

Home Base July 25-28, 2022

This event was born out of a desire to offer a Gathering-type experience for the youth of West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod this summer. Whereas the ELCA Youth Gathering is an experience of the “expansiveness” of the Church, it is our desire to make this event an immersion in the joys and gifts of being a “small church” in this territory. **Our hope is to have speakers and preachers who have a commitment to being Lutheran in these hills, to give opportunities for both recreation and service, and to be steeped in community building, scripture, and worship.** Youth should come away from Home Base with a greater appreciation for being Lutheran in West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod.

Much like the ELCA Youth Gathering, Home Base asks that congregations or groups register together and plan to travel as a group. We have intentionally kept the price of this event low and are happy to talk about ways to offer support, if needed, for any youth who would like to participate but cannot otherwise afford the event. **Groups will be responsible for meals on their own,** but are welcome to team up with other groups to dine together! If your congregation has only one youth and you’d like to pair with another congregation, feel free to reach out to either Jess or Courtney to help you network.

Attached to this letter is a Registration Worksheet, intended to help you gather the necessary information for filling out the online registration form. **Please plan to register online using the provided link.** Upon receiving your registration information, we will send you a welcome packet with permission slips, liability forms, and a packing checklist. We ask that you bring the necessary forms with you when you arrive at the event in July along with either proof of vaccination or negative COVID test results for each participant.

We are grateful to partner with you in ministry for our young people. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Courtney or Jess. We look forward to a wonderful experience with some amazing youth this summer!

Peace,
Jess Felici

“Quick Facts” about Home Base:

COVID protocol: each participant (youth and adult) must present either proof of up-to-date Covid vaccination card or a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of the start of the event.

Sneak Peek at the Week:

Monday- arrive at 1PM for registration

Will include ice breakers, games, opening worship, and fellowship time

Tuesday- time for Bible Study, group building, service opportunities, worship, fellowship time

Wednesday- adventures in Garrett County, worship, fellowship time

Thursday- closing worship and sending at noon

Deadline for Registration: postmark by July 1

Group Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/p3GsBzj5CHjyeWud6>

Price: \$200 per person (including adults) This price includes housing, activities, parking for the week. Groups are responsible for meals on their own.

Checks made payable to: Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU with “Home Base” on the memo line

Send Registration Fee to:

Attn: Home Base

c/o Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU

1497 University Ave

Morgantown, WV 26505

Who to contact:

Jess Felici (jessfelici@gmail.com) or (304)312-4412

Courtney Erzkus (courtney@lutheranmountaineer.org)

Home Base Registration Worksheet

The following information will be required of you to fill out the online registration form.

Please have this information prepared before attempting to register at the link. If you have any questions or concerns, contact either Jess or Courtney.

1. Congregation(s) Registering as a Group:

2. Name of Contact Person for your group:

(This should be an adult planning to attend the event)

3. Preferred Contact Information for person listed above:

(Please enter either email address or phone number. Make note if you prefer texts over phone calls)

4. Name, gender, and current grade of Youth Participants:

(Please separate each youth's name and information with a new line between each entry)

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5. Name and gender of Adult Participants:

(Please plan to have enough adult participants to serve as drivers for your group)

6. Does your group have concerns regarding mobility, food allergies, or housing needs? If so, please explain in the space below:
