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HIGHER THINGS 2016 CONFERENCES
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Thank you for your interest in the 2016 Higher Things Lutheran youth conferences! This packet of information is intended to provide all the details needed to register a group to attend the 2016 Bread of Life conferences this summer.

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Nashville, TN

July 5-8, 2016
University of N. Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA

July 26-29, 2016
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO

Visit BreadofLife2016.org for more information!

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Registration Instructions

To be responsible stewards of our resources (and yours), Higher Things is once again providing fully online conference registration! Registering online for a Higher Things conference may seem a little intimidating at first, but it saves printing and postage costs, minimizes data entry mistakes, and is the quickest and easiest way to register your group.

Regarding Deposits and Balances

Non-refundable deposits of $100 per person may be made at any point during the Registration period to ensure your Group's admission to a conference should it reach capacity. In other words, if the maximum number of people begin the registration process for a given conference, those who have paid deposits will be given priority over those who have not paid deposits, regardless of the date they began the process. Deposits will only be refunded for a cancellation if there is a waiting list for that conference at the time of the cancellation.

Please remember that per-person rates are determined by the date your group's Registration fees are PAID IN FULL. Checks mailed to Higher Things will be processed according to postmark date. Unpaid balances and new registrations on or after May 1 will be charged an additional late fee of $25/person ($410/person total). An additional fee of $25 will apply for substitutions made on or after May 1. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.

Pre-Registration Steps

1. Distribute INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORMS to all youth and adults attending the Conference with your group.

2. Set a date when completed INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORMS and deposits must be returned to the Group Leader. Each registrant must fill out an INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM and have it signed by a parent (if applicable), the Group Leader, and your church's Pastor. Please use the information in the completed forms to register your group online and keep the completed form for your records. This form will also serve as permission for minors to travel with the group out of state for the purposes of attending a Higher Things conference.

3. Fill out the ONLINE REGISTRATION WORKSHEET with the information from the INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORMS. Having this worksheet completed when you register online will simplify the data entry process for online registration, and make it easier to confirm that the entered information is accurate. DO NOT MAIL FORMS TO HIGHER THINGS. Doing so will delay the completion of your group's registration. Please register your group online.

How to Register Online

1. Login to your group's HT Account: If your group does not yet have an HT Account for online registration, please create an account for your group in the Conference Registration section of the Higher Things website (www.higherthings.org/conferences). Your group's registration and payments cannot be processed until this very important step has been completed.

   If you have an HT Account already set up, but can't remember your username and/or password, go to www.higherthings.org/account.html?forgot=username and follow the instructions to reset your password.

2. Go to BreadofLife2016.org and click on the link that says, “Click here to register for the Bread of Life conferences!” Login with the username and password for your group, and select the conference location you will be attending.

3. Fill in all the boxes using the ONLINE REGISTRATION WORKSHEET and the information for each registrant using the INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM.

4. When done entering each registrant's information, click on the “Save” button at the end of the form. The window will display the HOUSING POLICIES. You must scroll through the window, read the Housing Policies in their entirety, and confirm that you have read the policies and that you have obtained the necessary signatures for each INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM in order to officially complete each person's entry.

   Please retain the completed forms for your records. DO NOT MAIL FORMS TO HIGHER THINGS. Doing so will delay the completion of your group's registration. Please register your group online.

5. The group's running balance, as well as the deposit amount due, will be displayed for verification.
6. Repeat the above steps until each person in your group is registered. **ALL adults, youth, children, and infants must be registered in order to attend the conference.** After entering the data for each registrant, review the information on the Confirmation Page.

7. Identify the Group Leader by clicking on the circle next to the appropriate registered adult. Each congregation must designate one registered adult as their Group Leader. Group registration confirmation, housing, account balance, and all other conference communications will be sent to this individual via e-mail.

8. You may now pay your group's deposit and/or balance immediately online via credit card (with no processing fees) or you may mail a check to Higher Things. When your group's deposit funds have been received and processed, you will be considered registered to the conference.
1. **Age Categories**

   **CHILD**: Any youth ages 0-11.
   
   a. All children attending a Higher Things Conference must be registered as attendees, including infants and toddlers. Children under the age of 4 may attend at no charge, but they do need to be registered to attend the conference.
   
   b. When registering a child(ren), please notify the Registrar (registrar@higherthings.org) of this fact so the registration fee(s) may be manually adjusted.
   
   c. If multiple children under age 12 are registering with a family, one full registration fee must be paid for each combination of children whose ages total 12 or more at the time of the conference.
   
   d. A parent must accompany a child up to the age of 12, and must be the same-sex of the child if the child is 4 or older.
   
   e. Children ages 4 and up at the time of the conference must share a room with a parent of the same sex, but the parent must pay the additional fee for a private room (or make arrangements to be room with another adult of the same sex) so that another adult is not assigned as a roommate. Neither Higher Things nor a conference site are responsible for providing any additional bedding, pillows, mattresses, cribs, etc.

   **YOUTH**: Minors ages 12-17. One full registration fee must be paid for every youth age 12 and over at the time of the Conference.

   **YOUNG ADULT**: Young adults age 18-20 at the time of the Conference

   **ADULT/CHAPERONE**: Adults 21+ years old at the time of the Conference, approved by the group's pastor to serve in that role.
   
   a. Each group must have at least one (1) male chaperone for up to every seven (7) boys, and at least one (1) female chaperone for up to every seven (7) girls.
   
   b. There is no restriction on the number of adults/chaperones that may register with a group.

2. **Unregistered Attendees**

   For the safety of the youth attending the conference, no youth or adult may attend a Higher Things conference or portions of a Higher Things Conference without appropriately registering or without the direct approval of the Conference Executive.

3. **Unnamed Registrations**

   All registrations in a group must be complete at the time of registration. Spaces cannot be reserved for a conference by paying additional deposits or fees without a registration to which those deposits/fees may be applied. For example, a group cannot complete the registration process for 6 individuals but pay for 7 (or more) and “hold” the additional space(s) while they try to finalize or recruit more people to attend with the group, and then add the actual registrations to the group later.

4. **Housing and Meals**

   Higher Things Conferences are all-inclusive events. Registered groups and/or individuals are not required to stay in assigned housing at the conference site. Nor are groups and/or individuals required to eat meals provided by Higher Things during the conference (Tuesday supper through Friday lunch). However, Higher Things cannot discount the registration fee if groups choose not to use the housing or meals provided with the conference. Please read the Housing Policies for additional details.

5. **Background Checks**

   All adults/chaperones registered to attend a Higher Things conference must pass a national criminal and sexual predator background check by May 1 of the conference calendar year. Sites may require additional measures to protect the safety of youth at events on their campuses (child safety training seminars, background checks for young adults, etc.). Higher Things will notify the groups attending each conference regarding how to report proof that these have been completed and of any additional requirements.

6. **Transportation**

   Groups attending a Higher Things Conference are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference site, including ground transportation to/from airports. Higher Things does not provide housing for bus drivers, and cannot guarantee overnight parking for buses at the conference site. Groups are responsible for all parking passes, meters, tickets, etc.
7. **Day Passes**
Individuals who wish to attend the conference for a single day may purchase a Higher Things for a Day (HTFAD) Registration at a reduced daily rate. HTFAD registrations include meals only, not housing. HTFAD registration opens on May 1. Due to capacity limitations, HTFAD may be limited or unavailable at all Higher Things Conferences.

8. **Additional Days**
On-campus housing is available for groups to stay in their assigned rooms for one additional night before and/or after the conference dates (Monday and/or Friday night). The required ratio of chaperones must be present for all additional days on campus, including situations involving linked groups sharing chaperones. If your group is being linked with another group to share chaperones, those chaperones must also supervise the youth on any additional days on campus or the youth may not stay on campus for those days. Higher Things does not provide supervision for any unattended youth at conferences.

9. **Registration Fee Schedule**
Registration rates are determined by the date a group's Registration fees are PAID IN FULL. Checks mailed to Higher Things will be processed according to postmark date. Online credit card payments must be completed by midnight, Central Time. Unpaid balances and new registrations on or after May 1 will be charged an additional late fee of $25/person ($410/person total).

10. **Deposits**
Non-refundable registration deposits guarantee that a group will be accepted as registered for a conference if the location reaches capacity and a waiting list becomes necessary. Deposits will only be refunded for a cancellation if there is a waiting list for that conference at the time of the cancellation. A deposit may not be transferred out of the space that it saves. It may not be transferred to pay for a remaining balance if a cancellation occurs and there is no substitution to fill the space. Payment of deposits DOES NOT “lock-in” a group's registration rate.

11. **Final Payment Deadline**
All balances (regardless of conference attending) must be PAID IN FULL on or before April 30. Groups paying all or portions of their balance after this date (regardless of the date their group registered and/or paid deposits) will be considered late and will be charged an additional late fee of $25/person ($410/person total).

12. **Late/Walk-Up Registrations**
Individuals and/or groups registering for a conference on or after May 1 will be charged the regular registration rate of $385/person, plus a late fee of $25/person ($410 total).

13. **Substitutions**
If a group substitute one person with another, they must officially make the change to the group's registration and notify the Registrar so that Higher Things has an accurate roster of everyone attending the conference. Substitutions made on or after May 1 will result in a $25 change fee.

14. **Cancellations**
Because the materials needed for the conferences must be ordered based on the registration numbers prior to the first conference, refunds cannot be issued for cancellations on or after May 1. All cancellations that occur on or after May 1, including no-shows at conference check-in, will be responsible for paying the outstanding current registration fee of $385/person plus the $25/person late fee ($410/person total).

15. **Transferring Between Conferences**
A group may transfer from one conference location to another, or off of a waiting list to another location without incurring any additional fees. Groups transferring from a waiting list for one conference to another location should also take note of the Waiting List procedure, below.
16. **Waiting List Procedure**

Occasionally, Higher Things receives registrations and deposits in excess of a site's capacity. When this happens, a waiting list will be created and maintained by the Registrar. Until June 1, the order of the waiting list will be determined by the date (and time, if applicable) a deposit is paid. Registrants will be admitted to the conference as spots become available, by groups or as individuals – however the deposits were paid. A smaller group further down the queue will not be moved ahead to fill the available spaces. On June 1, the waiting list prioritization will change to fill all of the remaining spaces. The first group on the list will be given the following options: a) take the available spaces for a portion of their group, b) transfer to another conference location, or c) receive a full refund of the deposits (any applicable credit card fees cannot be refunded).

When an individual or group is placed on the waiting list, the registration rate is locked-in according to the date their deposit was paid. This lock-in rate only applies to those on the waiting list. When moved off the waiting list, the registration must be paid in full at the locked-in rate within 30 days of admission to the conference. After 30 days, the current registration rate will apply. If a group or individual on the waiting list chooses to transfer to another conference, their registration fees must also be paid at the locked in rate in full within 30 days of transfer. After 30 days, the current registration rate will apply. If admitted to a conference after June 1 (either by transfer, or as a full or partial group), registration fees must be paid in full according to the locked in rate by conference check-in.
Housing Policies

For the protection of the youth attendees, chaperones, and the Higher Things organization, the following policies will be observed and govern how Higher Things assigns housing to registrants at a conference.

1. Gender-Specific Units
   A. Participants will be housed in gender-specific units. A unit may be defined by Higher Things Conferences as a single room, suite of rooms, a wing, a floor, or a building, depending upon the facilities available.
   B. Spouses may NOT be housed together. Each adult/chaperone will be housed in gender-distinctive units near the youth in his/her charge.

2. Age-Specific Rooms
   A. Young Adults and Adults cannot be housed in the same room with any youth or children unless there is an immediate familial relationship between the youth and adult, AND both persons are of the same gender. An immediate familial relationship is defined as a parent or legal guardian and his/her child(ren).
   B. When apartment-style facilities are utilized, adults may be assigned to the same apartment unit as their group's youth (same gender only), but adults may not share sleeping quarters within the apartment with youth unless there is an immediate familial relationship (as defined above).

3. Room and Roommate Assignments
   A. All double-capacity rooms must be fully occupied.
   B. Conference attendees should expect to be housed with at least one roommate, unless a private room is requested by May 1 and appropriate fees are paid. Those requesting private rooms will be charged additional fees of $35/room/night.
   C. The number of single-sex participants in a group may not correspond exactly to the capacity of a given room, so it may be necessary for Higher Things to assign attendees from different groups (but always from the same gender and age categories) to share a room.
   D. Every effort will be made to house conference attendees with their preferred roommate, however these preferences cannot be guaranteed. Roommates are assigned according to the specific guidelines of this Housing Policy, therefore Higher Things cannot permit the rearranging of roommates on site by individuals or groups without working with the Housing Coordinator. Roommate preferences must be entered into each registration by May 1.

4. Additional Charges
   Charges incurred by Higher Things due to the conduct of an individual registrant or group at a conference will be billed to the congregation represented by said individual or group. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to: replacement of lost keys, replacement of lost meal cards, vandalism, damages, and reset of a fire/emergency alarm.

5. Quiet Hours/Visitation Hours
   Common areas are available in residence halls, and no one should be in the sleeping quarters of the opposite sex at any time. Quiet and visitation hours as posted by residence hall and/or Higher Things must be enforced by the groups' chaperones.

6. Child Protection Policies
   Higher Things cannot have adequate knowledge of each congregation's child protection policies. As a result, Higher Things accepts no responsibility for the enforcement of individual congregational child protection policies. It is the responsibility of the chaperone/group leader to know and enforce his/her specific congregational child protection policies if there are additional restrictions not addressed by the Higher Things Housing Policy.

All Higher Things staff, volunteers, and leadership have all completed child safety training and annual background checks. All adults/chaperones registered to attend a Higher Things conference must also pass a national criminal and sexual predator background check by May 1 of the conference calendar year. See Registration Policies for additional information regarding background checks.
### Conference Timeline

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<td>- CCVs notified regarding acceptance.</td>
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<td>- Final balances due (including day before/after and private rooms).</td>
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General

Why Higher Things conferences?
The mission of Higher Things is to assist parents, pastors, and congregations in cultivating a distinctively Lutheran identity among their youth and young adults. The most direct way we do this is through our annual youth conferences. Since the year 2000, Higher Things has held a total of 31 Lutheran youth conferences! 2016 will add three more conferences to that list. We hold multiple conferences each year, in different areas of the country. While the HT conferences are essentially the same in schedule, programming, and worship services, each has its own unique “personality” and dynamics.

We do all this because we are convinced that youth need solid teaching and experiences that will nurture lasting Christian faith. Rather than treating youth as an adolescent subculture and confusing them with once-in-a-lifetime “mountaintop” experiences that cannot be replicated outside the conference events, Higher Things believes in challenging youth to learn the pure doctrine of the Christian faith. By teaching them the same message that they are already hearing at home and at church, youth grow in the fullness of the Christian faith as they come to appreciate historic liturgical practice and its unique focus on God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation for us delivered in Word and Sacrament.

What does the 2016 conference theme, “Bread of Life,” mean?
Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

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What should I expect at a Higher Things conference?
You should expect to spend four days immersed in the Gospel. You’ll hear about Jesus, and what He’s done for you. A lot. You’ll do this by participating in the many worship services in which we join our voices with those of the historic Christian church through liturgy and hymns, and hear the Gospel preached in its purity.

You’ll learn, in much greater depth, about our faith, not just what we believe, but why we believe it and why it’s important. All this will equip you to talk about your faith to others. And you’ll do plenty of that as you get to know hundreds of other Lutheran youth just like you throughout the worship and catechesis sessions, especially during the free time activities each evening. Higher Things conferences are held every summer, so you’ll really have an opportunity to build life-long friendships, as you worship, learn, and have fun together if you’re able to attend year after year!

What age restrictions are there?
Higher Things is very flexible on who may attend the conferences. Our conferences are generally planned for high-school-aged youth, but we recommend that registrants be confirmed before the date of the conference. The recommendation that youth be confirmed before attending the conference is not to set strict age limits, but because the catechesis at the conferences presumes that the audience has a basic familiarity with Lutheran doctrine and practice, which most people receive in confirmation instruction.

We recognize that ages for confirmation may vary from congregation to congregation and simply ask that, if a group is bringing youth who are not yet in high school, the group’s chaperones be prepared to provide the additional supervision that younger youth require. College-age young adults and other adults are also welcome to attend on their own or with a group.

May I bring a friend?
Of course! Non-LCMS youth and adults may register for a conference with the approval of your group’s Pastor and Group Leader. Spouses, personal assistants, and other adults cannot be accommodated as unregistered conference participants. Talk to your pastor and Group Leader about how your friend can join with your group!
2016 Higher Things® Conferences Frequently Asked Questions, cont’d

What if I have special needs?
Higher Things has teamed up with the LCMS Task Force on Disabilities and will make our best efforts to make our 2016 inclusive events, developing support for those with disabilities as needed. Additional fees may need to be assessed for equipment rental, interpretive staff, golf cart rental, etc.

This year the conference at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN will be deaf-friendly. Sign-language interpreters will be provided for the worship and catechesis portions of the conference.

Registration
When does registration open?
Registration opens on November 1, 2015 and closes as conference locations reach capacity. As long as there is room, registration will remain open. However, the cost of registering increases as we get closer to the conference dates.

Can I register online?
Actually, that’s the only way you can register for a Higher Things conference! All you need is an HT Account. If you don’t have an HT Account yet, you can sign up for one at www.higherthings.org. See Registration Instructions for more details.

What does registration cost?
We work very diligently to keep costs as low as possible while providing the best conferences we can, each and every summer! Please note the registration windows have been simplified this year:

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Partial payments (including non-refundable deposits) do not “lock-in” your registration rates. An additional change fee of $25/change will apply for substitutions made after May 1, 2016 (See Registration Policies for details.). Unpaid balances and new registrations on or after May 1, 2016 will be charged an additional late fee of $25/person ($410/person total). All payments must be made in U.S. funds.

What does the Registration Fee include?
Your Registration Fee covers:
- Conference Programming
  - Planning and preparations
  - Catechesis (4 plenary sessions, 6 breakout sessions)
  - Worship (2 Divine Services, 11 prayer offices)
  - Entertainment activities
- Three (3) nights of on-campus housing, including linens
- Nine (9) meals (Tuesday Dinner through Friday Lunch)
- Printed Conference Handbook
- Printed Daily Services Booklet
- Conference T-Shirt
How many chaperones are allowed per youth?
Higher Things requires that each group must provide at least one (1) male adult for every seven (7) male youth and/or at least one (1) female adult for every seven (7) female youth in the group. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old at the time of the conference and approved by the group’s pastor for their role. All chaperones, and any other adults attending the conference, must also complete the registration process.

What if I can’t find enough chaperones from my church?
If you are unable to recruit the necessary number of chaperones for your group to attend a conference, Higher Things will be happy to help you find other groups from your area who might be willing to share their chaperones with you. Please contact the Conference Registrar (registrar@higherthings.org) for assistance.

My church doesn’t sponsor youth to go to HT conferences. Can we still attend?
Of course! Because you will be coming from one congregation, that’ll be your Group Name, even if your group is only a single youth with a parent.

When should we plan to arrive and depart?
The opening Divine Service starts at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the conference week (Registration Check-In will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) and the closing Divine Service ends about 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Please schedule your travel so your group doesn’t miss the opening or closing Divine Services!

Groups may also stay on campus for one extra night before and/or after the conference for an additional fee of $50 per person, per night (additional meals not included). Check-in on the day before the conference will be between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., and those staying an extra day after the conference should plan to check out by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Additional fees will be incurred by groups arriving/departing outside of those hours.

What is the capacity of each conference?
All three 2016 conferences will have a capacity of 1,000 attendees.

Transportation
How do we get to the conference?
Groups are responsible for obtaining their own transportation to and from the conference sites. If traveling by airplane or train, groups will also need to make arrangements for ground transportation from the airport or train depot to the campus, as well as for your group’s private use during the week if you want to go sight-seeing on your own.

How much walking is involved?
A lot. Seriously. A LOT. We try our best to keep all conference activities as close together on the sites as possible. But, because of the nature of college campuses, you will get your exercise! If someone attending with your group will be unable to walk long distances or will need assistance getting around at the conference, please note this as a special need with their Registration. We will be happy to accommodate anyone with special needs, but need your help to plan in advance and additional fees may be assessed.

How do I get to area attractions during the conference?
Any off-site transportation for scheduled conference activities will be provided by Higher Things and is included in your Registration Fee. If groups choose to take their own vehicles to scheduled off-site activities, they will be responsible for any additional charges to do so (parking, tolls, etc.). Groups are responsible for arranging their own transportation for any sight-seeing not included as part of the Conference.

Is parking available on campus?
On-site parking is limited at all sites. Detailed information regarding parking (including fees and obtaining parking passes, if applicable) will be provided to Group Leaders upon Registration.
Housing
What kind of housing can we expect?
Since Higher Things conferences are held at college campuses, all registrants will be staying in residence halls. Sometimes this means a suite of two (2) double-capacity rooms with a shared bathroom between the rooms. Or some residence halls will have standard double rooms with common (single-sex) lavatories with private toilet and shower stalls. We will do our best notify you in advance of the conference of which type of residence hall you will be assigned so you can prepare your group accordingly.

How many people will be assigned per room?
Groups should plan for two (2) occupants per room. You may request roommates from within your own group. Private rooms are available by request for an additional fee of $35 per room, per night ($105 total for 3 nights). If your group does not fully occupy the available rooms or suites, roommates and/or suite-mates (of the same sex and age group) may be assigned from another group. Please see the Higher Things Housing Policy for details about roommate assignments.

Will groups be housed together?
Sort of. Wherever possible, male and female rooms will be separated by floor, wing, or building. We will do our best to assign group members’ rooms near one another. Adults will not be housed in the same room as a youth unless there is a direct familial relationship AND both adult and youth are of the same sex. Please see the Higher Things Housing Policy for details.

Can spouses be housed together?
Unfortunately, no. We assign rooms with male and female rooms appropriately separated by floor, wing, or building. Chaperones must be housed with the youth of their groups.

Are linens provided?
Yes, pillows, bed linens (including blankets), and towels are usually provided for each registrant. However, most campuses do not provide mattress pads or fitted sheets. If any of the above linens are not provided by the campus, Group Leaders will be notified well in advance to bring them. Registrants may bring additional linens on their own.

Do we have to stay on campus?
No, but Higher Things cannot reimburse or discount your Registration Fee if you choose to stay off-campus. Besides, staying in dorms allows youth to get a glimpse of college life and allows youth to get to know other youth at the conference and form lasting friendships.

Can we stay on campus for an extra night before and/or after the conference?
Yes! You may spend an additional night on campus — in the same room(s) you’ll use for the rest of the week — for just $50/night. Since many groups use this option to do area sightseeing, meals are not provided. Groups must notify the registrar that they will need an extra night no later than May 1. Those arriving early may check in on campus between 5:00-10:00 p.m. on Monday and must check out by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Worship
How many services can we attend each day?
At least 3, often 4. It sounds daunting, but each year most youth report that worship is the best part of the Conference week and that they miss it once they return home. Every day, youth and adults start their day with the service of Matins or Morning Prayer, followed by Vespers in the mid-afternoon, and end the day together with Evening Prayer. Time for Individual Confession and Absolution is also offered following Evening Prayer most nights, and small groups are encouraged to gather for Compline before lights-out.

Thirteen services in four days? Why so many?
At Higher Things, our mission is to cultivate, encourage, and promote a Lutheran identity among youth. At conferences, this happens intensively, through catechesis and frequent (though brief) worship services. Most services only last about 30 minutes, but they form a rhythm of each day that reinforces and puts into practice what is being learned in plenary and breakout sessions. We will open and close with the Divine Service and the Lord’s Supper.
I’ve never heard of most of those services! Are they even Lutheran?
Yes! And they’re all taken from the Lutheran Service Book, which most of you use in your own churches. It is a long-standing tradition in the Christian Church to conduct brief prayer services throughout the day. These services provide a great way to keep our days focused on Christ and His gifts for us.

At Higher Things conferences, we want to teach youth about the richness of our confession and introduce them to some of the ways Lutherans have historically practiced their faith. Information will be provided following the close of Registration to help youth leaders teach their groups about these services and the traditions that are often practiced (chanting, kneeling, crossing oneself, incense, etc.) so that youth are prepared to encounter them at the conference.

Is there a conference hymn again this year?
The conference hymn for the 2016 Crucified conferences is “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (LSB #458). Please make use of this hymn in your congregations in the weeks and months leading up to the conference. It’s a wonderful hymn that we’re sure everyone will enjoy singing together!

How are the preachers chosen for the conference worship services?
There are very limited spots available for preaching, but more available for assisting in the services. Priority is given to the pastors attending the conference who volunteer in Higher Things’ leadership. Other preachers and assistants are selected from LCMS pastors registered to attend the conferences. If you would like to be considered to preach or assist, please contact the Conference Executive (conferences@higherthings.org).

Music
Can I sing in the choir?
YES! Participating in the conference choir is one of the best ways for youth (and adults) from all over the country to get to know each other. Everyone is welcome to sing in the choir, regardless of experience! Choir usually rehearses Wednesday-Friday of the conference week at 8:00 a.m., before the morning service and possibly at other times during the week as well. Rehearsal times will be included in the week’s schedule.

However, due to copyright restrictions, those interested in singing the choir will need to register in advance to do so by June 1. Photocopies of music will not be available for the choir, but members may purchase their own music for $5/person, which may be taken home following the conference. If you do not choose to purchase music, you may look on and share with someone else.

May I play my instrument at the conference?
Because it is so difficult to accommodate and select music pieces for the wide variety of instruments people volunteer to play at the conference, instrumentalists will be selected by the Worship and Music staff from those registered for each site. If you’d like to volunteer to play during the conference, notify your Group Leader to indicate that on your conference registration and contact the Conference Executive (conferences@higherthings.org).

Catechesis
Who will be the Plenary Teachers?
Great question! Once we figure out who they’ll all be, we’ll let you know too!

When can we get a list of sectionals?
Not until around June 2016. Sectionals are taught by pastors and other adults attending the conference with their youth groups so we won’t even begin to plan those until around March 2016.

Do we need to sign up for sectionals in advance?
No. Catechesis seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. While we try to make sure everyone will have chairs, it’s impossible to predict how many people will attend any one sectional. Sectional seating is first-come, first-seated.
Are we expected to attend a certain number of sessions?
Yes. You may attend at least one sectional during each breakaway session! Sectional topics and teachers are chosen with youth in mind, and they cover a wide variety of topics to help you learn more about your faith. You should have no problem finding at least one sectional that interests you in each session. Most of the time, attendees have trouble choosing between multiple sessions!

How are breakout teachers chosen?
First, you must be registered to attend the conference. We believe that the best people to teach youth are the very pastors and other adults the Lord has put in their lives to do just that. Breakaway teachers are chosen from the LCMS pastors and lay members of LCMS congregations in good standing who are already registered for that conference. All teachers must also be comfortable communicating with youth, and they should try to prepare their sessions in such a way that will help teenagers faithfully live out the vocations unique to their stations in life.

Free Time/Entertainment
How much free time will there be?
We are planning for a few hours of scheduled entertainment events and/or free time each evening of the conference. However, if your group wants to do some more extensive sight-seeing around the conference cities, you should probably plan for an extra day in town to do that. For your convenience, groups can reserve an extra night (Monday and/or Friday) in their rooms on campus at the time of registration for $50/person/night.

What will we be doing for fun?
We're working on planning some really great activities that we'll be able to tell you about very soon! In the meantime, Google the locations to see if you can guess what some of the options might be! You can also check out photos of past conferences to see what's been done before.

College Conference Volunteers
What are College Conference Volunteers (CCVs)?
College Conference Volunteers play an integral role on the conference staff. They are college-aged young adults who volunteer to help manage the conferences on the ground. They work hard and play even harder. They are often seasoned Higher Things conference-goers, but some newbies get their first Higher Things conference experience as a CCV. Application to be a CCV is a very competitive process, we often receive 2-3 times more applicants than needed.

What kinds of things do CCVs do at the conferences?
- **Registration:** Directing groups through the registration check-in, helping to prepare and distribute materials, directing people to dorms and parking areas, break-down of the information table after the end of the conference, etc.
- **Speaker Care:** CCVs are assigned to a sectional speaker to hand out materials in the sectionals, make sure speakers have any needed food and/or beverages, run AV, remind attendees to text in evaluations, etc.
- **Worship:** Help setup and breakdown the conference Chapel, crowd control, assist with altar guild duties.
- **Merchandise:** Help set-up and break-down as needed.
- **General:** Help supervise activities, give directions, run errands, answer questions, put up signs, etc.
- **Photography:** Take pictures of everything you can and everyone having a great time.
- **Media:** Assist our Media staff with audio/video recording.

How much is my registration if I am selected as a CCV?
CCV registration is FREE! The offerings collected during the opening and closing Divine Services go directly to offset the expenses for the CCV program. You'll just need to get yourself to the conference and back home again.
Do I have to arrive early and/or stay late at the conference?
Yes, CCVs must arrive by noon on Monday of the conference week for orientation/set-up, and should not plan to leave before 5:00 p.m. on the Friday so they can help pack up after the conference.

Will I have special privileges as a volunteer?
Yes, CCVs will have staff (i.e., “backstage”) access to all areas of the conference and a special staff T-shirt. In fact, you will receive multiple T-shirts, because CCVs need to be easily identifiable throughout the week!

How old do I have to be to be a CCV?
You must be at least 18 years old and have completed your high school studies at the time of the conference.

How do I apply to be a CCV?
You will be able to apply online at BreadofLife2016.org between November 1, 2015 and February 28, 2016. Applicants will be notified by March 15, 2016 if they have been selected to serve as a CCV.

Should I still register with my church’s group?
If your church is sending a group to the conference, you should register with your group as well as complete the CCV application so that you are certain to get into the conference, should it fill. If you are selected as a CCV, your registration will then be processed separately from your group. You will also be assigned housing in a separate staff area.

Those who are accepted as CCVs who are not registered with a group for a conference should register as an individual and pay any corresponding registration fees. If selected, Higher Things will reimburse the balance paid as of March 15, 2016.

How many CCVs will be accepted at each of the conferences?
The number of student volunteers is determined by the number of registrants attending each conference. The Conference Executive reserves the right to adjust these numbers if we determine that fewer or more CCVs are actually needed to help with the conference.

Other Conference Support
I’m not a student, but I’d like to volunteer, what can I do?
We never complain that we have too many volunteers! If you live near the conference site, we can always use help transporting staff and CCVs to the conference site. We may need people to run errands on or off site or you can help prepare check-in materials too. Unfortunately, we are not able to waive or reduce fees for volunteers who are not on the regular conference staff.

How else can I support the conferences?
We have a number of specific conference expenses that may be supported by one or multiple donors:

- **Scholarships.** CCV registrations are paid as a conference expense so that college students don’t have to pay registration fees. These young adults work very hard at the conferences and provide invaluable help for us all. Funds received in the offerings during the conference Divine Services will go toward this expense as well.

- **Printing Costs.** Higher Things prints conference handbooks and daily services booklets for each registrant; each set costs about $8.00/person.

- **Conference T-shirts.** These shirts are a great way for kids to take home a souvenir of their week, and provide unique opportunities for them to confess their faith and what they learned when they wear them at home! Contact exhibitors@higherthings.org for more information about sponsorship opportunities.

- **Special Needs Funding.** In 2016, the conference in Nashville, TN will be deaf-friendly. All of the conferences will also be making accommodations for youth attendees with other special needs. If you would like to make a donation toward funding these efforts, please contact development@higherthings.org.

- **Regular Gifts to Higher Things.** All of the yearly operations of the larger organization are supported by conference revenues. Donations to Higher Things will reduce the need to rely on conference income and may result in a reduction in registration fees.
Online Registration Troubleshooting

I don’t remember my username/password! What do I do?

If you have an HT Account and can’t remember your username, you can request that it be emailed to you using the form at: www.higherthings.org/account.html?forgot=username.

I’m having problems registering, help!

If you need help registering, please call 1-888-482-6630 or email the Higher Things Conference Registrar at registrar@higherthings.org. A member of our registration staff will reply to you as soon as possible.

I’d prefer not to pay my balance online. Where may I send my check?

Please pay close attention to the registration mailing address! Please remember that the amount due for your group’s registration will be based on the date your check is postmarked AND your entire balance is paid. Please send one check for your entire group payable to “Higher Things – 2016 Conferences.” All payments must be made in U.S. funds.

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Higher Things Conferences
P.O. Box 155
Holt, MO 64048
Registration

☐ I understand the Registration deadlines and fees below:
   - Non-refundable deposits of $100 per person may be made at any point during Registration to ensure your group admission to a conference should it reach capacity. However, the per-person Registration fees above are based on the date your group’s registration fees are PAID IN FULL. Partial payments (including non-refundable deposits) do not “lock-in” your registration rates. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.
   - Refunds will no longer be given for cancellations (including no-shows at conference check-in) and a $25 change fee will apply to substitutions made on or after May 1, 2016.
   - As of May 1, 2016, new and unpaid registrations will be considered late and will incur an additional late fee of $25/person ($410/person total).

☐ I have received Individual Registration Forms for each person in my group, with all appropriate signatures.

☐ I have made note of any registrants’ special needs, medical conditions and/or disabilities, particularly those that will affect housing assignments or dietary requirements while at the conference.

☐ I understand that I, as the Group Leader, will serve as the primary contact between Higher Things conference staff and my group, and I am responsible for sharing information with the individual registrants of my group and their parents/guardians.

Housing

☐ I have read and understand the Higher Things Registration Policies and Conference Housing Policy.

☐ I understand that requested private rooms will incur a charge of $35/night per room, and that even a private room may share a restroom with person(s) in an adjoining suite or be required to use a common floor restroom.

☐ I understand that my group may stay on campus for an additional day before and/or after the Conference for an additional charge of $50/person/night (housing only).

☐ I understand and have explained to all youth and adult registrants in my group that if our group does not fill a room or suite to capacity, a registrant from another group (of the same sex and age category) may be assigned to share that room and/or suite.

Chaperones

☐ I have recruited the appropriate number of chaperones for my group.*
   - One (1) male chaperone for every seven (7) boys and one (1) female chaperone for every seven (7) girls in your group.*
   - A chaperone must be at least 21 years old at the time of the conference.

☐ I understand that Higher Things does not provide chaperones during the conference and that I, with the other chaperones in my group, am responsible for my group’s conduct and supervision during the conference.

☐ My group’s chaperones are aware of their responsibilities to the youth of our group.

☐ I have made plans and budgeted funds to complete necessary background checks and any other requirements for chaperones in my group to attend the conference.

*If you are unable to recruit the necessary number of chaperones for your youth to attend a conference, we will help you find other groups from your area who might be willing to share their chaperones with your group.
## Individual Registration Form

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- [ ] I intend to receive the Lord’s Supper at the Divine Service.
- [ ] I have attended a Higher Things conference before.
- [ ] I have a disability/medical conditions/dietary or special need:

(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.)

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

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I grant permission for my minor child, named above on this form as “Registrant,” to attend the Higher Things youth conference in Nashville, TN from June 28-July 1, 2016; Cedar Falls, IA from July 5-8, 2016; or Fort Collins, CO from July 26-29, 2016. I assume all responsibility and liability for injury to said minor while at the Higher Things conference. I also give Higher Things, Inc. permission to use any still, audio, and/or video images of my child in conference publicity and news releases.

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### Pastor Section

- [ ] I have reviewed this form and approve this individual’s registration.
- [ ] This individual is a communicant Lutheran in fellowship with the LCMS and may partake in the Lord’s Supper.

*If this individual may not receive the Lord’s Supper, please discuss the matter with the registrant prior to the conference.*

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### Group Leader Section

- [ ] I have reviewed this form and have verified that the information contained in it is correct.

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*The Group Leader should retain the originals of their group’s Individual Registration Forms. In case of an emergency at the conference, both the Individual Registration Form and any appropriate and signed Medical Release Form should be readily accessible to the Group Leader.*
Online Registration Worksheet

Congregation Information

Church Name
Street
City
ST
Zip
Phone

Group Leader Information
Each congregation must designate one registered adult as their Group Leader. Group registration confirmation, housing, account balance, and all other conference communications will be sent to this individual via e-mail.

Last
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Email Address (required)

Group Information
List all registering participants. Please pair participants with their preferred roommate. All chaperones must be at least 21 years old at the time of Registration. Please see the Conference Housing Policy for more details regarding room assignments.

Please indicate whether the registrant is Male (M) or Female (F). Also please mark whether the registrant is a Youth (Y), Young Adult (YA), Adult (A), or Pastor (P), whether the registrant has attended a previous Higher Things conference, if the registrant will be staying Monday and/or Friday nights ($50/person/night, housing only) and if a private room is requested (for an additional fee of $35/night per single room).

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If your group has more than 12 registrants, please use an additional page.

Please review the Conference Housing Policies before completing the housing portion of this worksheet. Also see the Registration Instructions page for details about online registration.

Deposit: $100.00 per person
Registrants: 
Total Deposit Due: $
Total Registration Due: $
Medical Release/History Form

Registrant Information

Child/Dependent’s Name ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________

Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip ___________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Name ___________________________ Email of parent/guardian ___________________________

Work Phone ___________________________ Cell phone ___________________________

Physician’s Name ___________________________ Physician’s Phone number ___________________________

Emergency Contact (if listed parent/guardian is unavailable)

Name ___________________________ Relationship to Child ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ___________________________

Health History

Known Medical Problems: _______________________________________________________________________

Medications to be taken with directions: _______________________________________________________________________

Medication Allergies: _______________________________________________________________________

| History of Asthma? | Y | N |
| History of seizures? | Y | N |
| History of heart problems? | Y | N |
| If yes, nature of problem: | _______________________________________________________________________ |
| May be given as necessary: | _______________________________________________________________________ |
| Tylenol | Y | N |
| Ibuprofen | Y | N |
| Last Tetanus shot (Td): | _______________________________________________________________________ |

Health Insurance Company: _______________________________________________________________________

Group Number: ___________________________ ID Number: ___________________________

I hereby give my consent in advance to the designated leaders of ___________________________ and to the physicians or hospital selected by them to render emergency treatment as in their judgment is reasonably necessary, including, but not limited to, hospitalization, diagnosis including taking specimens and x-rays, giving blood transfusions and medications, anesthesia and surgery for my dependent listed above. I understand that the leaders of this activity will attempt to contact me before securing medical treatment, but that this consent is given in case I am not available in an emergency.

I specifically release the leadership of this activity from any and all claims, loss, cost, damage or expense arising out of or from any accident or other occurrences causing injury to any person or property.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Signature of non-related adult witness ___________________________ Date ___________________________
## Sample Conference Schedule

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Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst,” (St. John 6:35).

Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is the bread that came down from heaven. Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and they all died. Jesus is the Bread that a man may eat of and never die. Believing in His Words and promises, receiving His Body and Blood, we live forever.

We are very excited to announce that the 2016 Higher Things conferences will rejoicing in Jesus being the “Bread of Life.” We will receive His Words. We will eat His Body and drink His Blood. We will live forever.

Check out BreadofLife2016.org for more information!
Who can come to a Higher Things conference?

• High school youth, or at least confirmed youth.
• College students and college-age young adults.
• Pastors and other adult (age 21+) chaperones, 1 male chaperone for up to every 7 boys, and 1 female chaperone for up to every 7 girls in the group.

Why should I attend?

Youth need solid ground that will nurture lasting Christian faith. At Higher Things conferences, you’ll hear the same pure doctrines of forgiveness, life, and salvation you are already hearing in your home congregation every week. You’ll spend four amazing days worshiping and learning with Lutherans from all over the country, while getting a taste of college life. Every year, youth return home with a greater appreciation of what it means to be distinctly Lutheran. Come, “Dare to be Lutheran” and join in the fun at a Higher Things youth conference this summer!

What’s included in the conference registration?

• Conference programming (worship, catechesis, entertainment activities)
• 3 nights of on-campus housing, double occupancy.
• 9 meals (Tuesday dinner through Friday lunch).
• Printed materials and conference T-shirt.

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