

## Confirmation Ministry at First Lutheran for 2017-2018

The following is a schedule by age/grade level so that families may plan to be available for Confirmation Faith Forming Opportunities and events offered for their children. You are encouraged to save this schedule for your reference throughout the year. Keep in mind that the possibility of date changes exists. Families will receive a mailed letter several weeks in advance of each class/opportunity. Families who have missed a section are welcome to participate in the class the next time it is offered. Thank you for making faithful Christian learning a priority for your family!

### Registration for Education Ministry at First Lutheran

Sundays, August 20 and 27, 2017, following the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services of worship.

### Three-year-old Enfoldment and Welcome to Sunday School

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. for children and their parents/guardians. Children will receive story Bibles at worship on Rally Sunday, September 17, at both services.

### Second Grade

Holy Communion Instruction Sundays during Lent. February 25 and March 4 for youth and their parents/guardians. Youth will make clay chalice (cup) and paten (plate) as a keepsake. The class will receive Holy Communion at Maundy Thursday worship, March 29, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

### Third Grade

Confirmation Orientation and Bible overview meeting for youth and parents on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Youth receive student Bibles at worship on Sunday, August 20, 2017.

Family Devotions during the month of September, families share devotions together at home. In-home visit during October.

### Fourth Grade

Class on Holy Baptism on Wednesday nights (January 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2017) at 7:00 p.m. Students will make Baptismal Banners as a keepsake during this class.

### Fifth Grade

Stewardship as Life Class on Wednesday nights (September 13, 20, and 27, 2017). During one class time, students will make bread together to be shared at Holy Communion in Sunday worship.

### Sixth Grade

Created in God's Image Class on Wednesday nights (November 1, 8, and 15, 2017) at 7:00 p.m. This class is for youth and their parents/guardians to learn, share, and explore what it means to live in God's image.

Class on Prayer during the week of Vacation Bible School (August 6-10, 2018).

### Seventh Grade

Ten sessions on the Old Testament begins Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. Student study Bibles will be available to purchase for use during this class.

Ten sessions on the New Testament begins Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

### Eighth Grade

Ten sessions on Lutheran Identity begins Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Ten sessions on Life of Faith and contemporary issues begins Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Mentor Program (Spring 2018 through Graduation) Students will discuss and select mentors during spring Life of Faith class. Watch for more information.

### Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Grade

Mentor/Mentee/Parent Reception on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor sharing, Holy Communion, and preparation for Confirmation Sunday worship on Sunday, October 29, 2017, at special 2:00 p.m. service.

Confirmation Sunday on October 29, 2017, special 2:00 p.m. service. (Practice for youth on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.)

### Twelfth Grade

Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Graduates attend worship and brunch with parents.

**Welcome** to a new year of Youth and Family ministry at First Lutheran! We have much to celebrate and great things to build on in the coming year. Young people have been growing in their faith through participation in trips and events, such as the middle school mission trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul. We have provided entertainment at the St. Francis Green Fair, served Share A Meal, helped with VBS. We are registering youth entering grades 9 through 12 for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston in summer 2018. **Reminder:** Registration and deposit is due by August 31. We are learning to live our faith right where we live and around the world, and we're having fun doing it!

All youth and families are invited to **Rally Sunday, September 17** when we will kick off the coming year – regular Sunday School begins on September 24 for children age 3 through Grade 12 meets each week at 9:30 a.m. We gather in the sanctuary for opening – see you there!

**Watch for these opportunities for all in the months ahead:**

- ✦ Youth entering grades 6-8 starting in September 2017 may register to attend the Middle School Youth Gathering at Cragun's, Brainerd, MN. Dates for this event are Friday-Saturday, November 17-18, 2017.
- ✦ Youth entering grades 9-12 in September 2017, registration for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston in summer of 2018 is due August 31!
- ✦ "Followers of Jesus" children's choir: rehearsals are after school on Wednesdays in September for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Watch for an exact start date. The group will learn songs to sing at worship. Families are asked to register separately for this activity. Bus transportation from Little Falls schools is on bus #21. Director of Music, Becky Nelson, directs the choir.
- ✦ We will plan for a Children's Christmas Program in December, plan to be a part of this celebration of Christ's birth!



**Faith Forming opportunities through Youth Group Gatherings:**

**Gospel Gang (Grades 3-5):** Watch for a variety of opportunities to gather for fun activities. Families are especially encouraged to participate in events for this age group.

**Wild & Crazy Saints (Grades 6-8):** Lots of fun activities are in the works. The NE MN Synod Middle School Youth Gathering held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd is a highlight in November. Dates for this event will be Friday-Saturday, November 17-18, 2017. Watch for a fun winter weekend at Luther Crest Bible Camp too.

**Senior High (Grades 9-12):** Youth who are registered to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in summer 2018 will be meeting for teamwork, fundraising, and fun. Watch for other activities throughout the year.

There are many ways that you can connect with youth activity: at church, in person or by phone at the church office; 320-632-6667, by, on our congregational Facebook page, "First Lutheran Church, Little Falls MN", Youth Facebook page, "FLC Little Falls Youth", or on the church website, [www.flclittlefalls.org](http://www.flclittlefalls.org). We look forward to a fun year with you!