



Christ the Servant  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# BEYOND CONFIRMATION

Middle & High School Youth Ministry

## What is Beyond Confirmation?

Beyond Confirmation is an intentional journey with young people (typically middle school and high school ages) that allows for deep exploration of your faith, helping you to develop language to share your faith with others, discover what it is you believe, and wonder more about the awesomeness of God.



## How it Works



Three, one-day retreats which include the majority of teaching and experiences.



Monthly gatherings to talk about where you have seen God and how you are living your faith currently, as well as opportunities to serve the community and special outings.



Regular participation in the life of the church however you feel called to do so.



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## Retreats

Retreats will be held off-site and will include your parents. We will engage in conversations, ask questions, dig into scripture, play games, enjoy nature, rest, share a meal together, and have a lot of fun. Each retreat will vary and focus on the following topics:



### Who is God?

An exploration of who we say God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is and what that means for you. We will explore God through the creeds of the church, understanding the Bible, the ways we worship, and our encounters with God through the sacraments.



### What is the Kingdom of God?

An exploration of the kingdom of God and what that means to each of us. You will discover what your place and role is in the kingdom of God through the 10 Commandments, understanding prayer, what being a Lutheran means, and our Lutheran theology of Law and Gospel.



### What is the Point?

An exploration of your purpose and what all of this means for your life. You will have a better understanding of what the purpose of the church is, the ways in which God calls each of us into action, and why our response to God's call leads to generosity.



## Hoped for Outcomes

The ultimate hope for Beyond Confirmation is that you are confident and able to make a public affirmation of your baptism and faith. In other words, you can state what you believe, you wish to affirm your baptism, and participate in the body of Christ. We'd love to see our students do this every year!

Additionally, we hope that you can answer the following questions:

- ✓ Who am I in the eyes of God?
- ✓ What is my purpose?
- ✓ Where and how do I belong in the kingdom of God?
- ✓ Who do you say God is? Jesus?  
The Holy Spirit?
- ✓ What does all this mean for your life now and in the future?



## Life of the Church

Our faith is something we must constantly practice which means just like any sport, art, or instrument, you must put your faith to work through the body of Christ, the church! We want you to be involved in whatever way you feel called to participate. You could try being an acolyte, playing bells, singing in the choir, going to a bible study, helping with children's ministries, serving communion, being an Assisting Minister, giving of your other musical talents, or any other way you might discover to participate in the fully body of Christ!

## Faith At Home

Our journeys of faith are not restricted to only Sunday's. We encourage families to discuss faith on the go using our faith-at-home tools. We will invite you to share some of your conversations and questions during our monthly team gatherings and ask you to share how you are practicing your faith throughout the weeks.

## Expectations

Our faith journey is not something we do on our own. In order to practice our faith, we must do it together! The one and only expectation for Beyond Confirmation is that you show up! Because the retreats are the majority of the content, they are mandatory. While we don't place a requirement for any other attendance, we want you to realize that your absence from activities means that the rest of your Confirmation team will miss out on your contributions. If you are not able to commit to the retreats and other gatherings this year, we encourage you to consider joining next year's team!