



What is Church?

A HIGHER THINGS RETREAT

March 26-27, 2021

About this topic...

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Things to Know...

- When:** March 26-27, 2021
- Where:** Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Wahpeton ND
- Cost:** \$50 per person
- Contact:** Pastor Matthew Tooman
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- RSVP:** via online registration at
www.higherthings.org/retreats

About this retreat...

\$50 per person covers all expenses for the retreat at Immanuel, including all classes, food, activities, and lodging at the church. Boys and girls will be housed in separate areas of the church, and attendees should bring sleeping bags and pillows. There are no shower facilities, however bathrooms are located throughout the church. The retreat will begin at 6pm on Friday and end at 3pm on Saturday. Download registration forms for this retreat at the Higher Things website or by contacting Pastor Tooman to send you a registration packet.

Register for this retreat online at www.higherthings.org/retreats. Groups are encouraged to register online, however you may bring your payment with you to Immanuel Lutheran Church when you arrive for the retreat. Please RSVP for this retreat by March 20.

About Higher Things...

Higher Things is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The mission of Higher Things is to support the church in passing on the Faith by teaching the next generation the Gospel of Jesus Christ: that they are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as revealed in Scripture alone. For more information about Higher Things, please visit www.higherthings.org or email info@higherthings.org.



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PSALMS 60.2—62.6

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it: Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things: Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.
4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth. [Sē'lāh]
5 That thy beloved may be delivered, Save with thy right hand, and answer 'us.
6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult; I will divide Shē'chēm, and mete out the valley of Sūc'cōth.
7 Gīl'ē-ād is mine, and Mā-nās'-sēh is mine; E'phrā-im also is the defence of my head; Jū'dāh is my 'sceptre.
8 Mō'āb is my washpot; 'Upon E'dōm will I cast my shoe:
Phi-lis'ti-ā, shout thou because of me.

Lead me to 'the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will dwell in thy 'tabernacle for ever:
I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. [Sē'lāh]
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
Thou hast 'given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life; His years shall be as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for ever:
Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
That I may daily perform my vows.
God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.
For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.
60 My soul 'waiteth in silence

HIGHER THINGS®

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Higher Things® Retreats

Registrant Section

Last First MI Date of Birth Male Female

Street Home Phone Cell Phone

City ST Zip Registrant E-mail Address

- I intend to receive the Lord's Supper Infant (0-1) Toddler (2-4) Child (5-10) Youth (12-17)
- I have attended a Higher Things Retreat before Young Adult (18-20) Adult (21+) Pastor
- I have a dietary or special need: *Indicate above which age group the Registrant will be **at the time of the retreat.***

(Please only include special needs that affect housing assignments and/or dietary requirements. Other special needs should be discussed with your Group Leader and chaperones.)

Group Church Name Church Phone Group Leader's Name

Street City/ST Zip Pastor's Name

Parent/Guardian Section *(required for minor youth participants only)*

First Last Home Phone Parent's Cell Phone

Address (if different from above.) City ST Zip Parent's E-mail Address

I grant permission for my minor child, named above on this form as "Registrant," to attend the Higher Things Retreat in _____ . I assume all responsibility and liability for injury to said minor while at the Higher Things . I also give Higher Things, Inc. permission to use any still, audio, and/or video images of my child in publicity and news releases.

Parent's Signature Date
