



Holy Spirit Lutheran Youth

A WELCOMING CHRIST-CENTRED COMMUNITY

Youth Responsibilities

Covenant:

A signed agreement between two or more parties to perform an action. In the bible, the covenant is an agreement between God and his people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behaviour from them in return. This isn't a list of rules. It's an agreement between you and me and between you and all of your peers, that we will behave as brothers and sisters in Christ and can expect to be treated this way in return.

- I will practice respect to my peers in the youth program
- I will practise respect to our church community
- I will practice respect towards our church property, regarding it as Holy ground
- I will practise respect toward our youth leadership
- I will practice listening to other people as a ministry of grace
- I will read and study the Scriptures: listening, asking questions and seeking answers
- I will commit to spending time in study of the Scriptures
- I will prayerfully care for my body and for the world in which I live
- I will commit to spending time in conversation with God as a part of my daily life
- I will try to live each day in the knowledge that God's spirit is within me and available to me.
- I will be alert to reflect Christ to those with whom I come into contact
- I will express disapproval of racial, social, and sexual prejudice among my relatives and friends.
- I will not let the sun set on my anger
- I make this commitment, trusting God's grace to work in me
- If I fail, I trust God's grace to forgive me and to help me have the strength to grow in my faith

Lord, bless this agreement and my commitment to it, so that in growing in the body of Christ, we are able to reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:13)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Rules:

In mathematics, to rule is to mark a straight line. It is the base we use to make all our other decisions and the foundation we build on. In a youth ministry, as in a Christian church there are ideally no rules beyond the teaching that Christ put forth as the most important: to love God with all your heart, mind and soul and to love your neighbour as yourselves (Matthew 22:37-38). With this teaching as our "rule" our youth ministry has no need for restrictions on behaviour because everyone would fix their eyes on God and none of us would stumble. But the reality is that we don't always do as we should, and sometimes we look at our feet instead of at God and so we don't see what's right in front of us. In order to build a program that helps us to see the practical as well as the perfect, we have rules to remind us how to function within the structure of the ministry. When we forget what's important the base line of the rules work in partnership with our covenant to show us how to follow so that we can stop looking at our feet and start focusing on each other.

- No alcohol or drugs on church building or at youth events
- No swearing, or using the Lord's name as an expletive
- Don't leave the church building or youth event without letting the leader know
- No smoking under the age of 18 unless parental permission has been given in writing to leader
- Participate in all activities
- Respect the church building
- Respect our leaders and volunteers
- Respect your brothers and sisters in Christ
- Leave your electronics at home or turned off during youth events



Holy Spirit Lutheran Youth

A WELCOMING CHRIST-CENTRED COMMUNITY

Parent / Guardian Responsibilities

Responsibility:

A charge or command. In youth ministry we as leaders often forget that the youth do not magically appear out of thin air at the beginning and end of events. As parents and guardians you are their daily support, in both practical and spiritual matters. Youth Ministry is not a social calendar; we seek to work with you to enrich the spiritual growth of your youth and in extension your family. In order to achieve this purpose we ask a level of responsibility from the parents and guardians of our youth to insure that we are more than a program of events and that we become a life-changing ministry.

Parent/ Guardian responsibilities

- ✚ I will encourage youth
 - ❖ in faith and spiritual development
 - ❖ to participate in program as is suitable to their individual needs
- ✚ I will check email twice a month for updates to calendar
- ✚ I will make a commitment to attend services once a month (up to all)
- ✚ I will provide transportation when a youth chooses to attend an event
 - ❖ or contact Sarah at the church
- ✚ I will submit youth contact, activity and medical permission information
- ✚ I will attend one (up to all) youth event a year as a volunteer
- ✚ I will attend the Family Dinner and Youth & Family Information and Discussion Night
 - ❖ Tuesday, September 20th 5:30pm-7pm
- ✚ I will contact our Youth and Family Director, Youth Council Representative or Youth Leader with my question, concerns and feedback throughout the year as I see necessary

Signed: _____ Date: _____