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## 2009 Jr. High Youth Gathering

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The 2009 SW MN Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering brought together over 1300 youth and adults in November to focus on the theme, "Whatever, Wherever." Philippians 4:13 (the Message version) was burned into our hearts, thanks to a snappy song taught by Gathering Chaplain Rev. Jeff Enholm. "Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am."

Speaker Kris Causton led us in an interactive Bible Study on David and Goliath and taught us how Philippians 4:13 is true in our lives. Our band *Shasta Blvd* was from Paynesville, and helped us praise God with our voices.

Nightlife rocked with the dance, dodge ball, crafts, photos, hair styling, Spirit Garage, video games, 4 square and swimming. Morning worship brought the whole event together with offerings going to *Kids Against Hunger*. It was a great gathering and we're thankful to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for using it as a vehicle to share God's love.