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Hello all, I’m sure you’re all very anxious to hear what we have been up too! So, after the 7 hour car ride, we made our first stop in Chicago at the ELCA Church-wide Office. We took a tour of the building lead by Justin, a team member on staff for the National Youth gathering. We learned about the ELCA World Hunger, Domestic Missions, Global Missions and WELCA. Bishop Eaton was also there, but was in a meeting so we did not get to see her. This was very fun for us youth to experience and see! After the Office we toured downtown Chicago. This included the Magnificent Mile and Millennial Park. This was also very fun, just very hot! The next day, Saturday, we spend the day at Six Flags Great America. This was a fellowship and fun day! We got to ride many different rollercoasters and spend lots of time getting to know each other better. The temperature felt like 108 degrees, so it was very toasty- still VERY fun! The ended the night in prayer and lots of laughter. Sunday morning, today, we started with Worship where we each led different parts. After worship we went to the Lincoln Park Zoo. Following the Zoo we had a 20 minute down time where we went to a beach on Lake Michigan. It was stunning! Straight after the beach we went to our youth works site, and got to meet all of the other people we would be spending the week with. We ended the night with Worship and a fun church family devotion and prayers. The focus tonight was on Psalm 23 and how that will guide our week. - Allyce ❤️