**Confirm†Faith 2018-2019**

**Learning & Community Building Event Calendar**

***Wednesday Schedule:***

*Grade 8 meets from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays*

*Grades 6 & 7 meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays*

**September** 12 Orientation – Parents & Students

 19 Large Group Building Activities

 26 Large Group Building Activities

**October** 3 Small Group Formation & Bible: Apostle Paul

 3 Choose Prayer Pal by this date /Sign-ups Due

 10 Bible: Apostle Paul

 17 (Wed.) SERVICE EVENT: Friends at the Huruma Centre

 24 Bible: Apostle Paul

 31 No Wednesday Worship or Class – Halloween Night

**November**  7 Bible: Apostle Paul

 11 (Sunday 11:30-1:00) First Communion Class w/Lunch

 14 Bible: Apostle Paul

14 Meet Pastor Tommy Richter – Parents Invited

 17 (Saturday 8:30-11:30) BONUS SERVICE EVENT: FMSC

 21 No Wednesday Class

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Only w/ First Communion

 28 Bible: Apostle Paul

**December**  2 or 5 Prayer Pal Discussion Booklet & Advent Worship

 9 or 12 Prayer Pal Discussion Booklet & Advent Worship

 16 (Sun. 3-5:00) BONUS SERVICE EVENT: Christmas Caroling

 *Pizza Dinner will be served before worship*

 16 or 19 Prayer Pal Discussion Booklet & Advent Worship

 \*\* Gift Exchange with Prayer Pal\*\*

 26 No Wednesday Class – Christmas Break

***Advent Worship Time Options:***

*Sunday Advent Worship is at 5:30 p.m. or Wednesday Advent Worship is at 6:30 p.m.*

1. *Prayer Pals can meet for discussion either before or after Advent worship*

*on either Sunday or Wednesday.*

1. *Sign-in when you arrive.*
2. *If prayer pals meet for discussion in a location other than the church building,*

*written or texted permission from parent is necessary.*

1. *A parent ought to attend worship with child(ren) if a prayer pal is absent.*

**January** 2 No Wednesday Class – New Year Break

 9 Lutheran Paradox: Law/Gospel

 12 Winter Retreat at Camp Wapo

 16 Lutheran Paradox: Saint/Sinner

 23 Lutheran Paradox: Two Kingdoms

 30 Lutheran Paradox: Doubt/Faith

**February** 6 I Believe…

6 (Wednesday) Camp Worship – Parents Please Attend

 13 Trinity: God the Creator

 18 (Monday TBA) BONUS SERVICE EVENT: Day of Service

 20 Trinity: Jesus the Savior

 27 Trinity: Holy Spirit the Advocate

**March** 6 (No Class) Worship Only: Ash Wed. Worship

 - Parents Please Attend

 13 Prayer Pal Lent Worship & Discussion Booklet

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**April**  3 Prayer Pal Lent Worship & Discussion Booklet

 10 Prayer Pal Lent Worship & Discussion Booklet

 17 (No Class) Please attend Holy Week Worship Thurs. & Fri.

 21 (Sunday) Easter Worship

 24 (Wed.) SERVICE EVENT – Meet an Older Friend

**May** 1 Affirmation Night

**June**  16-21 Camp Wapo, Amery WI – Ox Lake Site

***Lent Worship Time Options:***

*Wednesday Lent Worship is at 6:30 p.m.*

1. *Prayer Pals can meet for discussion either before or after Lent Worship*

*four out of five sessions.*

1. *Sign-in when you arrive.*
2. *If prayer pals meet for discussion in a location other than the church building,*

*written or texted permission from parent is necessary.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ Worship with Parent or Loving Adult regularly on Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30

\_\_\_\_\_ Acolyte 2 Sundays *(Sign-up Genius will be emailed)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Worship Leader with Small Group (Usher and Greeter) 1 *Assigned* Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend Class & Small Group Time *(See below Schedule)*

*2018-2019 Learning about the Apostle Paul, Luther’s Paradox & the Trinity*

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend First Communion Class

*If you have not attended and are currently receiving Communion*

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend 2 Bonus Service Events: *FMSC or Christmas Caroling or Day of Service*

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent *signed-up* to help with at least 1 Bonus Service Event *(Due Oct 3)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Choose a Prayer Pal *(Due October 3)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet with Prayer Pal for 3 Advent Worship Services & Discussion

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet with Prayer Pal for 4 Lent Worship Services & Discussion

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend Summer Camp

*At least 1 of 3 summers…preferred summer after Grade 6*

Grade 8

5:30 Snack Provided

5:30 Class & Small Group Discussion in Hall from

6:30 Worship in Sanctuary

(7:00) Go Home or Study Room *OPTION*

*8th Graders Save these 2019 Dates:*

*Faith Encounter: September 29, 2019*

*Confirmation Reception: October 25, 2019*

*Confirmation Worship: October 27, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.*

Grade 6 & 7

6:30 Worship in Sanctuary

7:00 Class & Small Group Discussion

8:00 Go Home

*If you are not attending worship/class, please contact Pastor Leesa*

Text or Call 651-592-2976 / Email pastorleesa@goodshepherdigh.com

My Prayer Pal

*Due on Wednesday, October 3*

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* Be my “Pal”! ☺ & Pray for me regularly
* Attend Advent Worship with me either Sunday or Wednesday, then work on the Discussion Booklet with me.
* Exchange Christmas Gifts with me.
* Attend Lent Worship with me four out of five Wednesdays, then work on the Discussion Booklet with me.

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Welcome to Confirmation!

It is really, really good to be on the journey together!

* I am wanting to make this ministry opportunity doable because I know we all have busy schedules – besides the bonus service events and summer camp – everything happens on a Wednesday or a Sunday…mostly Wednesdays now to make things even easier for you.

Parents: You are THE MOST important person on your child’s faith journey. Several of us are coming along side you to help because I learned long ago, the Spirit doesn’t work through one person alone, rather an entire community. HOWEVER, parents, you must know that your child is watching you and how It is my hope that you will be able to articulate WHY you are having your son or daughter attend confirmation. Your answer will help you determine what components of the ministry you are going to make a priority. That will say something to your child. Doing it to “check” the box is not going to be very convincing to your child and it will not help them get engaged.

Parents & Worship

Wednesday Worship expectation – with parent or other loving adult (worship notes), respectful of those around you and the space you’re in and turn off cell phones

Sunday Morning Worship:

At least three leadership opportunities – 2 acolytes, 1 youth in worship

Arrive 15 minutes before scheduled worship service.

We will have a training session in class.

Sign up Genius will be sent to you to: Choose acolyte schedule and when you’re helping

Prayer Pals

Prayer Pals is about Relational ministry! Wrestling together with faith is the point. Not having all the right answers. Choosing a non-relative.

Your child will choose his or her prayer pal by October 3. We will work on preparing for Prayer Pals in class.

Please try and commit to the entire 1.5 hours. Worship is not an ‘option’ to skip. In fact, it is probably the most important piece of the night! It can be disruptive to the rest of the kids.

Service

We are incorporating service into Wednesdays, but there are still Bonus Service Events – choose 2 to participate. Parents choose at least 1 to help at. Sign up genius will be available.

Pastor & Class

Our subjects this year.

Class & Small Group expectation – I am a pastor. I am not a disciplinarian. Although, I do it when I have to. With that said – this year, I am having a no tolerance zone. I will give one warning to focus and listen. Then I will ask your son or daughter to call you to pick him or her up early. The disruption is too much for those of us who are there to learn and grow in faith. I try to engage your children the best I can. Sometimes it doesn’t happen. They can’t get engaged, they go home and will try again the next week.

Register your son or daughter on line. Registration fee can also be paid on line.

I need your email and cell phone. I will contact you regularly via email and occasionally text.