

Dear Parents,

The high school students of Central Minnesota Christian School are invited to attend the annual fall parent-run retreat the weekend of September 11-13. We will be holding the retreat at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria, MN. Our speaker this year is Case Mulder. Case is a former graduate of Central. Currently, he serves as Youth Director at Friendship Church in Shakopee, MN. As of the end of Summer 2026, he will have completed his Masters degree from the University of Northwestern St Paul. He will go on from there to finish seminary at Midwestern Theological Seminary. Case is passionate about God's Word, God's people, and prayer. His favorite things to do to pass the time are reading good books, watching/playing sports, drinking a good coffee, and spending time with his beautiful wife, Winona. As always, our intent for this retreat is to encourage the students to grow in the Lord personally, but also how we can do that as a body. Case will do that with the theme of **Higher Ground: Becoming who you are in Christ**. Let this be a goal the students set for this new year at Central. To register, please fill out this [form](#).

Although meals will be provided at the camp, we would love baked goods or any type of snack for in-between times. The kids really appreciate them! These snacks will be served in a common area for all the students to enjoy. Sorry, but students are not allowed to keep snacks or treats in their rooms. This is a Lake Geneva rule. The baked goods and snacks can be brought to the Central office by the morning of September 11. We will pick them up at noon and take them along to the retreat.

We would ask you to pray for God's leading in the hearts and lives of each individual who attends. We have sessions Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning before we leave. As we did last year, we are saying no cell phones or electronics for students. We request students leave them at home. If not, they will be collected at school before boarding the buses. We know other groups are also enforcing **NO CELL PHONES**. You may ask the reason, and it is the same - we are committing this weekend to honor God. We have found cell phones to be a distraction in this setting. Fasting from cell phones allows time to committing to interact with their peers/friends and focus on God. Replace the cell phone with a Bible. If you need to contact your child, you may call one of the counselors or Perry & Marge (numbers below). Each year it seems a few pranks arise. **Please talk with your children and make sure they do not plan on pranking.** We have had kids not come due to fear of pranks or kids afraid to leave their room during free time. These pranks disrupt the reason we come to retreat. Bullying and scare tactics will not be tolerated. Please discuss with your children what they are taking to retreat. If this happens or your child has brought inappropriate items to retreat, they may be asked to leave, and you will get a call to pick them up.

We would encourage parents to attend any part of this weekend. You may come for any session. There is a small fee for a meal. Come for the free time on Saturday and stay for the evening session! We encourage parents/grandparents and youth leaders to come and support their student(s). We ask that you give us prior notice if you plan to stay for a meal so we can notify the kitchen. Just give us a call. If the cost of registration or meals is an issue, please contact Perry or Marge. We want all students to attend.

At this time, we are still welcoming counselors. If this is you and you would like more information, please contact Perry Breems at 320-212-7446 or Marge Breems at 320-212-9300. **PLEASE REGISTER BY FRIDAY, SEPT 4, 2026.**

Thank you so very much! ~The Retreat Committee

Central Minnesota Christian School Fall Retreat 2026
Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria

- Friday:** 3:15- Leave School
4:30- Check in
5:30- Supper
7:00- Evening Session in the Worship Center
10:00 Devotions with Counselors
- Saturday:** 8:00- Breakfast
8:45- Quiet Time
9:30- Morning Session followed by small group with counselor
11:30- Lunch
1:30- Free time - outdoor games or games in basement of Lakeview Center
5:00- Supper
7:00- Evening Session
10:00 Devotions with counselors
- Sunday:** 8:00- Breakfast
9:00- Worship Service
Pack up and board buses for home - around 12:30 - 1:00 pm

Emergency Numbers: Perry and Marge Breems (320-212-7446 or 320-212-9300)
Christian Center (320-763-3680)

Retreat Committee: Perry & Marge Breems, Stephen & Katy Vogel, Krista Slagter, Mason & Elsa Dehmlow

Some items to remember to bring:

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| - Bible | - pillow & bedding (sleeping bag or sheets & blankets) |
| - notebook & pen | - towel & washcloth |
| - flashlight | - card games |
| -personal hygiene items | - extra clothes-might need them after Saturday's free time |
| -Swimsuits-Pool Open Sat Afternoon | |
| - cash for Java Junction(coffee shop open Sat Afternoon) | |

Please **leave at home:**

Electronic games and cell phones

Pranks

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- The "leave at home items", if brought, will be safely kept by the counselors and returned to you at the end of the weekend.
 - No Cell phones,
 - Everyone is required to attend all sessions and planned activities
 - We ask for your cooperation and respect all weekend
 - We ask that there be no removal of screens- there will be a fine (\$\$\$)
 - Leave the furniture where it is- do not move it into rooms

It is our prayer that this weekend you will deepen your relationship with the Lord and each other!