

My name is Ava Witkowski, I have attended St. Bridget's of Sweden church since birth. This summer I am going on St. Bridget's mission trip, I am very excited. My faith journey is important to our church because the younger generations are building blocks for the foundation of our church. Building my faith will help me to encourage others to build theirs too. I have experienced many forms of generosity in the church but one that has stuck with me are my youth leaders and faith formation teachers. They are so kind to teach us about Christ and help us strengthen our relationship with Him.

My faith is important to me because I want to have a stronger connection with God and Jesus. Having faith keeps that relationship as well as Christ centered relationships with friends and family. I wish to do God's will by helping others and treating others with kindness during this trip. My faith recently has really strengthened. I have been going to church more often and with altar serving I feel an even closer connection to God.

I am so excited to go on this mission trip because I have never done anything like this through the church before! It's good to try new things and branch out. I hope that during this trip my relationship with Christ will strengthen even more and teach me ways to be more like him. I think that I will encounter Christ in helping others and spending time with others who are also on this journey.

There are many benefits of going on this mission trip such as spending time with the youth I already know and meeting new people. Building new Christ centered relationships will strengthen my faith even further.

Thank you whoever is reading this for your thoughtful consideration! We will be praying for you on our mission trip and in our faith journey. May God bless you for your investment.