

ALL YOUTH GATHERING

NOV 17–18

OR

NOV 18–19

www.nemnsynod.org/allyouth

Confirmation Topic:
Ten Commandments

Theme:

Created to Be
1st John 5:2–3

Speaker:

Agape

AGAPE* (DAVE SCHERER) HAS INSPIRED YOUTH FROM BROOKLYN TO BOSNIA WITH HIS RELATIONAL MINISTRY—HIP HOP OUTREACH. Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling, and his fluency in Spanish, AGAPE* connects with his listeners in a way that they really "get it". His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. Even those who do not normally enjoy hip-hop, find themselves dancing to his music and captivated by his unique presentation of the Gospel. AGAPE* brings an authentic approach by translating the theological depth of his seminary training into simple songs and stories that can be understood by every listener. His passion is to bring together people of all backgrounds and let them know about God's love for the whole world. This is "AGAPE*"! AGAPE* has been touring full-time as a musician for the last twelve years, performing for hundreds of thousands of youth across the US, and in eight different countries. He has recorded six CDs and has recorded with critically acclaimed producer Ant (Atmosphere, Brother Ali) as well as Chris Brown's producer Ra Charm. He has shared the stage with the likes of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Toby Mac, David Crowder, Tony Campolo, and Gospel giant Kirk Franklin. In 2001 He co-founded JUMP (Joint Urban Ministries in Praise) a ministry dedicated to helping urban youth unleash their leadership skills through the arts. More recently he founded a youth-led worship service called AMP (All Metro Praise) which attracts hundreds of youth across the Minneapolis–Saint Paul metro area each month. In 2009, he received the Tom Hunstad Award for excellence in youth ministry and his contribution to the lives of young people. His ministry was also recently featured in an ABC-affiliated documentary entitled "Peace of Bread" about food insecurity in America.



Important Information

Registration

Registration will be a two-step process! You will register your GROUP through the NE MN Synod, and your HOUSING through Cragun's. Both will be submitted online.

Housing

With the growing number of special housing requests for various needs, we have moved to having congregations make their housing reservations directly with Cragun's through a special form just for our group. Payment for housing will also be with Cragun's and must be made by credit card.

More Housing Details:

- Participants are required to stay at Cragun's to participate in the All Youth Gathering. Programming does not end until midnight and begins by 8:30am the next morning. Part of the experience is being together so we can be connected and build relationships.
- Book your rooms early! Rooms will be held until October 16, 2023. Due to Cragun's policies after this date, rates are guaranteed but room availability is not.
- Cancellations: Cragun's is very generous with our group, and will work with congregations as much as possible when there are last minute cancellations to adjust room assignments to maximize occupancy rates. Cancellations will be allowed without penalty, but please note that you will be charged based on the final actual occupancy of your room (1 person will be charged single occupancy rate, 2 people will be charged double occupancy rate, etc.).
- You are allowed to put 5 participants in one room! If you do, you are responsible for bringing your own air mattress and bedding.
- Cabins are available! First come, first served. Cabins have 1-7 bedrooms and require walking outside the main event building.
- You are expected to follow our [NE MN Synod Housing Guidelines](#) in making housing assignments.
- Substitutions and cancellations must be done in writing by contacting Lorie at lbourassa@craguns.com.

Program Information

DATES & LOCATION

November 17-18 OR November 18-19, 2023 at Cragun's Resort (www.craguns.com). Both events are identical. Registration is limited to 450 participants per event. A confirmation email will be sent to the Primary Leader upon registration. You will be contacted upon receipt of your registration if the date you registered for is full. A Confirmation Packet will be available November 1 at www.nemnsynod.org/AllYouth with final details for the event.

PIZZA

Large pepperoni, sausage and cheese pizzas from Little Caesar's are available for purchase for \$7 each. All pizzas must be pre-ordered with your Group Registration and are non-refundable. Last day to add to your pizza order is November 7. Additional orders will not be available when you arrive at Cragun's. Pizzas can be picked up during Hotel Life, late evening on Night One. This is NOT supper, so plan a stop for supper on your way to Cragun's!

OFFERING

This year's offering will be given to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR).

WHAT TO BRING

Comfortable clothing, toiletries, swimsuit, Bible. Money for gift shop snacks/items is optional.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Alcohol, drugs, and weapons. Participants are asked to leave electronic devices in vehicles so they can be fully engaged in the weekend activities (cell phones*, iPads, and other internet, texting, music, and gaming devices). Adults, please make sure your cell phone is set to "vibrate" if it is essential to bring it to activities during the Gathering.

*With adult leader permission, participants may use the camera function on mobile devices if the device is set in airplane mode so it cannot transmit and wi-fi is turned off. Participants will be asked to put devices away or give to an adult leader if they are being used for reasons other than taking pictures.

WHO PLANS THIS EVENT?

High school youth and adult leaders from the LYO Leadership Initiative plan and lead the All Youth Gathering. These leaders attend the LYO Leadership Camp where they are equipped with Peer Ministry and leadership skills, then meet in the fall to plan the program for you!

Cost and Registration

Group Registration:

Register with the NE MN Synod at www.nemnsynod.org/AllYouth.

Early Registration: \$30 per person (youth and adults, postmarked on or before Oct. 20)

Standard Registration: \$40 per person (youth and adults, postmarked on or after Oct. 21)

- Group Registration includes t-shirt and all program activities.
- Registrations MUST include one adult leader for every seven youth. Adult leaders MUST BE at least 21 years old.
- Full payments are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable.
- Add-ons to your initial registration are accepted as space allows.
- Standard registration applies to each registration received on or after Oct. 21, even if the bulk of your group registered early.
- Registration opens Oct. 1, 2023.
- Last Day to Register: November 7, 2023 (postmarked) - OR - when event fills, whichever occurs first.

Housing and Breakfast:

Register with Cragun's. [Click here](#) for form or visit www.nemnsynod.org/AllYouth.

- Quad Occupancy (4 per room): \$56.64 per person
- Triple Occupancy (3 per room): \$67.28 per person
- Double Occupancy (2 per room): \$88.58 per person
- Single Occupancy (1 per room): \$152.47 per person
- Fifth person in the same room is \$25.00 (Participant is responsible to bring air mattress and bedding.)

Remember to book early! Rooms will be held until October 16, 2023. After this date, unbooked rooms in our preferred room block will be released to the general public. Our rates will still be guaranteed but room availability is not. The form is open – you can book rooms before submitting your Group Registration!

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Participation Forms

To be fully registered, the Primary Leader from each congregation needs to submit online:

- Group Registration Form
- Cragun's Housing Form

Health and Release Forms: Due November 14 from each participant (youth and adults).

- Submit online using this [link](#) or on the [Synod website](#). Participants enter the email address for their Primary Leader and submitted forms are automatically forwarded to Primary Leaders.

Participation Covenant: Due November 14 or bring with you to Cragun's. Please discuss the covenant with your group before obtaining their signatures.

Changes

If you would like to make additions, substitutions, cancellations, or add pizzas to your Group Registration, please use the "Changes Form" at www.nemnsynod.org/AllYouth. Don't forget to update your Housing Reservations if needed!