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Empowering Youth
and
Transforming
Communities

Our Community Partners

YMCA of Greater Indianapolis
indymca.org

Peace Learning Center
<https://peacelearningcenter.org>

MSD Washington Township
<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us>



Who is Luke's Leaders?

Luke's Leaders is a weekly, after-school leadership development initiative developed by the Outreach and Justice Department of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. The program is dedicated to nurturing and empowering youth to become the next generation of change makers. At Luke's Leaders, we believe that every young person has the potential to become a leader and make a positive impact in their community.

Our Mission and Core Values

Our mission is to provide Washington Township students, aged 10 to 14, with transformative leadership development and community engagement opportunities. Through a combination of hands-on experiences, mentorship, and partnerships with local youth-serving organizations, we aim to equip young people with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to create meaningful changes.



Empowerment - We believe in empowering youth to discover their unique strengths and abilities, enabling them to take ownership of their futures and make informed decisions.



Inclusivity - We embrace and celebrate diversity in all its forms, fostering an inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued.



Collaboration - We recognize that collective action is the key to creating sustainable change. We actively promote collaboration among our participants, partners and the broader community.

The Luke's Leaders Program

Luke's Leaders is a leadership development initiative developed by St. Luke's United Methodist Church for Washington Township Schools, and offered through a collaboration of community organizations.

Luke's Leaders is seeking a variety of Washington Township middle school students to participate. Most important is that the student has potential and a desire to develop their leadership skills. A variety of academic performance and leadership experience is desired and enhances the program.

"I like the program's focus on community building and service. The community leaders from various organizations that have come in to speak to the students have given the kids a great opportunity to see how they can get involved in our city. I also appreciate the focus on local government and how it runs."

Luke's Leaders Parent



Program for 6th Grade

Sixth graders from each middle school will meet at their respective middle school with the **Peace Learning Center** staff. Mentors from St. Luke's UMC will also be in attendance.

Sessions will start on September 9, 2024, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students will be picked up by parents or they make take the late bus home. Snacks will be provided. There will be 8 sessions in the fall and 8 sessions in the winter. Winter session will begin on January 15, 2025.

Eastwood Sessions will on Thursdays of each week.

Westlane and Northview Sessions will be on Tuesdays of each week.



Program for 7th Grade YMCA Leaders Club

Seventh graders from each middle school will meet at St. Luke's UMC with the **YMCA of Greater Indianapolis** staff. Mentors from St. Luke's UMC will also be in attendance. Transportation from school to St. Luke's UMC will be provided by St. Luke's.

Sessions will start on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at the church. Students will be picked up by parents by 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

There will be 8 sessions in the fall and 8 sessions in the winter. Winter session will begin on January 15, 2025.



Program for 8th Grade - YMCA Youth in Government

Eighth graders from each middle school will meet at St. Luke's UMC with the **YMCA of Greater Indianapolis** staff. Mentors from St. Luke's UMC will also be in attendance. Transportation from school to St. Luke's UMC will be provided by St. Luke's.

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