

To All Churches in the Presbytery of Central Nebraska:

Join students from across Nebraska for 24 hours of worship, fun, and faith development. Together we'll explore God's story, build lasting friendships, and discover that we're stronger when we grow together. There is something powerful about gathering with other students who are seeking to follow Jesus. This retreat is an opportunity to connect with youth from across Nebraska, learn from one another, and discover that we are stronger in faith when we journey together. Through worship, conversations, games, and shared experiences, we'll deepen our understanding of God's love, encourage one another, and return home excited to keep growing as disciples of Christ.

How this retreat works:

The Central Nebraska Presbytery Youth Committee has come together to put on this event.

If you have students who would like to participate, please arrange for them to attend *and* send one (1) sponsor* per every six (6) students.

*A sponsor is someone who has passed a background check and completed appropriate safety training. This person does not have to be the minister.

The committee is happy to organize and put on this retreat for Sr. High students, but we humbly ask that you send a sponsor(s) from your congregation. This helps us maintain appropriate student-to-adult ratios. Sending a sponsor(s) also provides the benefit of facilitating a deeper connection between the students and adults in their congregations.

WHO: All 9th-12th grade students

WHAT: 24 hours of fun, fellowship, and faith development.

WHEN: November 6-7, 2026; 4:30pm-4:30pm

WHERE: The Crossing Retreat Center in Lexington, NE.

COST: \$110 per participant (this covers three meals and one night's stay at the retreat center).

Please do not let cost be a hindrance; if you need financial assistance, contact Eddie Mariel eddiemariel@gmail.com, (308) 324-5507.

Each student and sponsor must complete a registration form. **Registrations will not be accepted after October 17, 2026.** The registration form will only be available through Google Forms, which can be accessed here:

We are so excited for this coming event, and look forward to seeing many of you there!

The Central Nebraska Presbytery Youth Committee

Rev. Eddie Mariel, Committee Chair

Rose Koepp, Secretary

Jonathan Hamner, Dance Captain