

## What About...

### CONFIRMATION

#### *Worship Journals*

Journals are designed to help students process their worship experience. Pick up a journal in the back of the Sanctuary or at SonLight City and write or draw to answer the question. Drop your journal off where you got it when you're done. Confirmation students need to do **12 journal entries per year**.

#### *Service Hours*

We ask students to complete **40 hours of service per year** from 5-8th grade. Service we do at youth group & service retreats count. Any service done outside of Cross of Christ counts for double hours.

#### *Retreats and Attendance*

Students must attend ALL **12 retreats** to be Confirmed. That's **3 every year**. They're a ton of fun, and they help build a faith that goes deeper than the traditional memorization and testing done in Confirmation. We strongly encourage families to attend as many Wednesday night sessions as possible, but do not require weekly attendance.

#### *Alternatives*

Some students don't feel ready to get Confirmed in 8th grade, and that's great! Making a public statement of faith should be something you do when you're ready. Students can be Confirmed later by completing a series of classes with Pastor Randy once they're in high school.

## Wednesday Night Line Up

**5-6PM** 4Cs (Children's Choir) Rehearsal

**5:45-6:30PM** Dinner

**6PM** Gym Opens

**6:30-7:30PM** K-4 Gym Time

**6:15-7:45PM** Nursery for K-4

**6:30-7:30PM** 5&6 / 7&8 Bible Study

#### **Leadership Team:**

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## *EXPERIENCE*

## **Middle School Ministry at Cross of Christ!**

*Where 5th-8th graders  
explore their faith, connect  
with friends, and grow in their  
relationship with Christ*



**Cross** of  
**Christ**

**2017-2018**

## What is MSM?

Middle School is a powerful time when people start developing their identity. *Our aim in Middle School Ministry (MSM) is to nurture youth in their relationship with Christ, providing a safe place for them to ask questions and grow.*

### Who can be in MSM?

MSM and our Confirmation Program are open to 5th-8th graders.

### What do we do at youth group?

Wednesday nights we eat dinner, play games and connect over God's Word & our lives in youth group. Everyone's welcome! We also have retreats, community events, and service activities.

### What about Confirmation?

Confirmation is Lutheran tradition where a person becomes an active member of their church family. Our Confirmation students complete *12 retreats, do 12 worship journals per year and 40 service hours per year.* We strongly encourage students to get involved on Wednesday nights so they can grow in Christian community.

### How do we involve families?

We offer parents resources through the church library, as well as a team of trained youth staff and volunteers. We also provide family activities, newsletters and special parent events throughout the year, and offer childcare for younger siblings.

## 2017-2018 Calendar

Month & Weds Night Schedule	Special Events
<b>SUMMER WITH MSM</b> <b>June &amp; July</b> <i>Community games &amp; events that are family friendly &amp; open to everyone!</i>	<b>6/23 6:30-8:30PM:</b> <b>"NACHO" Average Game Night</b>  <b>7/28, 6:30-8:30PM:</b> <b>Splash Fest</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>8/26-8/27</b> <b>SERVICE RETREAT</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Youth Group: 13, 20, 22	9/13: FALL KICK OFF & PARENT MEETING
<b>OCTOBER</b> Youth Group: 4, 11, 18, 25	10/25: Costume Party
<b>NOVEMBER</b> Youth Group: 1, 8, 15, 29 <b>NO YOUTH GROUP: 11/22</b>	<b>11/10-11/11</b> <b>FALL RETREAT</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b> Youth Group: 12/13 <b>NO YOUTH GROUP: 6, 20, 27</b>	12/13: Cookie Kindness Service Project & Christmas Party
<b>JANUARY</b> Youth Group: 10, 17, 24, 31 <b>NO YOUTH GROUP 1/3</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY</b> Youth Group: 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>2/2-2/3: WINTER RETREAT</b>
<b>MARCH</b> Youth Group: 7, 14, 21 <b>NO YOUTH GROUP: 3/28</b>	3/7: <i>Video Deadline for Confirmands</i>
<b>APRIL</b> Youth Group: 11, 18, 25 <b>NO YOUTH GROUP 4/4</b>	<b>4/25: End of the Year Party</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Confirmation Service &amp; 8th Grade Retreat Dates: TBD</b>

## 4 Year Retreat Cycle

### 2017-2018 YEAR 1

August 26-27—Spiritual Gifts Retreat  
 November 10-11—Lord's Prayer Retreat  
 February 2-3—10 Commandments  
 April—8th Grade ONLY Creed Retreat

### YEAR 2

August—Serve Where You Fit  
 November—Worship Retreat: Connect  
 February—What's the Bible For?  
 April—8th Grade ONLY Creed Retreat

### YEAR 3

August —Serve Like Jesus  
 November—Speak: Talk with God  
 February—Who is Jesus?  
 April —8th Gr. ONLY Creed Retreat

### YEAR 4

August—Generous Service  
 November—Worship: Build It  
 February—What's a Lutheran?  
 April—8th Gr. ONLY Creed Retreat

Retreats are held primarily at Camp Lael in Lapeer or lock-in style at Cross of Christ. Our service events happen at a variety of local community organizations.

For all retreats, parents can drop off students at church, where they'll be chaperoned from there by our trained youth ministry leaders. Parents often are invited to join their student for the last session of each retreat.

**There is no cost for retreats.** Friends are always welcome!