

# Trinity Lutheran Youth

## DISCIPLESHIP COVENANT

ALL YOUTH

### what is a covenant?

A covenant is a mutual agreement between two parties. It infers accountability and an ongoing commitment. The Hebrew word for covenant, *berit* is a relational term used to illustrate the firm commitment of God to His people and the expectations that God has for His people. The Bible talks about those who live in relationship with God through faith as disciples or followers. As in any relationship, there are opportunities for growth. That is what this covenant is about—growth as disciples.

This document is not designed to add to the completed work of Jesus but rather to be used as a reminder and encouragement for continued growth in relationship with him. Obedience does not earn salvation, but salvation bears fruit as we grow in discipleship.

The sections of this covenant are based the description of the life of the early Christians in Acts 2:42-47. In addition, you can count on the support of Trinity Lutheran Church as it seeks to accomplish it's mission.

### covenant

This is our covenant to each other and before God... In celebration of the new life found in Jesus blood, knowing my inability to do this on my own, in my desire to follow Jesus, and to be held accountable through the community of believers, I commit to the following:

#### Devotion to the apostles' teaching

- Meeting together at least bi-weekly with a group of believers for Bible study.
- Practicing the discipline of personal devotion and Bible reading time at least 3 times a week.

#### Gathering for the breaking of the bread

- Being actively and regularly involved in worship alongside other believers.

#### Prayer

- Intentionally praying my family, my friends, my teachers, and others who are important to me at once a day.

#### Giving to those who have needs

- Informally:** Seeking out opportunities to serve others—in my neighborhood, at my school, in my family—all using my God given gifts.
- Formally:** Participating in at least one organized service project per month—whether organized by Trinity, my small group, my school, or my family.

#### Fellowship

- Gathering with other believers at least bi-weekly simply for the sake of being together, having fun.

#### Sharing in the Lord's work to add to the community of believers

- Informally:** As the Holy Spirit leads, willingly share who Jesus is to you with someone else.
- Formally:** Participating in at least one event this year where the purpose is mission—to share Jesus with others.

Print Teen Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_