled with the Spirit, ready to live for our risen Lord Jesus.

We praise God for all those that are helping make this a great event, especially Pastor Tyler Cronkright, Swenless, the Gathering sectional leaders, our Gathering planning committee, St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, and the Michigan District, LCMS staff. They are truly servants of God!

I also want to thank all the youth leaders, volunteers, pastors, and parents for taking the time to make this gathering possible for our youth. Please join me in thanking them whenever you have the chance.

God's blessings on your gathering! Daren Kaschinske 2025 Junior High Gathering Chairman