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<p>Broadening the Heavens: How science declares the glory of God</p> <p>Speaker: Royuk</p>	<p>In Psalm 19 we read "The heavens declare the glory of God." As Christians we experience spiritual awe as we contemplate the wonder of a starry night. Using the scientific methods that God has given us, we can broaden our perspective far beyond a casual visual survey of the sky. Sectional attendees will enjoy some entertaining examples of how the amazing order in creation can lead us to a deeper appreciation of God's glory.</p>	10:30 2pm	10:30 2pm	10:30 2pm
<p>College is the Kairos of Your Life!</p> <p>Speaker: Ruehs</p>	<p>Kairos is a Greek word that means something like "opportune moment." College is full of these opportune moments. Yet, these opportune moments sometimes come as times of crisis. But crisis does not necessarily mean chaos for your life. In this workshop you will learn about the crisis moments that impact college life, and how these times can provide opportunities for you to deepen your faith in Jesus.</p>	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm
<p>From Gay Bars to Jesus: A clear voice in a gender confused generation.</p> <p>Speaker: Barlow</p>	<p>Having been called out of a gender broken identity, Vicar Brian Barlow will share his journey out of homosexuality and into the fullness of a life identified with Christ. In a culture that promotes "gay-Christianity", Brian's (Eph. 3:20) story testifies to God's intent to do more than we can think of or imagine as He recreates us out of a broken life.</p>	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm
<p>From the Streets to the Sanctuary</p> <p>Speaker: Johnson</p>	<p>Hope comes in many forms sometimes in the darkest places it hard to see the hope of Christ. Carl Johnson is a carrier of hope coming from growing up in the inner city of New Jersey and Atlanta. He was gang-involved to homeless. This is a story that will show anyone the power of Christ in the darkest places.</p>	10:30 12pm	10:30 12pm	10:30 12pm
<p>I doubt it</p> <p>Speaker: Youmans/Parker/TRU-SERVA</p>	<p>Whether we are willing to admit it or not-we all doubt. Working through doubt is a natural and important part of our journey of faith. More often than not we keep quiet about our doubts and don't want others to judge us for them, or we rely on our own understanding. Join us as we explore and express doubt, dig into scripture for help, and look to Jesus as the Author and Perfecter of our faith.</p>	10:30	10:30	10:30
<p>Is There a Gap in Your Map? Worldviews & Truth</p> <p>Speaker: Alles</p>	<p>We all use maps to get around, but we also use mental maps, or worldviews, to navigate through life. The best way to witness today is to know what people's worldview is, and then to show them "gaps in their maps"—the disconnect between what they believe and what they actually experience. Find out what a worldview is and how to know what truth is so you can share Jesus effectively</p>	10:30 12pm	10:30 12pm	10:30 12pm
<p>LCMS Servant Events... Are You Ready?</p> <p>Speaker: Shelly</p>	<p>Are YOU ready to: Step out of your comfort zone? Be a part of life changing Bible study and devotions? Experience new activities? Meet other youth from around the country? Serve others in the Name of Jesus? How can YOU do this? LCMS Servant Events bring youth and their leaders together serving others and connecting to Christ. This session will give YOU what YOU need to be ready and to participate in LCMS Servant Events</p>	10:30	10:30	10:30
<p>Lead like the Elite Let's Go!</p> <p>Speaker: Kunze</p>	<p>Being a leader can be so stinking tough! Leadership is a trait that many people desire, but what does it take to become the leader that God desires you to be? We will talk about important leadership qualities, learn what it takes to lead every day, dig into what Jesus tells us about leadership in scripture, and learn from examples of some of the greatest historical and current leaders!</p>	10:30 2pm	10:30 2pm	10:30 2pm

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<p>Living in the Intersection of Compassion and Justice</p> <p>Speaker: Tiejn</p>	In an overly political atmosphere, with an overly exposed media driven culture, how do believers stand in the intersection of Compassion and Justice? Where do they overlap? What happens when we elevate one over the other? We'll use tools such as "Room Perspective", "Learn, Relearn, Unlearn" and more to unpack where we are, how we got here, and where we go from here. Note: This workshop is not promoting or advocating for any political party.	10:30	10:30	10:30
<p>Making a Difference One Word at a Time</p> <p>Speaker: Hellyer</p>	Sticks and stones may or may not break bones, but words do hurt, and probably more than we care to admit. In this session, we'll explore how to be a voice that speaks life into our friends, family and even complete strangers. What we say and how we treat others matters now more than ever	10:30	10:00	10:30
<p>Worth Dying For: A New Model For Dating and Relationships</p> <p>Speaker: Metcalf</p>	We focus so much on dating and relationships in today's world and yet it is such an area of struggle and heartache for so many. Perhaps we need a new model for relationships—dating from your value rather than for your value. Come learn how being “worth dying for” changes your current/future relationships and your whole life!	10:30 2pm	10:30 2pm	10:30 2pm
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<p>“Where are you God?” Real Grace in Times of Trouble.</p> <p>Speaker: Bokre</p>	Isn't it ironic that Christians, the very people who believe in God, can struggle to know He's there? We've all been there. What do you do when depression, disaster, or doubt creeps into your life? Join Pastor Dawit as he walks you through his own wrestling with the “hiddenness” of God in tough times, and how God's Grace intersected	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>321 Improv</p> <p>Speaker: 321 Improv</p>	321 Improv will bring tears to your eyes, a pain to your side, and make your face ache from laughter. Experience a time of unique, interactive comedy as 321 Improv instantly turns audience suggestions into hilarious scenes. This time with 321 Improv is unlike anything you've been part of before and no two shows will ever be the same	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>An Uber Driver's Guide to Life and Faith</p> <p>Speaker: Griffin</p>	With stories from his time as an Uber driver Ben will share life lessons that apply to all of us. In this session you will learn simple (even fun) practices that will deepen your faith and lead to lasting spiritual fulfillment.	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>Broken: The Collateral Damage of Divorce</p> <p>Speaker: Furguson</p>	50% of couples in the United States divorce. Do you know what that means? 50% or more of children have parents who are divorced. How do we talk about it? How do we navigate being children of divorce? Perhaps the bigger question is: How do we make sure the our future marriages don't end in brokenness?	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>Clearly Christian: Following Jesus in this Age of Confusion</p> <p>Speaker: Sutton</p>	The modern world has an excess of many things—gadgets, technology, cat memes—but nothing is more abundant than confusion. This confusion swirls around and seeps into the Christian faith. This session will explore what it means to be clearly Christian in an age of fake news, digital media, misinformation, and confusion	12pm	12pm	12pm

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<p>Defense Against The Dark Arts: How Jesus' Authority can Protect Us from Toxic Religion</p> <p>Speaker: Mallinson</p>	<p>When Jesus called his first disciples (Matt 4:18-20) they immediately realized that Jesus spoke with authority. They dropped everything and followed. Some Christians fail to truly trust in the power of Jesus' authority. We may believe in him for our salvation: but we sometimes exchange true authority for false authorities. We will learn ways to listen for the Good Shepherd's voice in order to resist false teaching, cults, and false ideologies in our culture.</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>Guys Only! Straight talk on Dating, Sex, and Porn.</p> <p>Speaker: Carey</p>	<p>It can feel like there are a lot of grey issues and questions in our world when it comes to sexuality and relationships. We'll talk about stages of intimacy and what that has to do with sexuality. Come with your questions as we wrestle with the tough stuff when it comes to dating, sex, and porn!</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>High Cost of Free Love</p> <p>Speaker: Stenzel; Mizell</p>	<p>God created sex, He is not the cosmic kill-joy, but He did create sex with boundaries, to protect us and our future. He wants sex to be the best it could possibly be! This generation must have a compelling reason to commit to sexual integrity and remain pure until marriage. Pam Stenzel combines her personal story and extensive pregnancy counseling experience into a hard hitting look at the consequences of sex with no boundaries</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>Holla Back with Mass Events</p> <p>Speaker: Hartjen; Bread of Stone</p>	<p>Now is your chance to ask questions and hear more of the story. Join us in this talk-back-style session where the mass event speakers will share more of their story and answer your questions.</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>INTENSIVE: A Devotional Deep Dive: Remaining in Christ through the Chaos of Life</p> <p>Speaker: Peterson</p>	<p>Many of us have heard the importance of living with a strong devotional life. But what does that really mean for a high school student? In this session, Dr. Peterson will give practical tips and personal examples of remaining in Christ through the challenges, chaos, and confusion of everyday life. You will walk away with an action plan for digging deep into a Christ-centered devotional life. Intensive Sessions are designed to challenge youth to explore topics at a deeper level. At these sessions, leaders teach advanced theological topics (which could include biblical languages), approach difficult practical questions, and give participants tools for studying the topic beyond the Gathering.</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>INTENSIVE: How to Survive and Thrive in the Military as a Christian</p> <p>Speaker: Muehler</p>	<p>Are you joining the military? Come and spend some time learning how to survive and thrive as a Christian in the exciting vocation military service. We will share insights and experiences from military experience to show how a Christian can not only survive "boot camp" and their military service, but thrive in their vocation as a member of the Armed Forces in the greatest nation on earth. A great honor to serve God and country. Intensive Sessions are designed to challenge youth to explore topics at a deeper level. At these sessions, leaders teach advanced theological topics (which could include biblical languages), approach difficult practical questions, and give participants tools for studying the topic beyond the Gathering</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm

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<p>INTENSIVE: Love Thy Muslim Neighbor: Choosing Compassion Over Conflict as Committed Christians</p> <p>Speaker: Chitwood</p>	<p>When you hear the word "Islam" or see a Muslim, what images, thoughts, or feelings come to mind? Too often, Christians are filled with distrust, fear, and hate toward their Muslim neighbors. This session provides a primer on why Christians are called to love their Muslim neighbors, what that looks like in a world of conflict, and how you can start doing so as an individual or a church community today. Intensive Sessions are designed to challenge youth to explore topics at a deeper level. At these sessions, leaders teach advanced theological topics (which could include biblical languages), approach difficult practical questions, and give participants tools for studying the topic beyond the Gathering.</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>INTENSIVE: Real. Present. God. in the Psalms</p> <p>Speaker: Lehenbauer</p>	<p>The theme of the 2019 National Youth Gathering, REAL.PRESENT.GOD, was inspired by the Psalms. But where is God in the Psalms? The answer may not be as obvious as it seems. Join us as we explore the Psalms and go behind the scenes to unpack the 2019 NYG theme. Intensive Sessions are designed to challenge youth to explore topics at a deeper level. At these sessions, leaders teach advanced theological topics (which could include biblical languages), approach difficult practical questions, and give participants tools for studying the topic beyond the Gathering.</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>Life Rolls On</p> <p>Speaker: Smuts</p>	<p>At the at age of 14 during a soccer game, an otherwise healthy Daniel Smuts suffered from an unpredictable spinal stroke. Now, four years later, Daniel shares his story of how his faith has helped him to overcome the challenges of living life as a paraplegic</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>Star Wars Spirituality</p> <p>Speaker: Byer; TRU-SERVA</p>	<p>What do Jedis, Jawas, and Jar Jar Binks have in common with Jesus? A lot more than you might think! For over forty years, Star Wars has not only captured our imaginations and set the bar for our love of fantasy movies, but it's also inspired many people's views on religion. In this session, we'll unpack the saga's spiritual overtones and connect them to the reality that Jesus is our "only hope".</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>The Imitation Game</p> <p>Speaker: Runtsch</p>	<p>We live in a world of imitations. People try to imitate other people all the time. Sometimes this imitation game is fun. Other times it leads us down the totally wrong path. Join Pastor Tim Runtsch, (a.k.a. "P.T.") in a fun, engaging, interactive exploration of what it means to be a disciple and follower of Jesus. You'll get a fresh new understanding of how freeing real imitation can be! Join in "The Imitation Game"</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>The Worldwide Persecution of Christians: Can we Help Them?</p> <p>Speaker: Gudel</p>	<p>In Heb. 13:3 we are told: "Continue to remember those in prison, as if you were together with them in prison." And the apostle Paul, while in prison awaiting his own death, ended his letter to the Colossians with this very melancholy request: "Remember my chains" (4:18). Our session will focus on three goals: First, to awaken the Church to the fact of the genocide of Christians around the world. Our second goal is to awaken the Church to prayer. And our third goal is a call to action. Can we actually help save the lives of Christians around the world? Yes, if we are willing to be used by God</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm
<p>ThriVe</p>	<p>ThriVe is a non-profit organization the empowers people to make life-affirming and healthy decisions about sex, pregnancy and relationships.</p>	12pm	12pm	12pm

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Who Actually Cares about Jesus? My friends don't. Speaker: Everts	Honestly, most of my friends don't seem interested in Jesus. Maybe that's OK because sometimes I'm not so big on talking about Jesus with them anyway. Do you ever feel this way? If so, come discover a brand new tool called "The Curve". This simple tool can help us experience first-hand how God can use even reluctant witnesses like us to do what He does best – bring good news to those who need it.	12pm	12pm	12pm
Why is it SO Hard to Read and Understand the Bible? Speaker: Lewis	Let's be honest: most Christians want to make reading the Bible a regular part of their lives, but they don't always know how to make it happen. At times, the Bible can seem complex, confusing, and maybe even a little bit... well... boring. Do you want to read the Bible for all it's worth? Then this is the session for you! In this session, we will explore five key principles for reading—and understanding—the Bible.	12pm	12pm	12pm
You had to be there! It was stinking funny! Speaker: Dean; I Am They	When is the last time you laughed? I mean....face hurts, ribs are tight and you need a nap kind of laugh? God created comedy. The world, like everything God creates, abused it. This session is designed for people who have had a difficult year, month....heck, maybe a day. David will refresh the hearts of the saints through clean, observational humor. He tackles family, siblings, dating...even the church. He'll look for ya in the front row!	12pm	12pm	12pm
Youth Aware, Equipped and Deployed to End Human Trafficking Speaker: Bartholomew	God is calling a generation together to become AWARE, learn what human trafficking is, where it happens, who it affects, and how it is happening in our world and community. Be EQUIPPED and prepared to make a difference. A generation united and DEPLOYED on mission. You will hear inspiring stories of what youth just like you are doing in their schools, churches, communities, and around the world to end human trafficking.	12pm	12pm	12pm
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Blind but Now I Can See! Speaker: Manning	Everyone has trials and struggles and sometimes it's hard to have faith in God when life is tough. P. G. was born blind and it's never been easy. However, God gave him the miracle of vision. Our struggles aren't meant to destroy us they're meant to create a pathway to where God can do a miracle and show how his power will knock your socks off. Struggling? Come get your vision like P. G.	1-1:30	1-1:30	1-1:30
Blowing Up the Plan: When What's Next is not What You Expect Speaker: Shults	Not sure what's next after high school? Ready to blow up "The Plan" for something different? Come hear about how God will walk with you and use you in new and unexpected vocations. We will talk about Lutheran Young Adult Corps and develop some strategies for navigating service, college, or whatever comes next faithfully with God's help.	1-1:30	1-1:30	1-1:30
How to Live Your Best Life...as a Church Worker! Speaker: Rattei	Can you "live your best life" AND follow God's call to be a *gasp* church worker? Hear from regular folks who felt called to work in the church (Pastor, Director of Christian Outreach, Director of Christian Education, Teacher, Early Childhood Education, etc.) Discover the joy of serving God by serving others full time in ministry and get your questions answered about the good, the bad and the ugly of church work. Yes, even THAT question!	1-1:30	1-1:30	1-1:30

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Living Life a Little Different Speaker: Colangelo	Everyone in life is different from each other. Some more than others. But God made everyone the way they are for a reason. With being different comes with critics and people who doubt you. How should we face every doubter/critic that gets in our way?	1-1:30	1-1:30	1-1:30
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A Person's A Person, No Matter How Small Speaker: Salemink	Using captivating full-color, three-dimensional computer animation, we'll explore the biological science of how God knits human beings together in utero. Then we'll apply observe how this applies to conversations about the sanctity of life – not just the development of embryos and fetuses, but the rest of us too!	2pm	2pm	2pm
A Story Worth Telling Speaker: Pugh	Maybe you feel like you don't have a story to share. Maybe it seems like God hasn't been working big things in your life. Tia Pugh will walk through her very ordinary faith story with you and how God revealed all the mighty ways He had been quietly working in her life. Tia will help you look differently at the story God has been writing for you.	2pm	2pm	2pm
All Nations, Tribes, and Languages Speaker: Griffin	Ever seen a Liberian congo line during the offering or experienced worship with an Ethiopian choir? This session, brought to you by LINC Twin Cities, is an immersive experience with local ministry leaders sharing the unique ways that their culture is expressed in their praise of God.	2pm	2pm	2pm
Church of Thrones: 4 Steps to End Abortion Speaker: Rush	In this session we will be talking about reclaiming our lost Royal identities that Jesus died to give us so that we can walk in authority as his royal family/court, that the gates of Hell can't stop. In addition we will be exploring the 4 steps to end abortion, and going over a real game plan to see abortion end in the near future. Come to part of history in the making.	2pm	2pm	2pm
Developing Empathy: Feeling With Speaker: Schermbeck	Sympathy is feeling sorry for someone; empathy is feeling with someone. People don't generally want others to feel sorry for them, but we all need people who can understand us and feel with us, alongside us. This session will help us be good friends, have compassion who are different from us, and be able to have good conversations with people with whom we disagree.	2pm	2pm	2pm
Family-ing? Grace in the Chaos Speaker: Warren	A down to earth real conversation about families. What is our role as teens in our families? Is my family Normal? What if my family is really really messed up? What can I do? What might scripture have to say!!	2pm	2pm	2pm

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<p>Fearless</p> <p>Speaker: Jameson</p>	<p>Fear. We know it. We see it. It creeps in and takes over. And when fear gains a foothold we can become paralyzed. Does fear keep you from fulfilling something more in life? Whatever “fear” looks like in your life; this session changes our thinking to dwell first on size of our God not the height of our fear. Whatever your fear is, it can, will, and must fall down with the power of Jesus.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>INTENSIVE: Real Present Promises in Life's Hills and Valleys</p> <p>Speaker: Woodford</p>	<p>We live at a fascinating time of history. There is much to be excited about. Yet, there is much that challenges our Christian faith. How do we live our Christian identity in a culture that blurs what is right and wrong and says you can do whatever makes you feel good? Come explore how the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism give us confidence and hope for every life amid these exciting and chaotic times. Intensive Sessions are designed to challenge youth to explore topics at a deeper level. At these sessions, leaders teach advanced theological topics (which could include biblical languages), approach difficult practical questions, and give participants tools for studying the topic beyond the Gathering.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Is Disability Fair?</p> <p>Speaker: Fuerstenau</p>	<p>God has created each one of us. And He doesn't make mistakes. Explore disabilities together and discover what God says about ALL of His children. Take the challenge to be the voice for those with disabilities. Be real and present in your community; be a gamechanger</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Life's Big Stresses call for one Big God!</p> <p>Speaker: Sensmeier</p>	<p>Many of us have felt powerless in our struggle with stress, anxiety, and depression. The latest research, along with Scripture, shows that God designed us with incredible influence over our responses to life stresses. When we feel overwhelmed, we need to know the truth about our built-in resources that provide real solutions to real problems. Join Katy for a no-nonsense, interactive presentation discovering practical applications of how to live in emotional, mental, and spiritual health.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>My Body, My Life, My Value In Christ (GIRLS ONLY)</p> <p>Speaker: Ruesh/CUI Praise</p>	<p>Girls Only! “My Body... My Life... My Value in Christ: A Discussion on Life and Sexuality” Marching women hold signs that say, “My Body, My Choice!” But God says, “You are not your own. You were bought with a price.” YOU matter because God values you. Understanding the value that God has placed on your life makes all the difference in dating and relationships. Join in this girl's only discussion on life and sexuality.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Our View of Justice Impacts Evangelism</p> <p>Speaker: Haney</p>	<p>Justice from God's eyes is more than what is equal. It means Christians are called to act. Called to love our neighbors and called to give to those in need. We will explore how to manifest the love of Christ beyond the walls of our church.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Porn to Love</p> <p>Speaker: Carey</p>	<p>Pornography affects so many, even those within the church, and we need to talk about it. In our world, porn is a cheap alternative to the beautiful gift of sexuality that God intended it to be. Come to this session to hear stories, understand the reality of how porn affects your brain, and hear practical ways of fighting the dangerous drug of pornography.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm

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<p>Real God or “man-made” god?</p> <p>Speaker: Onkka</p>	<p>Do Mormons really believe in Jesus Christ? Pastor Jack will explain differences between beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) and Lutheran Christianity. You've seen missionaries in your community, riding on bicycles and talking to people about their faith or even know some Mormons, but what do you know about their faith? Pastor Jack invites you to share his experience about Mormon faith and his personal journey to the Real Christ</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Real Performance: Faith and Art Collide</p> <p>Speaker:Le; I Am They</p>	<p>God’s artistry is seen everywhere around us, from the lilies to the sparrows. In this session, experience how faith and the arts collide as you witness two visual art performance pieces. Be deeply impacted through these works of art and hear from the artist how God has used the arts to impact his faith</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Rooted Identity</p> <p>Speaker:LYG Executive Team; Bordeleau</p>	<p>When the storms of change hit hard your sense of security and worth can crumble to the ground. This session offers truth and practical guidance that enables teens to stay rooted in their Christian faith during times of struggle or transition. Expertly facilitated by a group of teens, this session is based on a larger video-based LYF resource by Jessica Bordeleau and Micah Steiner which will be made available to participants. Life Changes, God doesn't</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Shameless: How to Face Guilt but Release Shame</p> <p>Speaker:Mallinson; TRU-SERVA</p>	<p>Christians teach that we are born with original sinfulness. To recognize personal guilt can be the beginning of spiritual and emotional healing. Yet young people often adopt a false sense of shame. This can be a debilitating experience. We’ll learn that we don’t have to live in shame, especially when we aren’t guilty for something beyond our control. Come learn about practical and biblical ways to release shame and experience joy in Christ.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Spiritual First Responders - Disciples ready for 21st Century Mission and Ministry</p> <p>Speaker:Seltz</p>	<p>Spiritual First Responders are Christians who are equipped and ready to meet the challenges of 21st century mission and ministry. By God's grace and power, Spiritual First Responders are those who are ready to "run into the fire" of other's lives, not just one's friends, but even one's enemies. Come, be equipped by God's Word to meet the challenges of being "public Christians" today with a Responder "thrive, not just survive" mindset.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Techs that Transform Us: The Good, Bad, and Weird</p> <p>Speaker:Oesch</p>	<p>Digital technologies are changing us. It's no longer good enough to say that "techs are just neutral tools, it's how you use them that matters!" Rather, we exist in profound relationships with our devices. This session will explore how we use our devices, how they change us, and what we can do about it as Christians</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Tiptoeing Through An Explosive Minefield: Honest Wrestling With The Confusion In Culture Regarding Gender Identity</p> <p>Speaker: Yonker; Bread of</p>	<p>Is Gender Identity a personal choice or a determination from God? Can we be both Biblical and culturally contemporary or are they mutually exclusive? Honestly yet compassionately, forthrightly yet gently, standing firmly on Scripture while going out to share Jesus with others are the tensions we face as we seek to understand as well as be understood. Examining Gender identity as followers of Jesus is not only timely but necessary. Lives/souls are at stake</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Trust</p> <p>Speaker:Parker</p>	<p>You will never look at the word "trust" the same again! This talk is an emotional roller coaster. It involves audience participation, flying t-shirts, tears and lots of laughter. Get ready to push beyond your spiritual comfort zone as you learn how to trust Jesus Christ with anything and everything that happens in life. Based on Proverbs 3:5-6, Dr. Parker's presentation is a NYG favorite.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm

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<p>What do Luther, Legos, and Lecrae have in common?</p> <p>Speaker: Koschmann</p>	<p>This session provides insight into contemporary Christian understandings of faith, vocation, and life together in Christ (Colossians 1:17). In this talk, I will provide an overview of Christian perspectives on vocation or "callings" over the last 2000 years, and relate these theological concepts to our contemporary desire to lead lives of meaning and significance</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>You are Here...to Witness</p> <p>Speaker: Wood</p>	<p>As a believer in Jesus you are His witness wherever God has placed you. High school can be a challenging place to be a witness of Jesus, but if that's where you are that's where you're meant to be His witness. Let's talk about what that means and how you can better meet the challenges and experience the joys of witnessing in your vocation as a high school student.</p>	2pm	2pm	2pm
<p>Hello, God....are you there?</p> <p>Speaker: Kuegle</p>	<p>We all know that Jesus taught us to pray and even gave us a model to use - The Lord's Prayer. Then why is it so hard to pray sometimes? Does He even really hear me? How do I know when He answers? Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have in our faith journey. Join Laura as she helps give you practical tools on how to grow in your prayer life</p>	3-3:30	3-3:30	3-3:30
<p>How do I talk about Jesus?</p> <p>Speaker: Miller</p>	<p>Sharing our faith seems scary and difficult. Where do you start, what do you say, or what if they think you're crazy? Let's talk about some really good news, news worth trusting in and sharing with your friends and the world!</p>	3-3:30	3-3:30	3-3:30
<p>Is the sky really blue?</p> <p>Speaker: Knippa</p>	<p>It can seem like just when we think we have the answers, someone changes the questions. Is some skepticism healthy? Is doubt good? Can it be helpful? In a world where our beliefs are constantly being marginalized and challenged, how do we respond? Come and learn how to hear, understand, and reply to some of the most common objections to the Christian faith</p>	3-3:30	3-3:30	3-3:30
<p>Loving your neighbor when life gets rough</p> <p>Speaker: Meyer</p>	<p>When life gets rough, we need Jesus more than ever. This session will cover simple ways that you can show love/mercy to your neighbor who may be enduring one of life's fiery trials.</p>	3-3:30	3-3:30	3-3:30
<p>College is the Kairos of Your Life!</p> <p>Speaker: Ruehs</p>	<p>Kairos is a Greek word that means something like "opportune moment." College is full of these opportune moments. Yet, these opportune moments sometimes come as times of crisis. But crisis does not necessarily mean chaos for your life. In this workshop you will learn about the crisis moments that impact college life, and how these times can provide opportunities for you to deepen your faith in Jesus</p>	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm
<p>From Gay Bars to Jesus: A clear voice in a gender confused generation.</p> <p>Speaker: Barlow</p>	<p>Having been called out of a gender broken identity, Vicar Brian Barlow will share his journey out of homosexuality and into the fullness of a life identified with Christ. In a culture that promotes "gay-Christianity", Brian's (Eph. 3:20) story testifies to God's intent to do more than we can think of or imagine as He recreates us out of a broken life</p>	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm	10:30 4pm
<p>A R.I.S.K worth taking</p> <p>Speaker: Yonker; Bread of Stone</p>	<p>Sharing your faith can be scary. One who shares their faith may be considered "an outsider", "a geek" or even "a fool". But how awesome when someone comes up to you in heaven, throws their arms around you and says, "Thanks for telling me about Jesus and His love and forgiveness." Not only will their lives be better here on earth but Jesus will give to those who believe heaven! It's a risk worth taking!</p>	4pm	4pm	4pm

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<p>Are you a GOAT? Living life in a social media world</p> <p>Speaker: Brock</p>	Let's face it - who DOESN'T use social media today? Snapchat, Instagram, Tinder, YouTube, and the hundreds of other apps on your phone keep you cool and in the know. But, are you using all these apps safely? Come chat about the safety of the Internet world, find out more about these apps, and how to become the GOAT!	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Cross-Platform Play</p> <p>Speaker: De Young</p>	Fortnite, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Breath of the Wild, League of Legends; it's a glorious time to be a gamer! What if God wanted to merge who you are in the virtual with who you are in the physical? We're talking about purpose, profiles and power ups! Bring extra ammo	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Dealing with drama</p> <p>Speaker: Schermbeck</p>	Let's be honest, male and female, we all experience (or cause) some level of drama in friendships. Drama in our relationships effects the way we interact on a daily basis, the way our friends interact with each other, our stress levels, and therefore our very lives! When friend drama is high, it can be tough to focus on anything else. Let's figure out how to deal with it!	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Defusing the tension: Getting to the heart of the abortion debate</p> <p>Speaker:Hemminger</p>	When you bring up the topic of abortion, it seems like everyone has an opinion, and those opinions can quickly turn into arguments and angry rhetoric. In this session, we'll discuss how to identify the reason behind the argument and how to turn frustrating debates into a productive conversations by listening to understand. We'll also talk about what Scripture says about life issues and how to find common ground, even when you disagree with someone.	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Denomination Domination</p> <p>Speaker: Taylor</p>	With so many denominations and religious beliefs, it can be challenging to figure out what to do and what not to do (and what to believe and what not to believe), especially when friends and family are involved. This session explores who we are as the Body of Christ and how we may relate best to those who have different beliefs than we may have while remaining faithful to our identity as Christ's holy people	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Do we really need to talk about Racism?</p> <p>Speaker: Glenn</p>	The begging of Acts 6 begins with a complaint from the Greek speaking Jewish Christians that their widows weren't being cared for in the same way as Hebrew speaking widows. The Greeks were experiencing racism. Prejudice, bigotry, and racism aren't new to the world or to the church. Healing wounds caused by racism begins with open and honest dialogue, and moves towards a heart of compassion and empathy. Come join me.	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Do you love your Brother? What if he is Gay, Bi, or Tans</p> <p>Speaker: Warren</p>	Exploring questions around-Sexual Identity, Gender, Homosexuality and Development. Special interest will be given to how we as Christians might engage these topics in a way that truly loves our neighbors.	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Doubt is Good</p> <p>Speaker:Youmans</p>	Whether we are willing to admit it or not- we all doubt. It's a natural and important part of our journey of faith. More often than not we keep quiet about our doubts and don't want others to judge us for them. Join us as we explore and express doubt, dig into scripture for help in expressing our doubts, and look to Jesus as the Author and Perfecter of our faith.	4pm	4pm	4pm
<p>Dying to be Free: A conversatioin on Suicide</p> <p>Speaker:Ferguson</p>	If suicide hasn't impacted you or someone you know- it will. In this session, Pastor Travis Ferguson will share his own experience with suicide, and how to navigate life when it doesn't seem worth navigating	4pm	4pm	4pm

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From Lutheran School to the NBA Speaker:Dekker; I Am They	What is it like to play your favorite sport at the highest level? How do you stay strong in your faith in the midst of so much travel, media, and outside pressures? What do you eat on "cheat day"? Sam will answer these questions and more as he shares how God has been preparing him even since he was a young boy in Lutheran School to be a witness on and off the basketball court.	4pm	4pm	4pm
How do I know? A Simple approach to complex decisions Speaker:Peterson	Which college? Relationships? Career path? We all face daily decisions in life, and sometimes our decisions seem to have significant and even life-altering consequences. How do we know if this decision is the right one, especially given the many voices that seek to influence our decision-making process? This session will give a practical Biblical filter for youth to consider as they look forward to future decisions.	4pm	4pm	4pm
I didn't ask for this: What we've gained from loss Speaker:Lemke	Losing someone you love can be incredibly difficult. It can also be a confusing and frustrating experience for those who grieve and the people around them. Dan and Jackie share their story about their son's death, the impact on his friends and God's comfort and faithfulness.	4pm	4pm	4pm
Identity is more than red, yellow, black or white Speaker: Haney; CUI Praise	Many factors determine our identity, our environment, our relationships, and our family of origin. In this session, we will peel away the layers and get at the heart of God's divine purpose for our lives and discuss how we live together in a very diverse culture. We will learn how do see other races, tribes, and people the way God sees them.	4pm	4pm	4pm
Lets talk about body image Speaker:Tietjen	The topic of Body Image spans the depth of our struggle and acceptance for the bodies we were born in and how the world treats us in relationship to how we see ourselves. This session is for anyone who wants to come and have real talk about real issues in relationship to our bodies. It is also the place where together we find the assurance from the Creator who speaks his value to our souls.	4pm	4pm	4pm
Mustaches, fig leaves, and instagram: How Jesus sets us free to be ourselves. Speaker: Lane	We all have ways we try to present ourselves to the world. We use our clothes, hair, social media, and countless other things to present the best version of ourselves to the world. These presentations are often ways of hiding our fears, our insecurities, and our vulnerability, when what we long for is someone to embrace us for who we are. That is what Jesus offers us: an identity that frees us to be ourselves.	4pm	4pm	4pm
NEXT STEPS: preparing for life after high school Speaker:Zill	You are about to encounter the greatest transition period in your life. Your world beyond high school will be both exhilarating and frightening. So how do you get prepared? What do you need to keep in mind? What critical questions should you ask yourself before deciding to go to college (or not) and how do you best prepare yourself if you do? Come and receive some straight talk about your next steps.	4pm	4pm	4pm
Oh the places you'll go Speaker: Young	"Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!" — Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go! Your school, neighborhood, Iowa, or even Africa... Wherever you go- you take the light of Christ with you. Join DCE Krista Young; LCMS missionary and Lutheran Youth from Kenya to hear how God can use you wherever you are to share His love to the world	4pm	4pm	4pm

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Real. Talk Speaker: Gonzales	To "love your neighbor as yourself" can be great, but it can also be REALLY tough. What if you're first struggling to love God? What if you aren't great at loving yourself? What if you have some serious "beef" that you need to squash with your friends, your family, or others in your life? Let's join together for some 'real talk' about how to handle conflict and to experience our "Real. Present. God." in reconciliation.	4pm	4pm	4pm
Sexuality in the Digital age Speaker: Becker	God has a lot of wisdom in His word about sexuality...but how does that apply to how we live today with all our cool technological devices and connections? Come with your questions, concerns, and ideas as we will explore how God's wisdom can still apply to us living centuries later in a digital age.	4pm	4pm	4pm
Take a look in the Mirror Speaker: Stenzel; Ruesch;	Join national relationship experts, Pam Stenzel and Heather Ruesch, to find out how you can BE the right person, in Christ first, so you can FIND the right person, with Christ, forever. Take a look in the mirror and tell me what you see.	4pm	4pm	4pm
The Trap: A discussion about eating disorders Speaker: Jacobson	Beau suffered from an eating disorder for 3 years but has recovered by the grace of God. Join him as he shares his testimony and offers insight in how God plays a HUGE part in overcoming the body image issues that are effecting so many people today.	4pm	4pm	4pm
What the hell? For Heavens Sake! Speaker: Chitwood	Angels and demons. Harps and horrors. Clouds and flames. Everyone has an image of what heaven and hell are all about. But what's real and what's bogus? This session invites you to explore biblical, historical, and contemporary visions of heaven and hell to reconsider what you think you know and rediscover that heaven and hell are less about particular places and more about God's real presence in our lives -- today and in eternity	4pm	4pm	4pm