



# LGBTQIA(NSWERS)

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church - Brookings, SD  
Sunday 6pm - Monday 3pm

What do you do when people you know announce they identify as part of the LGBT community? What do you do when you start questioning who God has created you to be? We live in a world of darkness and confusion that needs the light of Christ. But how do we faithfully bring the light of Christ? This retreat will dig into how we ended up here culturally, what Scripture has to say about these topics, and how to live in Christ despite the confusion and suffering that surrounds us.

Pastor Merritt Demski graduated from Concordia Chicago with a bachelor's degree in literature in 2008 before graduating from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis with his M-Div. in 2016. He is the pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Hanover (rural Alta), IA. Pastor Demski enjoys spending time with people and studying church history to understand why we do what we do. He also enjoys spending time with his family, walking, and discussing film and literature.

## Things to Know

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| <b>When:</b>    | January 19-20, 2025                          | <b>Time:</b>          | Sunday 6pm - Monday 3pm  |
| <b>Where:</b>   | Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church<br>Brookings, SD | <b>Meals:</b>         | Sunday supper; Monday breakfast, lunch<br>and snacks                           |
| <b>Who:</b>     | High School & College students               | <b>What to Bring:</b> | toiletries, especially deodorant! change<br>of clothes, sleeping bag, pillow   |
| <b>Cost:</b>    | \$40 per person                              | <b>RSVP:</b>          | via online registration at the<br>Higher Things website<br>by January 10, 2025 |
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# INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Higher Things® Retreats

## Registrant Section

|        |    |     |                           |    |               |                            |                              |
|--------|----|-----|---------------------------|----|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Last   |    |     | First                     | MI | Date of Birth | <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> Female |
| Street |    |     | Home Phone                |    |               | Cell Phone                 |                              |
| City   | ST | Zip | Registrant E-mail Address |    |               |                            |                              |

- I have attended a Higher Things Conference before
- I have attended a Higher Things Retreat before
- I have a disability/medical conditions/dietary or special need:
- Youth (12-17)    Young Adult (18-20)    Adult (21+)
- Pastor

*Indicate above which age group the Registrant will be  
at the time of the retreat.*

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

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|-------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------|
| Group Church Name |         | Church Phone | Group Leader's Name |
| Street            | City/ST | Zip          | Pastor's Name       |

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

|                                    |      |            |                     |
|------------------------------------|------|------------|---------------------|
| First                              | Last | Home Phone | Parent's Cell Phone |
| Address (if different from above.) |      | City       | ST   Zip            |
| Parent's E-mail Address            |      |            |                     |

\_\_\_ Can we add you to an Higher Things email list?

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

Parent's Signature

Date