



Learning Is “Heart Work”

Learning Opportunities of First Lutheran Church

CHILDREN and YOUTH (3 Y/O to 12TH GRADE)

- **Faith Trek** - Sunday morning Christian education for 3 year olds to 5th grade which focuses on experiential learning, asking questions and having fun together. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Milestone Ministries** - Celebrates important milestones in the faith life and daily life of young members (baptism, confirmation, first Bible, graduation, etc.). Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Middle School Learning**- Sunday morning Christian education for 6th to 8th graders focusing on growing and living as a young disciple facing real life issues from a perspective of faith. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller
- **Confirmation** – Two-fold focus: 1) for confirmand to affirm her/his baptism and God’s work that has already been going on since baptism and 2) to help their parents/mentors fulfill their baptismal promise. Confirmation is about building relationships, with parents and youth sharing and growing in faith together. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller
- **High School Learning** - Sunday morning Christian education for 9th to 12th graders with an emphasis on current events, cultural awareness, Bible study, difficult topics and God in daily life. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller
- **Youth Accompaniment Experience (formerly known as AWOL Mission Trip)**- A trip outside of familiar territory leads to a journey outside of comfort zones and experiencing God at the margins of life. This trip has more to do with how our young people are in the world and less about the projects accomplished. Contact: Sharon Hardel or Pastor Justin Eller
- **Youth Groups** - Gather regularly to connect with and learn more about fellow youth to build relationships and be part of a community that shares a love for God and serves the local community. Contact: Sharon Hardel
- **LYON Assembly & Trip** - Connect with Lutheran youth across Nebraska for Synod-wide activities and engagement. Contact: Sharon Hardel
- **Pre-Baptism Classes** - As a family decides to baptize their child(ren), they meet in conversation with one of the pastors to share and learn about baptism as a means of God’s grace. Contact: Pastor Dan Warnes or Pastor Justin Eller

ADULT

- **Adult Forum** (Sunday AM) - Learn about a variety of topics relevant to our Christian faith and how those topics influence our growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Keep an eye open for guest speakers that bring an expertise to their subject matter. Contact: Connie Kisling
- **Alternative opportunities** (Sunday AM) - Sometimes other adult learning opportunities present themselves that also take place at the 9:30 AM learning hour. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share them. Contact: Sunni Richardson or Pastor Justin Eller
- **New Member Class** (March and October) - We welcome new members into our church family twice a year. The New Member sessions help to familiarize new members about First Lutheran Church, ministry opportunities, faith and/or Lutheranism. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller
- **Senior Fellowship Ministries** - Join us for a monthly lunch with programming intended for senior adults on the second Thursday of the month at noon. Other activities are offered as interest arises. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Creation Care Workshops** - Learn at workshops focused on Christian concern for the care of the environment. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Spiritual Formation Workshops** - Come and deepen your spirituality. Offered as available, topics have included: Prayer Beads, Prayer Flags, Praying in Color, etc. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Synod Assembly/Theological Conference** - Participate in the Synod governing body's business and continued theological conference for rostered ministers. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

DISCUSSION and CONVERSATION

- **Book Group Discussion** - Discuss a book relevant to your spiritual development. See faith in the real world and in the lives of the characters in the book. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Harbor Coffee Talk** - Gather to talk about the Sunday sermon or a current event on Mondays at the Harbor Coffee Shop at 1:30 PM. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Faith to Go!** - Eat a light breakfast and learn more about one of your fellow congregants. Held mornings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Contact: Tera Beerman

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Tuesdays 5:45 PM** - Each Tuesday evening, join the conversational study of scripture, exploring how the Living Word continues to speak to and impacts our daily lives. You can join the conversation at any time without previous Bible study experience. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Wednesdays 10:45 AM** - This interactive and participatory Bible study dives deep into our sacred text to understand it on a personal and communal level. You can join this study at any time without previous experience. Contact: Sunni Richardson

WOMEN

- **Circles** – Attend a women’s circle for fellowship, relationship building, projects and spiritual development. Contact: Sunni Richardson
- **Bible Study** – Using the Women of the ELCA’s Gather Magazine to study the Bible. Held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and open to women. Contact: Sunni Richardson

MEN

- **A Few Good Men** - Tuesday mornings at 6:45 AM, a group of men gather to chat about life, faith and a book they are reading together. Contact: Bill Watts
- **Saturday with the Guys** - Join a group of guys who study and discuss a book together on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Open to men of all ages. Contact: Jim Kisling or Mitch Snyder

CARE

- **Grief Support** - Receive and give support to help deal with a time of grief. Contact: Judy Bailey or Pastor Justin Eller
- **Stephen Ministries** - Become a trained Stephen Minister who is an equipped and empowered lay caregiver who provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Contact: Faye Doolittle or Pastor Justin Eller
- **Divorce Care** - Participate in a support group for those navigating through and dealing with the challenges of divorce. This learning opportunity occurs only when there are enough folks interested in participating. Contact: Pastor Dan Warnes