

**Saint Andrews Lutheran Church
Covenant of Conduct**

In order to live in community, there are some behavioral promises we must make together.

While attending Saint Andrew's youth activities, I will

- respect others and treat them as fellow members of the body of Christ
- respect and appreciate the different gifts, cultures, and perspectives that each person brings to the group
- be an active participant in all activities
- respect the property of others
- respect myself and my body by not engaging in the use of any drugs, including but not limited to tobacco, alcohol, & marijuana.
- respect myself, my body, and others by not engaging in sexual activity, behavior, or comments or public displays of affection.
- follow the requests of adult advisors

I will live out the above statements by

- being aware of my speech and how it might affect others
- being willing to listen if someone confronts me
- being honest
- being accepting and welcoming of people new to the group
- being willing to apologize when I am wrong and to forgive when I am wronged
- being aware of when it is time to play and when it is time to work
- being willing to talk out problems and conflicts to get them solved
- being supportive and affirming of others in living out this covenant
- engaging with the entire group, i.e. not sectioning off with a significant other or best friend(s)

The leaders and volunteers of Saint Andrews youth ministry program will

- respect my individuality, voice, and questions
- allow me a safe space to be me
- follow all of the above statements

Non-negotiable behaviors for which I will be sent home:

- possession, use or attending under the influence of illicit drugs (incl. alcohol & tobacco)
- Engaging in any illegal activity
- Violent words or actions used towards another person or towards property
- Inappropriate sexual behavior (actions or words)
- Possession or use of a weapon
- Going offsite without permission
- Hazing/harassment

Should I break this covenant, I agree to the consequences agreed upon by the leadership team, volunteers, and the Director of Youth Ministries.

Youth Signature _____ date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ date _____