



## **Youth and Family Ministries at First Lutheran 2016-2017**

*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, Wednesday Youth Praise Band, G3, TLC choirs*

#### **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, and other community opportunities that come up throughout the year.*

#### **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, etc.*

#### **FELLOWSHIP: helping students build true community**

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



## **STUDENT MINISTRIES WIDE EVENTS AND RESOURCES:**

**WEBSITE:** [www.first-lutheran-youth.blogspot.com](http://www.first-lutheran-youth.blogspot.com)

Our website is great for basic data, to see the Rock or Calendars, parenting tips, interesting links and articles.... Yes it is also a blog and hopefully can be up and running like one ...

[www.1stlutheran.org](http://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](mailto:tomasek@iw.net)

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

**FACEBOOK:**

\*\*I also 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 for daily devotions and announcements and pictures of the day to day, life of our faith family. ( We have a PAGE on Facebook: "[First Lutheran Youth, Marshall MN](#)" but we are trying to combined this over to the church page)

**TWITTER:** *tomasek*

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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 are always looking for people to bring bars for the TLC pizza nights or some other events.

**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? Do you wanna 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: (3<sup>RD</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS)**

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

**Wednesdays:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir, G3 Liturgical Dance, Little League, TLC Wednesdays. Choirs as a part of TLC, worship and supper  
Monthly events

**JUNIOR HIGH: (7<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS)**

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

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

**SENIOR HIGH (9<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS)**

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

**Wednesdays:** Wednesday Youth Praise Band, High School Bible Studies, Sr High ALIVE

**Fridays:** Breakfast Klub (aka BK at BK)  
Monthly events

**FAMILY MINISTRY:**

**Sundays:** Parenting Forums and Videos (when available)

Monthly Events

Weekly Bible Studies

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**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 Octoberfest (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’s Spring Fling Day (a day of spring fun and learning about Shetek) grades 2-3

\*Shetek Summer Bible Camps –all ages

\*First Lutheran’s Vacation Bible School

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

\*Daycamp at First Lutheran with Shetek staff (grades K-6)—4 days--July

\*Wet ‘n Wild Camp at Shetek (grade 6)



**JUNIOR HIGH:**

- Fall Kick-Off—September
- \*Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar (November)
- Heart to Heart Food Deliveries in December
- \*Lock-In
- Food Drive Scavenger Hunt (February)
- Babysitting for First Lutheran's Family Date Nights—June
- Lenten Suppers
- \*8<sup>th</sup> 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 Praise Service (usually in September)
- Heart to Heart Food Deliveries in December
- Heart to Heart gifts (Nov/Dec)
- Food Drive Scavenger Hunt (March)
- Babysitting for First Lutheran's Family Date Nights—June
- \*Lock-in
- \*Synod Youth Gathering--March
- \*Day Trip to Valleyfair—June or July
- \*Summer Trip (three year rotation of national gathering, mission trip, & high adventures)  
2017---High Adventures Trip (TBA)
- Baccalaureate Worship with Senior Reception for seniors and families—May 2017

**\* (cost is involved)**