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The Radisson & Lansing Center | Lansing, MI



Worship Band | Nickel and the Spare Change



Featured Speaker | Rev. Branden Hunt



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The Great Lakes Gathering is fast approaching and this year's event returns to The Radisson in Lansing for its 36th year! By utilizing The Lansing Center (connected to the hotel) we're working to provide great worship settings, small groups, service opportunities, speakers, music, and other experiences that will enrich the lives of high school age youth and young adults age 18-25 in the Great Lakes region. Please visit our website at www.elcalivingwater.com/gathering to learn about the details of this event, read our FAQ, and to prepare to register your group.

A Special Note on Registration and Housing for The Great Lakes Gathering

When you register with Living Water Ministries you are paying a program fee that secures access to the programming Living Water Ministries has planned for the event (speakers, bands, worship, recreation options, service opportunities, curriculum, etc). This program fee does NOT include housing. Housing will be booked directly with The Radisson using their housing form (available on our website and when you register) and by contacting them directly at (517) 482-0188. This split fee registration will allow groups to choose housing options that best meet their specific needs by directly booking with The Radisson.

EXCEPTION: Housing for Young Adult participants will be booked and assigned by Living Water Ministries, thus a higher registration rate of \$165 per young adult. Young Adults do not house with church groups, but with other Young Adults.

\$105 per person program fee if registered by November 14th

\$130 per person program fee if registered after November 14th

 **\$70**

per room per night fee
booked directly with hotel
(each room houses up to 4 people)

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2018 Theme: "Be."

Mark 5: 1-16

Time and time again in scripture, and here again in the beatitudes, we encounter Jesus inverting our worldly understanding of power and greatness. During the Great Lakes Gathering we will be digging into The Beatitudes from Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Daily themes include:

Day 1: Be Less.

In the opening verses of the Beatitudes Jesus speaks of the blessing received by those who are poor, mourn, and are humble. In the face of a worldly message of achievement, Christ challenges us to Be Less.

Day 2: Be Hungry.

As the Beatitudes continue, Christ shares with us the blessing received by those who are hungry and thirsty; especially those who hunger and thirst for justice, righteousness, mercy, and peace. As followers of Jesus, how can we Be Hungry as we help shape this world to better reflect the Kingdom of God?

Day 3: Be Persecuted.

Doing the right thing can be extremely difficult. Often, fear gets the better of us and we stay silent or avoid taking action. Toward the end of the Beatitudes, Jesus shares with us the blessing received by those who are persecuted for doing what is right. As followers of Christ, how might we Be Persecuted as we shed the fear, use our voices, and take action for the sake of others?

Day 4: Be You.

In the verses immediately following the Beatitudes Jesus reminds each of us that we are the light of the world. Christ compels us to let our good deeds shine for all to see in order that others might come to know God. Jesus is reminding us that his words, his life, and his death are personally connected to each of us. Because of Christ each of us are loved, and each of us are more than enough. Be You, and let your light shine!