

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS AND EVENTS!

CONFIRMATION GUIDE/JR.GUIDE MEAL & HUDDLE: Wed. Sept. 16, 2026, 5:30-7:30

- For ALL Guides including 9th grade guides!
- Catered meal to celebrate the great work of last year and send off our 9th grade guides well!
- Orientation to this year's new curriculum (Faith Incubators), structure, and events as well as general discussion of ideas gained from last years' experience.

INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 10-10:55 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

- Beginning Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 10 a.m.
- Cost: FREE Registration needed for planning, emergency information, etc.
- This ministry is geared for families with children aged 4 yrs-5th grade, but all are welcome.
- Parent(s) or adult family members join the learning with their children, younger siblings are welcome
- Through Song, engaging activities, bible reading & discussion we learn the history of God's people, the love of God for us and God's action in our lives, how to follow Christ and share God's love with others! Based on the Spark House curriculum.
- Parent sessions will also happen quarterly this year!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Wednesdays 6:15 Meal 7-8:30 Instruction

- Cost is FREE Registration needed for communication, planning, emergencies, etc.
- **Starts:** Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026, Parents, Guides and Youth should attend.
- This ministry is geared for Youth Grades 6th-8th grade with Confirmation on Reformation of 9th grade.
- Confirmation is a combination of large and small group learning, Bible and Lutheran learning (new curriculum this year!), service and fellowship events.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOR 9TH GRADE YOUTH & THEIR GUIDES: Sunday, October 4th, 2026

- WHEN: 2:30-7 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL—attending the entire retreat is expected.
- This is a time to solidify all that's been learned that is vital to our faith and our lives going forward, celebrate our hard work and time together, and prepare for our Confirmation Service.
- This Retreat is a requirement for Confirmation, and we are requesting that youth do not come late or leave early—that families make this a priority over extracurriculars and other activities. Missing part of the retreat affects the rest of the group, processes and closure activities we will be doing.
- We will be sharing a light lunch and supper, taking confirmation pictures (come ready for pictures, there won't be time to do hair or makeup here), making stoles, going over learning of the last 3 years, individual time with Pastor Sue & Maren with your faith statements, small group time and closure activities after spending 3 years together!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, ONE SERVICE AT 10 A.M. Confirmands should be here by 9:20 a.m. to prepare and share in a cake reception in the Narthex!

E. ND ELCA SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT: September 25-27, 2026. Club Castaway, Detroit Lakes

Youth from the Eastern ND and NW Minnesota ELCA Synods are joining together to grow in their faith, worship, have fun, meet other Lutheran Youth in the area and Imagine More! This is our 1st year ever as a church participating, and we'd love to take a good-sized group! Cost is \$192, and we are seeking people to sponsor youth to try to get the cost to families to \$92 for 3 days of food, activities and fun. This will get us excited about the National Youth Gathering next June-July. Friends are welcome to come!

- We register as a group so contact Maren by September 13, 2026, to register or for more information. We will coordinate transportation.

1st Meeting RE: ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING TRIP: June 28-July 2, 2027, Minneapolis MN

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 AT 7 PM in the Youth Room is the 1st meeting of youth considering going & their guardians. It's Super important to attend If you are at all interested-- please come! We will be meeting every 2wks-monthly during the school year for developing community as a group, planning and fund-raising. It's an experience you will remember for the rest of your life! Please contact Maren for any questions you may have! We register as a group early on Oct. 1, 2026 so we need to form our group that's going soon! Again, friends are welcome to join us if they commit to attending group mtgs & fund-raisers.

MONTHLY YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12th graders: Usually the 3rd Sunday of the Month!

- **When:** SUNDAYS 3-5 P.M.
- Help us build our Youth Group for fun, belonging, and devotions. We will start as one group and may split into middle/high school groups if we have enough youth attending. 😊
- September's youth group will be the Eastern ND Synod Youth Retreat Sept. 25-27, 2026
- Each gathering will include fun activities, a snack, a devotion, and discussion.
- Parent volunteers will be needed as more than 1 adult with a youth group is best practice.
- Other activities/events may be scheduled in addition as interest arises!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Some youths have expressed an interest in us starting a Youth Bible Study—please let Maren know and we will find the best time for the most people to meet. 😊

FAITH FORMATION TEAM: We are looking for more people to join our Faith Formation Team that meets the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. We plan and oversee our faith formation programming for people across the life span—infancy to seniors. If there is an activity you would like to see and assist with let us know. Please join us—contact Maren for more information!