

Hello Prayer Pals,

Thank you so much for choosing to partner with and be a Prayer Pal for one of our youth. We are very excited to have you be a part of the confirmation ministry this year. If your confirmation youth did not inform you of this partnership, I apologize, but still hope you will consider the opportunity. If you can't be a prayer pal, please let me and your student know as soon as possible.

So, what exactly is a Prayer Pal?

As a Prayer Pal, you will serve as an adult mentor to the youth. Research has shown that parents are the most important faith teachers a child can have in their lives. It has also shown that the second most influential faith teachers are the other adult mentors that the youth have in their lives. As a Prayer Pal, the youth know you are someone who is praying for them and someone that they can go to with anything.

Okay, what do I have to do?

As a Prayer Pal, we are asking that you make a commitment to:

1. Pray for Them!

At baptism, there is a promise made by the parents, the sponsors, and by *the church* to support and pray for the child in their new life in Christ. By being a Prayer Pal, you are doing your part in upholding the promise made by the church when these youth were baptized; to support and pray for this child.

2. Recognize Their Celebrations.

We want you to recognize the milestones happening in the youth's life. This is as simple as remembering their birthday, sending them holiday cards, and trying your best to be aware of any major events taking place.

3. Attend Three Advent Worship/Discussion Nights (December) & Four Lent Worship/Discussion Nights (March)

During Advent and Lent we take a break from our learning in the classroom on Wednesday evenings and plan for you to worship with your Prayer Pal and then have a discussion either before or after worship. We think these relationships with an adult person of faith is significant on the faith journey. Adults too will be surprised as to how much they learn through this friendship!

Here are the dates for Advent:

Wednesday, December 4 for 6:30 worship, preceded or followed by discussion

Wednesday, December 11 for 6:30 worship, preceded or followed by discussion

Wednesday, December 18 for 6:30 worship, preceded or followed by discussion

(Lent Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 26, April 1)

Note:

- We serve Soup Supper for a \$5 donation at 5:30 for those who wish to have their discussion over dinner.
- If you leave the church building, you must inform me and the child's parent before you do so.
- Exchange contact information – cell phones. Text messages work great for our kiddos. If they don't have a cell phone, perhaps their parent is willing to share their number so you can keep in touch!
- **Wednesday, December 18 is our annual wear a glitzy, crazy Christmas sweater and gift exchange with your prayer pal. (The gifts are small – no more than \$10-15). Please take a SELFIE of you and your Prayer Pal and email it to: pastorleesa@icloud.com or text it to: 651-592-2976**
- **Discussion Booklets are found in the Commons. You and your pal ought to sign the booklet each week you meet! No worries if you don't finish the discussion or maybe not even start it! The most important discussion comes from your heart as you get to know each other and build a friendship!**

Thank you so much for walking Together on the Journey with one of our youth in confirmation!

Peace,
Pastor Leesa