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St. Luke's Weekly Youth Faith Formation Newsletter

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS SUNDAY!

Don't forget! Youth Faith Formation classes begin at 9:45AM this Sunday! We hope to see you there!

Sunday School 1 (PK-1) - Downstairs in Room 1

Sunday School 2 (2&3) - Upstairs in Room 9

Sunday School 3 (4&5) - Upstairs in Room 7

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS TOO!

4:00PM - Angel Choir (Grades PK-2) - Choir Room

4:30PM - Storytime (Ages 0-4) - 1st Floor Nursery

4:30PM Lamplighters (Grades K-5) - Auditorium

5:30PM - Family Table (ALL ages!) - Dining Room

CONFIRMATION - BACK TO BASICS

Father John+ will be offering Confirmation classes for youth in 8th grade and above. Classes will meet weekly after the 10:00 AM service in the dining hall, beginning Sunday, September 27, and continuing through the Bishop's visit on November 15. Youth will join the adult Confirmation class, with some opportunities to meet separately as a youth group as well. Attendance every week is not required, but regular participation is encouraged. More details will be shared at our first meeting.



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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

First day of Sunday School classes

Welcome Brunch

following the 10:00AM service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 6:00PM

First Fun & Faith Fridays

Youth Group of the year!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

First Confirmation Class

after the 10:00AM service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 6:00PM

Arkfull Coffee House

Open Mic Night

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Blessing of the Animals - no classes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

NOVEMBER 20-22

Fall Youth Retreat at ECC

ARE YOU READY???

FUN & FAITH FRIDAYS

Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 6:00-8:00PM in the Dining Room for an exciting and engaging Youth Group experience.

What to Expect:

- Dinner!
- Games & Fun: Kick off the evening with a variety of fun games and activities that encourage teamwork, creativity, and laughter.
- Faith Exploration: Dive into thought-provoking discussions and activities that explore faith and spirituality in a way that resonates with young people.
- Compline: Conclude the night with a peaceful and reflective Compline service, providing a moment of quiet contemplation and connection.

Our Friday Youth Group is a welcoming and inclusive space for young people to make friends, have fun, and deepen their understanding of faith.

PRAYER

Generous God,

Our hearts are full of gratitude for all that you have given us, both large and small. Thank you for our many blessings. Help us to share that gratitude with others in our church, our schools, our workplaces, our homes, and our community.

May our thankfulness show in our words and actions, and may we find ways to spread gratitude wherever we go.

Amen.

FIND YOUR PLACE FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

While we don't have Sunday School for grades 6-12, we'd love for our older children and youth to find a way to participate in the life of our church that works for them. There are several options, and students are welcome to choose one, two, or all three!

ACOLYTES

Acolytes play an important role in our worship, helping with the beauty and flow of our liturgy. Serving also gives young people a unique behind-the-scenes perspective and a deeper connection to the life of our church. We need more acolytes! If your child is interested, please contact Christoph Stretz at cstretz85@gmail.com.

CHOIR

Singers of all ages are welcome to be part of St. Luke's active choral ministry. If your child enjoys singing or would like to try something new, contact Rodney Ayers, Minister of Music, at (401) 884-4116 ext. 107 or rodney@stlukeseg.org. We'd love to have their voice join our musical prayers and praises!

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Our younger children and teachers in PK-5 can always use an extra set of hands! Youth can assist our adult teachers, gain leadership experience, and spend time with some of our youngest St. Luke's kids. Email Amy at amy@stlukeseg.org if your child is interested.

LAMPLIGHTER VOLUNTEERS

We're also looking for a few youth who would be willing to help with Lamplighters on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 PM. It's a great opportunity to spend time with our elementary-age kids while gaining valuable leadership experience. As a bonus, volunteer hours with St. Luke's programs can count toward requirements for organizations such as Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society.

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL YOUTH RETREAT (GRADES 6-12)

We are excited to announce this year's Fall Youth Retreat, November 20-22, at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI! The retreat is open to all students in grades 6 through 12. We will enjoy hiking, crafts, singing, fellowship, and s'mores! Please check your email for the link to register.

For Children During Worship at St. Luke's

St. Luke's loves children and wants to support families every step of the way on their faith journey and in the life of the church. In addition to the options below, children can also join the choir, acolyte, or usher.

Nursery (ages 0–3)

Nursery care is available during both the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Sunday services. The nursery is located on the first floor.

Sunday School (grades PK–5)

Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45AM. St. Luke's provides age-appropriate lessons that connect the Bible with everyday life and encourage children to practice their faith in simple, meaningful ways. PK–1 meets in Room 1, grades 2–3 meet in Room 9, and grades 4–5 meet in Room 7. Children rejoin their parents in church after the Passing of the Peace.

The Prayground (ages 0–5)

The Prayground is a designated space at the front of St. Luke's where our youngest parishioners can engage in worship using age-appropriate materials. We provide children's Bibles, books, coloring pages, blocks, baby dolls, and a wooden Eucharist play set, all stored in baskets under the benches. Children and their caregivers are encouraged to come forward, sit on the benches or the rug, and participate in a way that makes worship meaningful for them. All items should be tidied up at Communion, and families are invited to return to their pews at this time.

Family Room (for those who need a little space)

Located in the Blackburn Room on the first floor, across from the nursery, the Family Room is available for families who need to step out during worship. The livestream will be playing on the TV, so families can continue to participate while giving their child extra space to move, play, or regroup. Families are welcome to return to the church whenever they are ready.

Worship Bags (ages 5 & up)

Worship Bags are available at the back of the church and contain quiet, engaging activities to be used in the pews. Children can pick them up after class and bring them to their pew. Each item is chosen not only to occupy children but to help them connect with and participate in worship in age-appropriate ways. These bags nurture curiosity, creativity, and a sense of belonging while supporting families in fully participating in the service. Worship Bags should remain in the pews and not be taken to the Prayground. Please return the bags to the basket at the back of the church at the end of the service so they can be refreshed for the following week.



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