



**Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA**  
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## **2009 Junior High Youth Gathering**

The Junior High Youth Gathering is an amazing experience for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth. The gathering will be held at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville over two weekends, November 6-8 and 13-15. Emanuel's Confirmation Class plan is to attend the first session, **November 6-8**. The theme for this year's gathering is "***Do You Believe in Miracles?***"

While at the Gathering, youth will participate in worship, workshops with guest speakers, congregational devotion time and small groups to learn more about the life and miracles of Jesus. It is our hope and prayer that this event will be a time for youth to grow in their faith and to grow in their love and care for each other.

### *Theme and Biblical Background*

## **Do You Believe in Miracles?**

*"Jesus replied, „They do not need to go away.  
You give them something to eat. ”*

*Matthew 14:16*

We read in the Bible many stories of miracles. During the Gathering weekend, we will take a look at the miracles of Jesus as well as other miracles of God found in the Old Testament. What are miracles? Why did God perform miracles? Do we have a part in the miracles of God? How can we receive miracles? These are all questions we will explore during the event through small groups, congregational time, worship and workshops.



**The cost for the Junior High Youth Gathering is \$115/person. The cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, two nights lodging, a gathering t-shirt, and all program costs.**

**A copy of the registration form may be found on Emanuel's webpage at [www.emanuels-seguin.org](http://www.emanuels-seguin.org) or one may be picked up in the church office. We must register online as a group, so please return your completed registration form and check for \$115 to the church office by Monday, October 5. Financial assistance is available on a needed basis. Requests for assistance should be made through Pastor Paul or Jim Johnson.**

One adult sponsor is required for every six youth of the same gender. Sponsors must be 21 or older. Sponsors will stay with the youth, participate in activities, and will deal with discipline issues. For the young people of our group to have an effective and fun experience, the sponsor must be an active participant in the youth gathering. Please contact Jim Johnson for a sponsor registration form.