

Youth and Family Ministries at First Lutheran 2019-2020

OUR DESIRE IS TO SUPPORT YOU AS A PARENT, NOT TO REPLACE YOU.

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OUR COMMON MISSION:

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing, and growing ways of Christ.

THE PRINCIPLES AROUND WHICH OUR MINISTRIES OPERATE:

WORSHIP: helping students worship God in a variety of ways

- Attitude of audience: I want to seek and celebrate Jesus in my life*
- Main programs: worship, gatherings, Youth Praise Band, G3, TLC music*

OUTREACH: helping students serve God and others

- Attitude of audience: I want to serve Jesus*
- Main programs: leadership opportunities, outreach projects and monthly events, date nights for the congregation, adopt a highway, food drives, rake and rolls, mission trips, and other community opportunities*

LEARNING: helping students deepen their own faith

- Attitude of audience: I want to be like Jesus;*
- Main programs: bible studies, Wednesday night discussion groups, TLC, gatherings, monthly events, confirmation, summer trips, etc.*

FELLOWSHIP: helping students build true community

- Attitude of audience: I'm curious about Jesus*
- Main programs: Senior High ALIVE, Junior Hi ALIVE, Breakfast Grub Club, monthly events, Little League, Gatherings, TLC, and summer trips.*

STUDENT MINISTRIES WIDE EVENTS AND RESOURCES:

WEBSITE: www.1stlutheran.org

This is our church's main website...great for all of the overall information of the church. It is an active and always updated website (not just an info site)... And you can download our calendar to your phone or computer! ☺

E-MAIL: tomasek@iw.net

This is THE huge way we communicate our information and publicize our events and opportunities. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail.

FACEBOOK:

I am on Facebook "[Tonya Hohwieler Tomasek](#)" and use this page a lot in ministry.

Our church also has a PAGE on Facebook: "[First Lutheran Church](#)"this is a great place to keep with your faith family.

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GETTING INVOLVED (Parents)

VOLUNTEERING WEEKLY: there are a variety of opportunities to help with weekly programming. We can always use people to help out or if interested even co-lead. Call Tonya for further information.

DRIVERS: We always need drivers for our events. So let us know if you wouldn't mind driving a van full of kids around or if you have a larger vehicle you don't mind lending.

EVENT FOOD HELP: what is a monthly event without food? ☺.... We look for people to bring desserts to our Lenten suppers or to different events. We usually call for this.

VOLUNTEERING FOR MONTHLY EVENTS OR TRIPS: If you hear of an event that the youth are going to be a part of and you think you would love to be a leader or help, contact Tonya. We are always in need of adult chaperones or adult leaders for our gatherings, summer bible camps, day trips, or summer trips.

LENTEN SUPPERS: Our Lenten suppers are a big part of our funding FLY ministries. The junior high youth work hard at these suppers to not only raise funds but also provide a time of fellowship for the families around their Lenten evening worship. There is always need for adult help....supervising the youth, helping provide food, helping with set up, helping in the kitchen, helping with the clean up..... join us! We really do have fun!

YOU NAME IT.... what's your passion area? Want to help us build better websites or start up or try and new outreach or idea.....? You tell us and let's see if we can't team up your passions with our purposes.... We would LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! ☺

WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS—SUNDAYS

ELEMENTARY: (3RD – 6TH GRADERS)

Sundays: TLC Sundays; Choir as a part of TLC, worship as a family (also, Saturday and Wednesday options)

Wednesdays: G3 Liturgical Dance, Little League, TLC Wednesdays. Choir as a part of TLC,
Monthly events

JUNIOR HIGH: (7TH – 8TH GRADERS)

Sundays: worship as a family (also, Saturday and Wednesday options)

Wednesdays: Confirmation, Jr High ALIVE, Youth Praise Band
Monthly events

SENIOR HIGH (9TH – 12TH GRADERS)

Sundays: worship as a family (also, Saturday and Wednesday options)

Wednesdays: Youth Praise Band, Sr High ALIVE, Bible Studies (Faith Chats and Game Changers)

Fridays: Breakfast Grub Club
Monthly events

FAMILY MINISTRY:

Monthly Events (i.e. date night, celebration nights, advent family devotions/projects, challenges, summer picnic sponsored by our outreach committee)

Confirmation **Parent Forums**- speakers, panels, or videos offered (open to all also)

Monthly **newsletter** "Parenting Christian Kids" emailed out to families

Email Parenting Ministry videos/topics/activities to be used how families want or see fit

ANNUAL EVENTS

*(these are the usual "set" events from year to year....
other new events and opportunities always come up)*

ELEMENTARY:

Little League Kick-off (grades 3-6)

*Shetek's Oktoberfest (one night overnight at Shetek Lutheran Ministries) grades 3-6

*Shetek Fun Day (a day of winter fun in December at Shetek Lutheran Ministries)
grades 3 and up

Mini Lock-In (grades 3-6)

**Shetek Summer Bible Camps—all ages

*First Lutheran's Vacation Bible School

*Wild Water West (grades 3-6)—July or August

*Daycamp: sponsored by First Lutheran and St Stephen with Shetek staff providing the programming (grades K-6)—4 days--July

*Shetek Day Play (grades 1-2)—usually in July or August

JUNIOR HIGH:

- Fall Kick-Off—September
- *Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar (November)
- *Heart to Heart gifts (Nov/Dec)
 - Caroling during Advent Season
 - Heart to Heart Food Deliveries in December
- *Lock-In
 - Food Drive Scavenger Hunt (January or February)
 - Babysitting for First Lutheran's Family Date Nights—June
 - Lenten Suppers (serve meals to First Lutheran families)
- *8th Grade Confirmation Retreat—April
 - Adopt a Highway in the fall and spring
- *Klein Ranch bible camp (north central SD)—June
- *Day Trip to Valleyfair—June or July

SENIOR HIGH:

- Leading a Summer Trip Recap worship service (September)
- Rake and Roll service project (October)
- Heart to Heart gifts (Nov/Dec)
- Heart to Heart Food Deliveries in December
- *Lock-in
 - Various events or service project as they come up throughout the year
- *Synod Youth Gathering (March or April)
 - Food Drive Scavenger Hunt (March)
 - Baccalaureate Worship with Senior Reception for seniors and families—May 2019
 - Babysitting for First Lutheran's Family Date Nights—June
- *Day Trip to Valleyfair—June or July
- *Summer Trip (three year rotation of national gathering, mission trip, & high adventures)
 - 2020---High Adventures Trip

*** (cost is involved)**