



Faith Journey Lutheran Church will be participating in this year's West Fest Parade with the theme of "your city" we are taking a step further for our float of "Your City: Your Church Faith Journey est. 1939". We are looking for volunteers in many different areas and there will be opportunities to prepare after worship 30th and the 6th as well as the evenings of Wednesday the 2nd and 16th. Please talk to the West Fest Team in the Narthex for more information.

This will be a year of Team building and forming new Teams this congregation needs. Each Team is important to the life of the church. Working together we can bear much fruit. The next All Teams Meeting is Wednesday, August 26. We will begin with a Build your own Sandwich potluck at 5:30pm. Individual teams will meet at 6:15pm and all the teams will meet together around 7:00pm. Our primary topic of discussion will be Rally Sunday which is on September 13. There will be one service at 10:00am followed by activities and a pancake breakfast served by the Boy Scouts.

What to bring to the potluck on August 26:

Arts & Environment and Caring Ministry - deli meats and cheese

Community Impact and Faith Formation - desserts

Faith Foundation and Kingsmen - chips

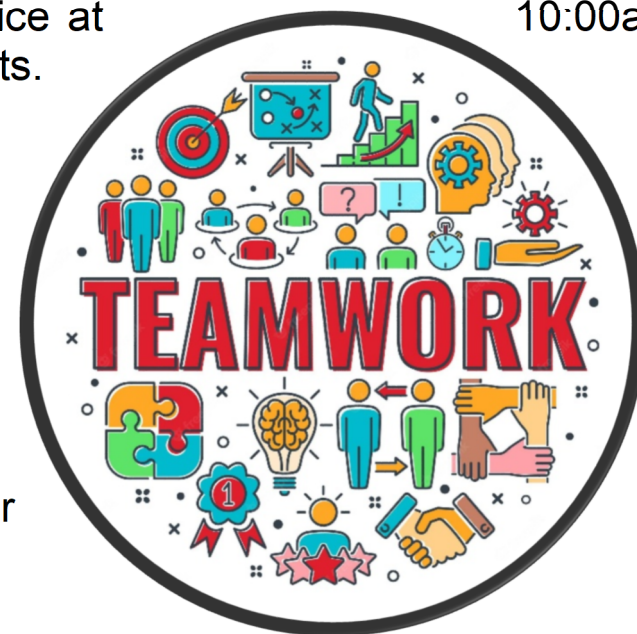
Piecemakers and Stewardship - fruit/fruit salads

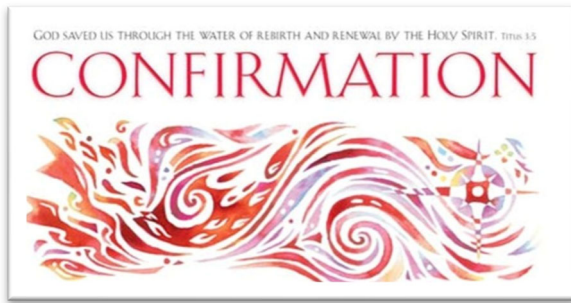
Worship, AV team and Women of Faith - salad/veggies

Sacraments Ministry, Property and Welcome - breads/buns

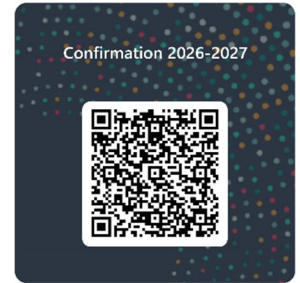
Before the August 26 meeting:

We need a small group to help with the logistics of where the booths for the teams will be set up. Contact Jane Whaley at jwhaley@growinfaith.org if you are interested.





There will be a Confirmation Guide Meal & Huddles on Wednesday, Sept. 16th for all existing Guides & Jr. Guides from 5:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in being a Confirmation Small Group Guide or Jr. Guide, please contact Maren Kramer.



Confirmation for youth grades 6th-8th grade meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm, with pizza being served at 6:15pm. The first session on Wed., Sept. 23, is for parents, guides & students. The cost is **FREE**, but registration is required for all programs. More information is available in the Newsletter or on the Youth Kiosk in the Narthex or contact Maren Kramer to register or with questions.



Summer is coming to a close & we are excited to start our Intergenerational Family Sunday School that will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10am. Sunday School is geared toward families of children aged 4yrs – 5th grade. Sunday School is offered FREE of charge, but registered is required. This is to ensure that we have enough supplies for everyone.



Mark your calendars! The Eastern ND Synod & NWMN of the ELCA Youth Retreat for students grades 6th – 10th will be September 25-27 at Cast Away Club in Detroit Lakes. Join for a weekend of fellowship, fun, food & unforgettable memories! Contact Maren Kramer, Faith Formation Director, for more info or to sign up.

This year's theme is **Imagine More** — inspired by the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering theme. At the heart of this theme is the invitation to trust that God is always at work beyond what we can see, understand, or expect.

Imagine More calls us to expand our vision: to imagine a faith that expands beyond Sunday, a love that reaches beyond our comfort zones, a justice that transforms communities, and a God whose possibilities are greater than our limitations.

Throughout the weekend, we'll invite young people to wonder:

- What does it mean to imagine more for my own faith journey?
- Where is God calling me beyond what feels safe or familiar?
- How can the church imagine more for our neighbors, our communities, and the world?

Rooted in the promise that God is always creating, renewing, and calling us forward, this retreat will help youth explore how imagination is not just creativity — it's discipleship. It's the courage to believe God can do something new in us and through us.

