



LEARNING MINISTRIES OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

CHILDREN and YOUTH (3 Y/O to 12TH GRADE)

FaithTrek - Sunday morning Christian education for 3 year olds through 5th grade with a focus on Bible stories, prayer and service utilizing an experiential education style of learning where questions are welcomed and fun abounds. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

Middle School Learning – Sunday morning Christian education for 6th to 8th graders focusing on growing and living as a young disciples facing real life issues from a perspective of faith. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

Confirmation: Dinner + Learning – Two-fold focus: 1) for confirmand to affirm her/his baptism and God's work that has already been going on since baptism and 2) to help their parents/mentors fulfill their baptismal promise. Confirmation is about building relationships with parents and youth sharing and growing in faith together. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

High School Learning – Sunday morning Christian education for 9th to 12th graders with an emphasis on current event, cultural awareness, Bible study, difficult topics and God in daily life. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

Youth Accompaniment Experience - A trip outside of familiar territory leads to a journey outside of comfort zones and experiencing God at the margins of life. This summer trip has more to do with how our young people are in the world and less about the projects accomplished. Contact: Sharon Hardel

Youth Groups - Gather regularly to connect with and learn more about fellow youth to build relationships and be part of a community that shares a love for God and serves the local community. Preschool/Elementary, Middle School and High School youth groups are offered. Contact: Sharon Hardel

LYON (Lutheran Youth of Nebraska) Retreat & Trip (For High School Youth Only) – Connect with Lutheran youth across Nebraska for Synod-wide activities and engagement. Contact: Sharon Hardel

Summer Vacation Bible School – Experience Bible stories through crafts, games, community engagement activities, music and story – challenging participants of all ages to grow in their calling as disciples of Christ.

Milestone Ministries - Celebrates important milestones in the faith life and daily life of young members (baptism, confirmation, graduation, etc.). Contact: Sharon Hardel

ADULT

Adult Forum (Sundays 9:30 am) - Learn about a variety of topics relevant to our Christian faith and how those topics influence our growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please share ideas you have for speakers or topics you would like to explore in Adult Forum. Contact: Connie Kisling

Senior Fellowship Ministries – Come to a quarterly lunch with programming intended for senior adults on the second Thursday of the month at noon. Contact: Pastor Dan Warnes

Creation Care Workshops - Learn at workshops focused on Christian concern for the care of the environment. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

Spiritual Formation Workshops - Come and deepen your spirituality. Past topics have included Prayer Beads, Prayer Flags, Praying in Color, etc. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

Synod Assembly - Participate in the Synod governing body's business and continued theological conference for rostered ministers. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

English Language Learning - Partner with an English Language Learner as an English tutor/teacher on Sundays during the learning hour or during the week. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

Accompaniment Trips (Holy Land, Tanzania, Argentina & Uruguay) - Join members and friends of the Nebraska Synod on a journey to the Holy Land (Israel, Modern Palestine, Jordan). Offered through the Nebraska Synod, Nebraska Synod Holy Land Accompaniment and the Synod Global Mission Team. Contact: Mary Jensen

Preschool & Elementary Parent Discussion Group - A gathering of parents of preschoolers and elementary age kids the first Sunday of the month (held simultaneously during preschool/elementary youth group time) to talk about issues related to their child's faith formation. Contact: Sharon Hardel

Book Discussion - See faith in the real world and in the lives of the characters in current best sellers and "everyone is reading" books. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

Zoom Online Discussion Group - Groups of 6-8 individuals who would like to discuss a topic for several weeks online via Zoom Meeting. Be a part of the discussion wherever you are! The topic, date and time is determined by the group. It can also be an intentional time for prayer. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

Harbor Coffee Talk - Gather to talk about the Sunday sermon or a current event on Mondays at the Harbor Coffee Shop from 1:30-2:30 pm. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

A Few Good Men - Tuesday mornings at 6:30 am, a group of men gather to chat about life, faith and a book they are reading together. Contact: Lee Rockwell

Faith to Go! - Eat a light breakfast and learn more about one of your fellow congregants. Held at 6:30 am mornings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Contact: Tera Beerman

Saturday with the Guys - Join a group of guys who study and discuss a book together on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. Open to men of all ages. Contact: Jim Kisling or Mitch Snyder

Women's Circles - Attend a monthly women's circle for fellowship, relationship building, projects and spiritual development. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

Women's Bible Study - Using the Women of the ELCA's Gather Magazine to study the Bible. Held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and open to women. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

Tuesdays 5:45 PM - Each Tuesday evening, join the conversational study of scripture, exploring how the Living Word continues to speak to and impacts our daily lives. You can join the conversation at any time without previous Bible study experience. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

Wednesdays 10:45 AM - This interactive and participatory Bible study dives deep into our sacred text to understand it on a personal and communal level. You can join this study at any time without previous experience. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller