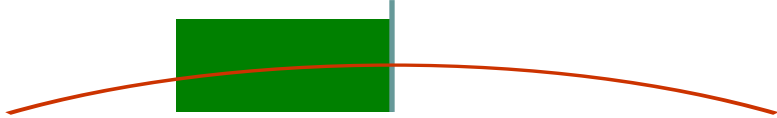


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Wednesday Ministry

Grades 6 - 12



Confirmation & High School Ministry

2011 - 2012

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Dear Students & Families,

This is an exciting time to be a part of Trinity Lutheran Church! We are learning, & growing in faith while building lifelong relationships. What a gift God has given us to be able to teach our children and youth about God's great love and grace. As you begin to discern your fall plans, we hope you keep in mind the eternal life that faith in Jesus Christ gives to each and everyone of us. Please take some time to prayerfully think about how your gifts can help enhance the faith and lives of your young people. We are not looking for the next prophet, but mentors who are interested in growing with youth in faith and walking beside them as they explore the ups and downs of faith & life. Please consider joining our ministry in anyway possible. We need guides, leaders, teachers, mentors, administrative support, special events crews, speakers and much more. If you have an idea, I would love to hear how we can make the ministries of Trinity even stronger!

Blessings,
Pastor Gary Guptill

Core Values

- 1**
Learning God's Word
(2 Timothy 3:16)
- 2**
Relationship Building
(Acts 2)
- 3**
Fun and Friendly Environment
(John 13:34-35)
- 4**
Worship God in Spirit and Truth
(John 4:23-24)
- 5**
Service:
God's Love is Meant to be Given Away
(James 1:22)
- 6**
Prayer Works!
(Luke 11:9-10)
- 7**
Reliance on God's Power
(John 15:5)
- 8**
Christianity is more about a relationship a than religion
(Matthew 22:37-40)



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Hear We Stand:

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Other Important Stuff

Weather Related Cancellations

Trinity rarely closes due to weather. If weather is bad, determine what is the safest plan of action for you and your family. Information will be called into WCCO and KTIS. A mass email will go out as well.

Friends are Welcome

We are called to reach out to our friends. If your friend doesn't have a church home or is interested in learning more about God and Jesus, please invite them to any Confirmation or JIVE gathering. If your friend would like to attend regularly (more than two times), they need to register for the program.

Lost and Found

You are responsible for your belongings. Trinity Lutheran Church does not take responsibility for any items that are lost, damaged or stolen. If items are found during a youth event, we'll hold onto them for two weeks. After that point, all items will be donated to a local charity.

Refunds

Unless stated otherwise, fees and deposits are non-refundable. Exceptions are sometimes made if the cancellation is several weeks in advance.

Financial Aid

Scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact Tashina Good or Suzie Hischer at 651-674-7047 for more information about scholarships.



Wednesday Ministry Mission Statement

Our ministry goal is to lead young people into a personal, living and growing relationship with Jesus Christ through:

- C**onnecting students to God & others.
- R**eaching everyone with God's love.
- O**penness to following God's will and way.
- S**upporting students and families.
- S**erving each other, the community & the world.

Parent Expectations

1. Pray for your child
2. Attend Worship with your child
3. Help them get to class on time
4. Volunteer whenever possible
5. Have open communication with and encourage your child's small group leader

6th - 8th Grade

Live It
Learn It
Believe It

Confirmation Program

See page 5 for more information

9th-12th Grade

JIVE

See page 16 for more information

Expectations

In order to make confirmation and JIVE the best experience possible, we can't allow negative behaviors from a few ruin the experience for the larger group. We aren't expecting perfection, but we do expect each person to give his or her best possible effort. The following are our basic expectations.

1. **Be where you are supposed to be and bring your Bible.**
2. **Respect God, people & property:**
 - Do not distract others during times of prayer, worship or teaching.
 - Making fun of others, bullying and unkind or destructive behaviors are unacceptable.
 - Listen to and respect all leaders and staff.
 - Damage done to any church property will be paid for and/or restored by those responsible.
3. **Focus on building healthy relationships. No physical displays of romantic affection.**
4. **We value personal safety, modesty and no distractions. Therefore the following items are not allowed during large group or class:**
 - Cell phones.
 - All music & media devices.
 - Fireworks or weapons.
 - Offensive clothing - our clothing policy is the same as public schools.
 - Degrading t-shirts, underwear showing, spaghetti strap tops, tops that show stomach; **hats or hoods** are not allowed during prayer or in worship spaces.
 - Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or anything illegal for minors.
 - Any items deemed unacceptable by leadership can be taken away and will be returned at the end of the program.
5. **We understand that treats are often brought to class. Please clean up after class, and remember beverages need to be in sealable containers. (No orange, red or purple beverages are allowed.)**

Consequences

Strike 1	Strike 2	Strike 3
Verbal Warning	Warning and talk with leader/staff	Parent phone call and removal from event/group

Come and JIVE!

2011 - 2012 Schedule

SEPTEMBER

- 21 - JIVE Room/Jive Kickoff
- 28 - Bonfire @ Peno/Lenzen's

OCTOBER

- 5 - JIVE Room
- 12 - Worship with Confirmation
- 19 - No JIVE (MEA)
- 26 - JIVE Room

NOVEMBER

- 2 - JIVE Room
- 9 - JIVE Service Outing (TBA)
- 16 - Worship with Confirmation
- 23 - No JIVE Thanksgiving Worship
- 30 - JIVE Room

DECEMBER

- 7 - JIVE Room
- 14 - JIVE Room
- 21 - JIVE Christmas Party
- 24 - Christmas Eve Worship
- 28 - No JIVE

JANUARY 2012

- 4 - JIVE Room
- 11 - JIVE Room
- 18 - JIVE Room
- 25 - Worship with Confirmation

FEBRUARY

- 1 - JIVE Room
- 8 - JIVE Room
- 15 - JIVE Room
- 22 - Ash Wednesday Worship
- 29 - JIVE Room/Lent Worship

MARCH

- 7 - JIVE Room/Lent Worship
- 14 - JIVE Room/Lent Worship
- 21 - Spring Break-Lent Worship
- 28 - JIVE Room/Lent Worship

APRIL

- 4 - No JIVE - Holy Week
- 5 - Maundy Thursday
- 6 - Good Friday
- 8 - Easter Sunday
- 11 - Worship with Confirmation
- 18 - JIVE Room
- 25 - JIVE Room

MAY

- 2 - JIVE Room
- 9 - JIVE Room/8th Grade initiation
- 16 - JIVE Room
- 23 - JIVE Room
- 30 - JIVE Bonfire/End of the Year Party

High School Ministry (9 - 12th grade)



What is JIVE?

JIVE (Jesus Is Vital to Everyone!) is the high school ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. JIVE meets every Wednesday night (6:30-8pm) for large group teaching, music, service events, games and fun. Students are invited to join a small groups as well. JIVE series topics and events are run by the High School Leadership Team through the assistance of all JIVE participants and adults. JIVE is the entry point for many students to get involved in other areas of ministry at Trinity.

What are Small Groups?

Small Groups give you the opportunity to go more in-depth with your faith through devotional Bible studies, small group discussions and fun activities with friends. These groups consist of around 7 same gender students from one or two grades and 1 adult leader. They meet either in their leader's home or at the church 2 times a month on dates determined by the leader.

What are our JIVE Students doing?

- Assisting with Sunday School
- Serving on Leadership Team
- Participating in the JIVE Band or other Music Ministries
- Serving in worship service
- Assisting with the Youth Worship Service (February)
- Serving as chaperones on younger students retreats and events
- Attending Mission Trips & Events - and the fundraising that goes with it!
- Serving as counselors at Bible camp
- Assisting with Summer in the Son day camp program
- Serving at Date Night and other community outreach events
- And much, much more!



Confirmation Experience

When we were/are baptized into God's family these words are spoken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal, "... to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace."

Each of us as parents, sponsors, and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, make a promise at this time to support and teach the faith which has been passed down to us from generation to generation.

Because of the sacrifice Christ has made on our behalf, choosing to follow Christ is the most important commitment to make. Confirmation is a significant step in one's faith journey. Each of our confirmation requirements is designed to help students get to know God better and develop a lifestyle that will help them continue to grow spiritually.

Participation in the confirmation program is a decision one should not take lightly as it affects the entire family. Confirmation is a voluntary program. We assume that by enrolling, students and their families agree to ALL the requirements as stated in this booklet. Confirmation is not a graduation; it is a statement of faith. Confirmation is meant to be a springboard for our faith journey, which is life long. Confirmation is not a right, but a privilege granted to all who show their commitment to Christ, no different than Jesus did when he held his first disciples accountable for their growth and understanding of the faith. Each student and parent will be asked to sign a confirmation covenant showing their commitment to the Confirmation program at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please understand that being in Trinity's confirmation program is a commitment, much like that of a sports team. Studies have shown that parents are the #1 faith factor in a child's life...AS PARENTS, YOU ARE THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD'S FAITH FORMATION—we are just here to support you!

6th Grade & 7th Grade

Confirmation

About Confirmation:

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The program involves large group teaching and small group interaction and fellowship opportunities through weekly social interaction.

Confirmation is a great way to explore the basics of the Christian faith while having fun and meeting new people.

Confirmation is for students grades 6-8 (8th gr. see next page) and meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in the sanctuary. The program runs from September to May. Confirmation will take a family focus during Lent in order to give families time to worship together.

Expectations for those involved in Confirmation:

To confirm your faith in Jesus Christ, you need to Learn It, Live It & Believe It! The confirmation expectations are designed to deepen and grow your faith. By completing the goals in each category you will not only deepen your relationship with Christ, but also develop a greater understanding of the whole church.

All confirmation students are expected to attend *Sunday worship and Lent worship services*. The students are expected to sign in each Sunday and turn in Sermon notes. When a student misses a Wednesday teaching night, the lesson is expected to be completed at home. If a student misses more than 2 teaching nights, the completed sheets, signed by a parent must be turned into their small group leader.

6th & 7th graders are required to attend an overnight retreat focusing on prayer October 7-8, 2011 (see page 15). The retreat cost is included in your confirmation cost.

6th & 7th grade Confirmation

Cost: \$ 40.00

Hear We Stand

This year Trinity Confirmation is using the Hear We Stand curriculum. This curriculum has a great on-line resource site. We are asking parents to create a log in so you can keep up to date on what your child is learning this year. Please visit:

<http://trinitynorthbranch.herewestandconfirmation.org>

Retreats!!

6th & 7th Grade Retreat.

This year the 6th & 7th Graders will be going on a "Camping Retreat" to Minnesota Interstate State Park, just south of Taylors Falls, overnight on October 7-8th! They will be tenting out, exploring the great outdoors and learning more about their faith.



For this retreat we are looking for: donations of food, camping supplies we can borrow and individuals willing to help drive, cook and/or chaperone. Sign ups for these and more information on the retreat itself will be given during the Parent Connection evening on September 14th

8th Grade Retreat.

This year the 8th Graders will be going to Luther Point Bible Camp April 20-22. The 8th Grade retreat is a time for the students to reflect on all they have learned during their time in Confirmation, a time for them to dig into what it truly means to be Confirmed and to have a great time with their peers.



More information will be handed out during Confirmation in January or February.

For this retreat we will be looking for drivers and/or chaperones. You can sign up during the Parent Connection on September 14th or any time after with Tashina.

Confirmation Ceremony

The Confirmation ceremony is when you stand in front of the congregation and confess that you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Your parents/immediate family, godparents, mentors and a pastor will pray over you that you will be empowered to live out your faith in everyday life. In order to participate in this ceremony, you will need to:

1. Write a faith statement, make a stole, and attend 8th grade retreat
2. All confirmands will meet individually with a staff member for a faith conversation.
3. Attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
4. Pick up your robe.
5. Be open to God working in your life.

Stole Making:
Wednesday, April 25th
 Meet in Art Room 200
 6:30 p.m.

Rehearsal & Pictures:
Wednesday, May 2nd
 Meet in the Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday, May 6th
 1:00 p.m. Service

6th – 7th Grade CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 14 PARENT CONNECTION (6:30-8:00)
- 18 Mentor training (11:00 - 12:00)
- 21 Lord's Prayer - The Greatest Prayer
- 28 Small Group Fellowship Event

OCTOBER

- 5 Lord's Prayer - God's Kingdom and Will
- 7 - 8 6th & 7th Grade Retreat
- 12 Worship with JIVE
- 19 No Confirmation (MEA)
- 26 Lord's Prayer - God Gives and Forgives

NOVEMBER

- 2 Small Group Servant Event
- 9 Celebration of Confirmation Event
- 16 Worship with JIVE
- 23 Thanksgiving Worship
- 30 Lord's Prayer - Temptation, Trial, and Deliverance

DECEMBER

- 7 Christmas Caroling/Game Night
- 14 Faith in Life - Forgiveness
- 21 No Confirmation
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship
- 28 No Confirmation

JANUARY 2012

- 4 The Sacrament of Baptism
- 11 Small Group Fellowship Event
- 18 Word with Water
- 25 Worship with JIVE

FEBRUARY

- 1 The Sacrament of Communion
- 8 Servant Event
- 15 Take and Eat
- 22 Ash Wednesday Worship
- 29 Lent Worship

MARCH

- 7 Lent Worship
- 14 Lent Worship
- 21 Spring Break Lent Worship
- 28 Lent Worship

***Confirmation During Lent will be held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45
 Topics are:

- February 26 Peer Pressure
- March 4 Dating and stuff
- March 11 Racism
- March 18 TV/Computer? - What influences me?
- March 25 Death and Dying

APRIL

- 4 No Confirmation – Holy Week
- 5 Maundy Thursday Worship
- 6 Good Friday Worship
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 11 Worship with JIVE
- 18 Final Year End Overview
- 25 Service Project

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8th Grade

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8th graders are required to attend an overnight in the spring as a part of a final preparation for the Confirmation service (see page 15). The retreat cost is included in your Confirmation cost.

8th grade Confirmation
Cost: \$110.00

8th Grade Steps

To Begin Your Journey of Confirming Your Faith in Jesus Christ.....

To have your steps recorded, please fill out appropriate paperwork and have the leader of the event sign off on your participation.

<p style="text-align: center;">Learn It!</p> <p>The following are ideas from which you can choose to help reach your goal!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a Christian book & share it with your small group • Attend a Bible Study • Attendance at Confirmation each week • Attend a Christian concert • Worship Notes (6 required) • Write a paper on a pre-approved topic • Memorize Bible verses • Meet with mentor (8 required meetings) <p style="text-align: center;">50 Steps needed!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Live It!</p> <p>The following are ideas from which you can choose to help reach your goal!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with Sunday School. • Community Service • Church Choir • Serve with IHN • Serve at a Food Shelf • Serve at Soup Suppers • Serve with Meals on Wheels. • Serve in Church Nursery. • Serve in church office • Acolyte at additional service. • Assist in worship as a reader, usher or with communion. <p style="text-align: center;">20 Steps needed!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Believe It!</p> <p>The following are ideas from which you can choose to help reach your goal!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write your faith paper & Interview <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend 8th Grade Retreat <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Confirmation stole <p style="text-align: center;">All 3 needed!</p>
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 Make this your own journey!

7th Grade Steps

To Begin Your Journey of Confirming Your Faith in Jesus Christ.....

To have your steps recorded, please fill out appropriate paperwork and have the leader of the event sign off on your participation.

<p style="text-align: center;">Learn It!</p> <p>The following are ideas from which you can choose to help reach your goal!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a Christian book & share it with your small group • Attend a Bible Study • Attendance at Confirmation each week • Attend a Christian concert • Worship Notes (4 required) • Write a paper on a pre-approved topic • Memorize Bible verses <p style="text-align: center;">40 Steps needed!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Live It!</p> <p>The following are ideas from which you can choose to help reach your goal!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with Sunday School. • Community Service • Church Choir • Serve with IHN • Serve at a Food Shelf • Serve at Soup Suppers • Serve with Meals on Wheels. • Serve in Church Nursery. • Serve in church office • Acolyte at additional service. • Assist in worship as a reader, usher or with communion. <p style="text-align: center;">10 hours needed!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Believe It!</p> <p>The following are ideas from which you can choose to help reach your goal!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing your 7th gr. Project <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend 6/7th gr. Retreat (1 night) <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to a week of Bible Camp with Trinity. <p style="text-align: center;">2 events needed!</p>
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8th Grade CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 14 PARENT CONNECTION (6:30-8:00)
- 18 Mentor training (11:00 -12:00)
- 21 Lord's Prayer – The Greatest Prayer
- 28 Small Group Fellowship Event

OCTOBER

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MARCH

- 7 Lent Worship
- 14 Lent Worship
- 21 Lent Worship
- 28 Lent Worship

APRIL

- 4 No Confirmation – Holy Week
- 5 Maundy Thursday Worship
- 6 Good Friday Worship
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 11 Worship with JIVE
- 18 Final Year End Overview!!!
- 20-22 - 8th Grade Retreat
- 25 Stole Making

MAY

- 2 8th Grade only Pictures & Rehearsal
- 6 Confirmation Sunday

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Steps of Faith\

Learn It! Live It! Believe It!

“Steps of Faith” Through our ability to learn and serve, we will grow in our belief and in faith!

All students will use the steps to grow in their personal faith and to create a meaningful and personal experience in Confirmation. On the following pages you will learn steps needed to participate in the Confirmation service. Suggested steps are to be completed each of the three years for an accumulated total goal achieved by the finish of 8th grade. (With the exception of the 2011-2012 8th Graders who will have the accumulated total of 7th and 8th Grade steps only).

By enrolling you are committing yourself to fulfilling these expectations:

Attendance – You are allowed to miss up to three Wednesday evening sessions for sickness and conflicts. When a student misses a Wednesday teaching night, the lesson is expected to be completed at home. If a student misses more than 2 teaching nights, the completed sheets, signed by a parent must be turned into their small group leader. When a student misses more than 3 teaching nights they will have a meeting with Pr. Gary or Tashina and extra homework may be assigned.

Acolyting - you will be assigned services in which you will be expected to acolyte. 7th and 8th graders are expected to acolyte at each service and depending on the number of students in enrolled in confirmation will be expected to acolyte the minimum of 3 time during the confirmation year. If you are not able to acolyte your scheduled time it is your responsibility to switch with another student and notify the Church office. You are encouraged to sign up for extra volunteer times.

Worship - All confirmation students are expected to attend Sunday worship and Lent worship services. The students are expected to sign in each Sunday and turn in Sermon notes. You are encouraged to turn in more Sermon notes than are required to earn additional steps.

8th Grade Mentors - This year the 8th Graders will be assigned a mentor from the Congregation with whom they will meet one-on-one with once a month to talk about their lives and faith journeys.

Live It Steps - These are opportunities for you to gather with your friends or small group and have fun away from home or introspective projects to be done individually.

6th Grade Steps

To Begin Your Journey of Confirming Your Faith in Jesus Christ...

To have your steps recorded, please fill out appropriate paperwork and have the leader of the event sign off on your participation.

Believe It!		
The following are ideas from which you can choose to help reach your goal!		
Learn It!	Live It!	Believe It!
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