

THRIVE

Covenant 2011-2012

As a family participating in St. John's Thrive ministry, our family agrees:

STUDENT

1. **To participate fully** in the Thrive experience by participating in the large and small group events and to be willing to try new activities to the best of my abilities.
2. **To be respectful of others** and understand that if my behavior is not respectful of my peers and adult leaders I may be asked to temporarily leave the group and discuss my behavior with a leader and my parent(s).
3. **To accept the adult leaders (Guides)** as the people in charge of our group and to be respectful of their authority. I also will make sure to tell them of any problems I may be having at Thrive and know they will listen and help me.
4. **To behave in a manner that would be expected of a Christian person**, representing my faith and my church in appropriate ways.
5. **No CELL PHONES, MP3/MUSIC/VIDEO PLAYERS** will be allowed during the evening. If I bring one of the previously mentioned objects I understand that it will be held for the evening by my Guide(s). I understand that cell phones are only to be used for emergency situations and should be cleared by my Guide before the start of Thrive that evening.

PARENT

1. I will **encourage and support** my child's Thrive expectations especially by committing to making sure my son or daughter attends weekly and brings their Bible.
2. I will **assist and participate** the small group by being available as a substitute Guide.
3. I will **help** with Servant, Fellowship and other events.
4. I will support my child in **instructing appropriate conduct** while at Thrive events.
5. I will **remember** that this 6-8th grade ministry is designed to be a faith resource for my family and not a substitute for growing and learning about Christ in our home.
6. I will **remember the pledge at my child's baptism** and faithfully work to honor it. (...faithfully bring them to God's house, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. ...place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.)

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN:

Youth Signature

Parent(s) Signature

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PARTICIPANT RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY -

I, the parent or legal guardian, hereby freely and voluntarily, without duress, execute this Release under the following terms:

Waiver and Release. I hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless **St. John's Lutheran Church** and its successors and assigns from any and all liability claims, demands, and causes of action, of whatever kind of nature, either in law or equity, which may hereafter arise from my child's participation with **St. John's Lutheran Church**.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release discharges **St. John's Lutheran Church** from any liability or claim that I may have against **St. John's Lutheran Church** with respect to any bodily or other injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from my child's participation at St. John's. I also understand that **St. John's Lutheran Church** does not assume any responsibility or obligation to provide financial assistance, including, but not limited to, medical, health, or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness death, or property damage.

Insurance. I understand that except as otherwise agreed in writing, **St. John's Lutheran Church** does not carry or maintain health, medical, disability, damage, liability, or other insurance coverage for the benefit of any participant and expressly disclaims the responsibility or obligation to so. As a parent or legal guardian, I am expected and encouraged by **St. John's Lutheran Church** to maintain medical, health, and all other applicable insurance coverage for my own child's benefit.

Medical Treatment. I hereby release and forever discharge **St. John's Lutheran Church** from any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever that may arise or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid or other medical treatment rendered in connection with St. John's activities and my child.

Assumption of Risk. I understand that my child's participation with **St. John's Lutheran Church** and/or any project, activity or event sponsored, managed, arranged or promoted by, or otherwise affiliated or associated with **St. John's Lutheran Church** may include activities that may be hazardous to my child. I further recognize and understand that such participation may involve certain inherently dangerous activities. I hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in the activities and release **St. John's Lutheran Church** from all liability for injury, illness, death and/or property damage that may result.

Publicity Release. I do hereby grant and convey unto **St. John's Lutheran Church** all rights, titles, and interest in and to any and all photographic images and video or audio recording made by or on behalf of **St. John's Lutheran Church** or made with its consent, during my child's participation with **St. John's Lutheran Church** and/or any project, activity or event sponsored, managed, arranged, or promoted by, or otherwise affiliated or associated with **St. John's Lutheran Church**, including but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

Other. I expressly understand and agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that this Release shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release.

This Release is entered into voluntarily and knowingly on:

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

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