

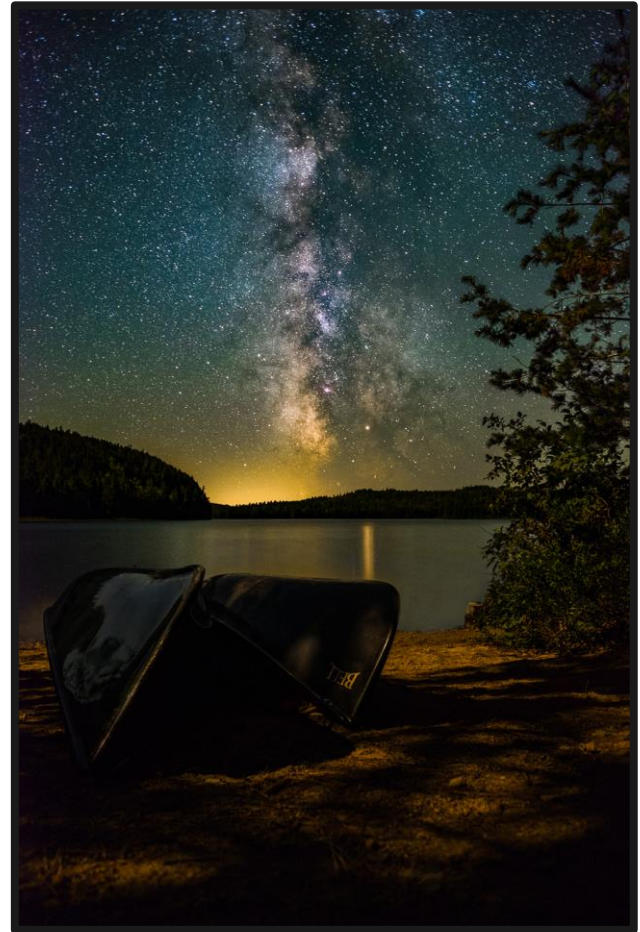


My Faith

Charlie Sutherland: Confirmation Faith Project

God Moments/Sightings

Although there really isn't a time in my life where God doesn't affect how I live, there is one specific circumstance where I know he is with me - looking at the night sky. This is very moving for me, especially when I am in a place such as the BWCA where there is little to no light pollution, and I get to experience the true vastness of the universe. Although it makes me feel small, I realize that God is among those stars, and there is a special path in life waiting for me. It is almost as if I am looking right into God's eyes.



Favorite service project

Although there are many times that I have gotten the opportunity and pleasure to serve in my community, Hands Across Duluth stands out to me as the favorite. Being with peers, and at the same time enjoying the nice summer weather and doing good deeds for people in need really makes me enjoy being a part of this church community. My favorite part about Hands Across Duluth is that, especially for the older kids, the tasks and activities aren't easy. There are real jobs that need to be done, and being treated like an adult while getting to see the genuine gratefulness on others' faces makes me feel like I have a purpose not only in the church, but in the real community as well.

(cannot find any pictures of my time with HAD, but there are many great memories!),



Baseball and Family

For me, baseball and family are the two most important parts of my life. Everything I do, I do for these two things. Baseball helps with every decision I make, because there is not a single thing that can come between me and my goal of reaching professional baseball. Whenever there is peer pressure or temptation to do something, I can always just think about my ultimate goal and the decision becomes clear to do the right thing. My family is everything to me, my parents are and always have been there to support me, and after 15 years I can FINALLY say that I get along well with my siblings. Family and baseball make me the person I am today.



My Baptism

I was baptized at St. Paul's on a Sunday (date unknown) by Priest Aaron Kramer. I actually had two baptisms, one of them was unofficial (in Lake Superior!), and then later an official one at the church. The name on my baptismal certificate is Charles Steven Sutherland. At my baptism, my family, extended family, and my godparents, Doug Hoffman and Jen Pearson, were present. My parents remember loving the fact that I had the unofficial one in Lake Superior because I got to begin my journey with Christ in my favorite place - nature.



Moving Forward

Going on in my life, I will do everything possible to live in the most Christ-like way that I can. The reality of it is that not everything you do can be perfect, but if you try your absolute best, it is possible to get close. The most important thing for me to keep in mind is the Golden Rule. If I treat others how I would like to be treated, I think that will make my life as full as can be. I don't care what I am remembered for if it isn't that I treated everyone with absolute respect, and that I always spread positivity.

