



North Cape Lutheran Church

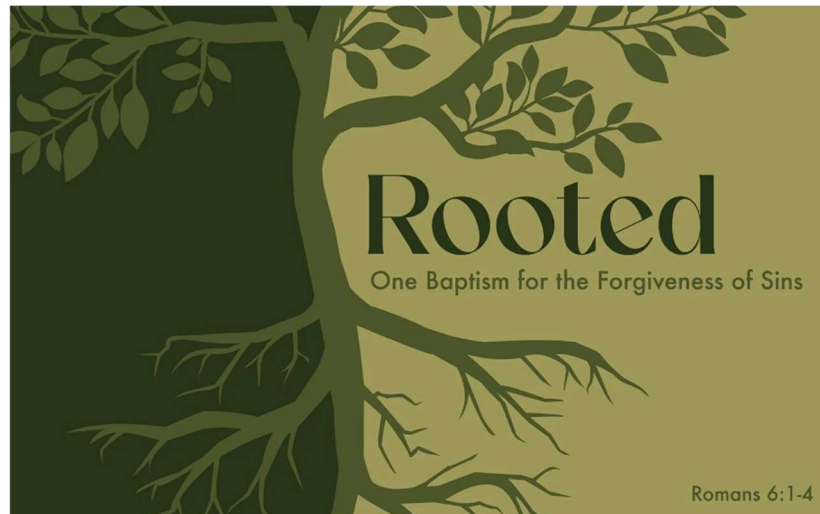
**Christian Education
Handbook**

2026-2027

Dear Families,

Grace and peace to you. As we begin another year of Christian Education, we do so with deep gratitude for the children and youth entrusted to our care and for the families who nurture them daily in faith. Our ministry exists to support you—because the primary place where faith is formed is the home. In the ordinary rhythms of life, in the conversations around the dinner table, in bedtime prayers, in acts of kindness and forgiveness, children learn what it means to trust God. Faith is caught more than it is taught, and the most powerful teachers are the adults who love them.

Our Christian Education program accompanies you in this holy work. Through worship, prayer, learning, and service, we join you in helping children grow into the promises spoken at their baptism. These promises shape our shared journey and guide how we walk together as a community rooted in grace.



Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith

Baptism draws us into the life of God—a life shaped by grace, community, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. In those sacred waters, we are named, claimed, and welcomed into a way of living that forms us across our entire lives. The promises spoken at baptism are not simply words for a single day; they are a pattern for daily faith, a rhythm that guides how we grow, learn, serve, and love. These promises shape our Christian Education program and the shared calling of families, children, and the whole community of faith.

To live among God's faithful people is to recognize that faith flourishes in relationship. We learn what it means to trust God by watching others trust God. We discover compassion by receiving it. We practice forgiveness because we have

been forgiven. Community is not an accessory to faith; it is the soil in which faith takes root. Christian community supports us as we experience the joys and struggles of life in all our differences and diversity. Together, we strengthen each other and build up the Body of Christ, which is the church.

To **hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper** is to be nourished by God's promises. Scripture shapes our imagination, teaching us who God is and who we are called to be. We listen deeply to God's word as it speaks command and promise, challenging and encouraging us. In the meal Christ gives, we taste grace that strengthens us for the journey. We are reminded that Jesus' words "give and shed for you" are God's promise to forgive, renew, and sustain. These practices anchor us, reminding us that God meets us again and again with love that sustains.

To **proclaim Christ through word and deed** is to let our lives speak. We carry the story of God's saving work in Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection are not only written in scripture but are also alive in us. By sharing how God is experienced and how God works in our lives, we witness to the gospel that shapes us and brings life to the world.

To **serve all people following the example of Jesus** is to embody love that reaches beyond ourselves. Serving is at the heart of Jesus' ministry. To follow him is to enter the lives of others, where relationships matter and transformation happen. Jesus came not to be served but to serve, and in serving as he did, we draw closer to him and make his love known in the world.

To **strive for justice and peace in all the earth** is to join God's work of healing the world. This promise invites us to practice fairness, courage, and empathy. We speak the truth in love as part of God's mission of abundant life for all. Aware of personal and communal sin, we speak with humility and respect to promote change. Silence is an enemy of justice; a heart and mindset of peace and justice is faith put into practice.

Together—at home and in community—we walk a lifelong journey shaped by baptismal grace, trusting that God is continually forming us in love.

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Parents and Guardians

Your presence in your child's faith life is a sacred gift. The way you speak, listen, forgive, pray, and show love becomes the pattern your child learns to trust. What children see modeled shapes not only their faith but their whole understanding of how to live in the world. We have come to understand that "faith is caught more than it is taught." Children need daily examples of mature faith, compassion, and discipleship—examples that come most powerfully from the adults who love them.

At your child's baptism, you made promises to nurture them in faith, to help them grow into the life God has given them. These promises are not burdens but invitations—holy opportunities to practice what we proclaim and to let your everyday life reflect the grace you have received. You are the primary faith mentors in your child's life, and your commitment matters deeply.

As part of this calling, parents and guardians are encouraged to stay connected to what their child is experiencing in Christian Education. Knowing what is being taught, explored, and practiced helps you engage your child in meaningful conversations about their faith. Ask them what they learned, what they wondered about, what felt exciting or confusing. Create space for curiosity. Allow questions to surface without judgment or fear. Children grow spiritually when they are free to wonder, to wrestle, and to discover that faith is big enough to hold their questions.

Our Christian Education ministry exists to walk alongside you in this holy work. We are here to support, encourage, and equip you as you help your child discover what it means to follow Jesus. Through worship, prayer, learning, and service, the congregation joins you in this shared journey, trusting that God is at work in every home, every family, and every moment of growth.

Together, we help our children live into the promises spoken over them—rooted in baptism, strengthened by community, and guided by the love of Christ.



A Tool for Home: The Faith 5



www.faith5.org

One simple and meaningful way to nurture faith at home is through a practice called the **Faith 5**. It is a gentle, relational rhythm that helps families connect daily, reflect on God's presence, and grow together in trust and love. The Faith 5 can be used at bedtime, around the dinner table, in the car, or whenever your family naturally gathers. It is adaptable for persons of all ages and creates space for curiosity, honesty, and grace.

1. SHARE your highs and lows

Take a moment for each person to name something good from the day and something difficult. This builds emotional awareness, strengthens connection, and teaches children that all parts of life matter to God.

For younger children, a helpful variation is “**Yay God**” and “**Hey God.**” “Yay God” invites children to celebrate the good moments of the day—anything that made them smile, feel proud, or experience joy. “Hey God” gives them language to name worries, fears, frustrations, or anything that felt hard. This simple practice helps children learn that God is present in both the bright and the difficult parts of life, and it teaches them to trust you with their feelings.

2. READ a Bible verse or story

Choose a short passage—perhaps from a children's Bible, a devotional, or the Sunday readings. Hearing Scripture regularly helps children learn the stories of faith and recognize God's voice in their lives.



3. TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

This step helps children see that Scripture speaks into real life. It encourages them to wonder, make connections, and discover how God’s promises meet them in both joy and struggle.



4. PRAY for one another’s highs and lows

A simple prayer—spoken aloud or silently—teaches children that they can bring everything to God. Praying for one another strengthens trust and reminds your child that they are held in love.



5. BLESS one another

End with a blessing. It can be as simple as tracing a cross on a forehead or saying, “God loves you and so do I.” Blessing one another reinforces identity, belonging, and the assurance of God’s grace.



The Faith 5 is not meant to be perfect or rigid. It is a gentle practice that helps families live into the baptismal promises with intention and joy. Used regularly, it becomes a powerful way for children to “catch” faith through the love, presence, and curiosity shared in your home.

Tools for Home and Congregation in our Partnership for Christian Education Ministry

Five Principles of Faith Formation

- Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships – often in our own homes.
- The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and ministry of the home.
- Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too!
- Faith is caught more than it is taught.
- If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them.



(The preceding is copied directly from <https://milestonesministry.org/about-milestones-ministry/milestones-ministry-frame/> as accessed on 8-1-26).

Four Key Faith Practices for Living One's Baptism



Caring Conversations



Devotions



Service

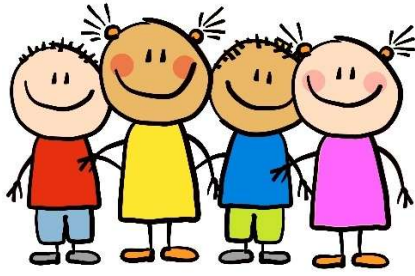


Rituals and Traditions

The common thread that nurtures faith formation within one's life journey are the Four Key Faith Practices. These essential faith practices articulate a foundational spirituality that shapes the work of congregations and the lives of Christians. Faith is formed through relationships, and those relationships engage in fundamental Christian practices. These basic faith practices are evident in Scripture, church history, and modern research. It is through such practices that faith is transmitted between the generations and over time.

1. **Caring Conversations:** These conversation starters provide meaningful reflection on biblical texts and our daily lives. It helps you bond with others on the journey of faith. It also helps you in the important task of talking about your Christian faith.
2. **Devotions:** Being devoted to God's word serves as the foundation for practicing the presence of God and blessing you with faith, hope, and love. Having a special time of day to do devotions increases the regularity of this important practice in your life.
3. **Service:** Christ tells us to serve others. By living the faith in love, we learn the value and joy of the Christian faith. Serving others reminds us of the breadth of the Kingdom of God and that our faith is personal but not private. Faith motivates us to serve the world in love.
4. **Rituals and Traditions:** Symbolic actions grounded in the Christian tradition throughout the year provide a beautiful and holistic way of experiencing the grace of God. As you practice rituals and traditions, continue to use the ones that fill you with peace, passion, meaning, and hope.

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Sunday School

Sundays from 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
Grades PreK (age 4) through 6

Children engage the stories of Scripture in ways that meet them right where they are. Through reading and listening, games, crafts, prayer, and other hands-on activities, they explore the message of the day at a level that is appropriate for their age. These practices help children experience God's love, learn the stories of faith, and begin to see how Scripture speaks into their everyday lives.

Families are encouraged to join the congregation for worship at either **8:00 AM** or **10:30 AM**. Worship helps children feel connected to the larger faith community and gives them a sense of belonging within the life of the church.

Children also practice stewardship by sharing an offering during Sunday School. This simple act teaches them that generosity is part of our life with God—that we give not because we must, but because God first gives to us. Even small offerings help children learn gratitude, responsibility, and the joy of contributing to the ministry of the church.

A word about Children & Communion

Children are welcome to begin receiving communion at any age, whenever they and their parents or guardians feel comfortable with them receiving the meal. Formal instruction or a full understanding of the sacrament is **not** a requirement. Jesus does not ask us to comprehend every mystery of the table – only to trust him when he says, “*Given and shed for you.*” This meal is a gift of grace, freely offered, and children are invited to receive it with the same openness and joy with which Jesus welcomed them.

In the spring, **students in 5th grade (and their families)** will have an opportunity to learn more about the sacrament of communion through a retreat experience. This time together will include exploring the meaning of God's table, learning about this holy meal, and discovering how communion shapes our life of faith. Families will bake bread and share communion with one another, experiencing the beauty of the meal in community and in the home.

This retreat is not a prerequisite for receiving communion, but A chance for families to deepen their understanding, strengthen their connection to the sacrament, and celebrate the grace that God offers to us all.





Confirmation



What is confirmation?

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), of which North Cape Lutheran Church is a member congregation, confirmation is a ministry of teaching and formation that helps baptized people—often youth—grow in faith, deepen their trust in God’s grace, and learn what it means to follow Jesus in daily life. It is not a “completion” of baptism but an affirmation of Baptism, where individuals publicly say “yes” to the promises God first made to them in the font and commit to lifelong learning and service in the community of faith.

Confirmation Expectations and Discernment

Confirmation is a significant step in a young person’s faith journey. It is a time of intentional learning, reflection, and growth as students prepare to publicly affirm the promises spoken at their baptism. Because of the importance of this commitment, each student and family is encouraged to prayerfully discern whether the student is ready and willing—supported by parents and guardians—to engage fully in the work required. Confirmation should never be entered into lightly. It is not a requirement for one’s faith, nor is it something we force upon anyone. Each person must freely discern the path that is best for them.

For those who choose to participate, confirmation is a serious and meaningful process. It requires time, effort, and a genuine desire to grow in faith. Just as students must attend practices to develop skills before competing in a game, confirmation students must engage fully in the learning and practices that prepare them for a life of discipleship. These expectations are not optional; they are essential to forming a strong foundation for the promises students will affirm.

Program Structure

North Cape Lutheran Church offers confirmation instruction for students in grades 7 through 9. Classes meet weekly throughout the school year on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM.

Confirmation is designed to help students grow in faith through a balanced rhythm of learning, worship, service, and community. Over the course of each month, students will engage in different aspects of Christian life that together form a strong foundation for affirming their baptismal promises.

Two sessions each month will focus on biblical and catechetical learning, giving students time to explore Scripture, the core teachings of the faith, and the meaning of discipleship. One session each month will center on worship, helping students learn the shape of Christian worship, deepen their understanding of liturgy, and

experience how worship forms us as followers of Jesus. The remaining session will focus on service and fellowship, offering opportunities to practice compassion, build relationships, and discover how faith is lived out in community. This monthly rhythm reflects the fullness of Christian life—learning, worshiping, serving, and growing together. Each component is essential, and together they help students prepare thoughtfully and faithfully for the promises they will affirm at confirmation.

Yearly Requirements for Participation

In addition to weekly classes, students are expected to participate fully in the following components. These practices are essential to the confirmation journey and help students grow in faith, deepen their understanding, and prepare to affirm their baptismal promises with sincerity and confidence.

- **Have a mentor each year of confirmation**

Mentors walk alongside students, offering support, encouragement, and conversation about faith and life.

- **Attend worship regularly**

Worship is central to Christian life. It forms us, nourishes us, and connects us to the wider community of faith. Students are required to attend **two worship services per month**, with **at least one attended in person**.

In addition to regular Sunday worship, students are expected to attend special services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Lenten midweek worship, and Holy Week services as assigned. The Pastor and/or Youth and Family Director will communicate when attendance at these services is required.

- **Participate in worship services**

Students will take part in various aspects of worship, learning what it means to serve and lead within the congregation. Students are expected to participate **in person once a month** to meet this requirement.

Over the course of the school year, students shall choose **at least five different opportunities** from the following list:

- Usher
- Communion Assistant
- Assisting Minister
- Read the Lessons



- Sing in the Choir
- Provide Special Music
- Create art or other visual aids to enhance worship
- Bake communion bread
- Prepare and set up for communion (altar service)
- Acolyte
- Prepare and share a skit to enhance the readings and message of the day
- Write and offer the Prayers of Intercession during the service
- Assist with the livestream and audio/visual aspects of worship
- Share a faith story as part of the day's message/sermon
- Bring communion and visit the homebound and those in care facilities with the pastor

These opportunities help students discover their gifts, learn the rhythms of worship, and experience what it means to serve Christ's body with joy and humility.

- **Complete one sermon note each month**

Sermon notes help students listen actively, reflect on Scripture, and connect worship to their own lives.

Each month, students will reflect on the sermon from the **first Sunday of the month**, attending worship in person or viewing the message online.

Sermon note forms will be available online and in the pew racks. Notes are due **the last Wednesday of the month** and must be brought to class.

Students should be prepared to share in conversation about the sermon and their reflections as part of instructional time.

If a student is serving in worship on the first Sunday of the month, they are **still expected** to complete and submit a sermon note for that day.

These expectations are designed to help students grow in understanding, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare them to affirm their baptismal promises with confidence and sincerity. Confirmation is a journey we take together—students, families, mentors, and the congregation—trusting that God is at work in every step, shaping us for a life of faith, service, and love.

What if a student is ill or otherwise unable to attend class?

We understand that illness, family needs, and unexpected circumstances arise.

When a student must be absent, it is the responsibility of both the student and their parents/guardians to promptly inform the Youth and Family Director or Pastor.

Clear communication helps us support the student and maintain the integrity of the confirmation journey.

Students are permitted three excused absences over the course of the school year. For each excused absence, students may complete a makeup assignment determined by the Youth and Family Director and Pastor to fulfill the class requirement. Any additional absences beyond these three will be considered unexcused.

Confirmation is a commitment. It requires presence, participation, and engagement. Because this ministry prepares students for a public affirmation of their baptismal promises, consistent involvement is essential. Therefore, more than three absences per year will result in the student not advancing in the confirmation ministry for that year.

This expectation is not meant to be punitive, but to honor the seriousness of the confirmation process and to ensure that each student is fully prepared for the promises they will affirm. We walk this journey together, trusting that God is at work in every step, and we are committed to supporting each student in fulfilling their responsibilities with faithfulness and care.

What if I cannot afford the cost of Confirmation ministry?

We want every student to participate fully in confirmation without worry or hesitation. Most of our time together does not require any financial commitment. On the occasions when an activity or event includes a cost, we will keep that cost as minimal as possible.

If a financial need arises, assistance is always available. No student should ever feel unable to participate because of financial concerns. Families are encouraged to speak confidentially with the Youth and Family Director and/or Pastor so that support can be provided. We are committed to ensuring that every student has access to the full confirmation experience, trusting that God meets us with generosity and care in every circumstance.

Accountability

A logbook will be kept to record each student's progress throughout their time in confirmation ministry. This tool helps students take responsibility for their learning and reflect on the commitments they are making as they prepare to affirm their baptismal promises.

Students are responsible for noting their attendance and documenting the completion of each confirmation requirement in the logbook. They will verify their entries with the Youth and Family Director and/or the Pastor. This shared

accountability ensures that students remain engaged, supported, and aware of their growth throughout the journey.

The logbook is not simply a record – it is a reminder that discipleship involves intention, participation, and care. As students track their progress, they also witness the ways God is shaping them through worship, learning, service, and relationship.

Confirmation Sundays for 9th & 10th Grade Students



As we continue to strengthen and clarify our confirmation ministry, we want to offer guidance for both 9th and 10th grade students who will be affirming their baptismal promises in the coming years. While the structure of the program is evolving, our commitment remains the same: to prepare each student with sincerity, understanding, and a deep sense of God's presence in their lives.

10th Grade Students – Fall 2026

Students who are currently in 10th grade and preparing for confirmation this fall will continue under the expectations of their 9th and 10th grade years as outlined in the 2025–2026 Christian Education Handbook. All requirements from these years must be completed prior to approval for confirmation.

Approved students will be confirmed during the **10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 25, 2026 (Reformation Sunday)**. This day will be a joyful celebration of faith, renewal, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our young people.

New This Year – 9th Grade Students – Spring 2027

Beginning this year, formal confirmation instruction will conclude at the end of a student's 9th grade year. Students who successfully complete all confirmation ministry requirements and are approved for confirmation will be confirmed on **Sunday, May 16, 2027, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service**.

This change reflects our commitment to offering a developmentally appropriate and meaningful confirmation experience, ensuring students have fully engaged in the learning, worship, and service that prepare them to affirm their baptismal promises.

Celebrating Confirmation Sunday

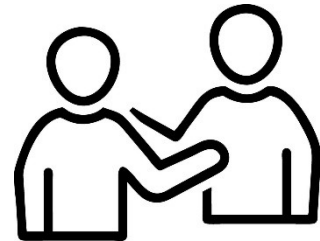
For both Confirmation Sundays, students are asked to dress as they normally would for worship. We will not be using gowns. What matters most is their presence, their readiness, and the promises they will affirm before God and the congregation.

A **corsage and cake** will be provided as part of our celebration. Each student will receive a **gift from the congregation** and a **certificate of confirmation** marking this important milestone in their faith journey.

Families are welcome to take individual and group photos following the service. There is **no cost** to students or families for Confirmation Sunday.

These moments are the culmination of years of learning, worship, service, and growth. We rejoice with each student and family as they take this meaningful step in faith, trusting that God continues to guide, strengthen, and bless them in the journey ahead.

Confirmation Mentors



What is a mentor?

A mentor is a **AAA adult – authentic, available, and affirming** – with whom a confirmation student can build a trusted, personal relationship. This relationship is formed with a non-family member of the congregation and includes caring conversations, shared devotions, acts of service, and participation in rituals and traditions that help shape a life of faith.

Mentors play a vital role in helping students see how faith is lived daily. They embody the promises spoken at baptism and model what it means to follow Jesus with integrity, humility, and joy. Below are the qualities that define a faithful mentor in our community.

- **Authentic**



Authenticity means living one's faith with honesty and integrity. An authentic mentor does not pretend to have all the answers or present a perfect life. Instead, they show students what it looks like to trust God in real circumstances—through joys, challenges, questions, and growth.

Authentic mentors share their own experiences of faith with openness and humility. They listen deeply, speak truthfully, and allow students to see how God's grace is at work in their everyday lives. Their faith is genuine, lived, and rooted in the gospel's call to love God and neighbor.

- **Available**

Availability means showing up—consistently, reliably, and with intention. A mentor's presence communicates care, stability, and commitment. Being available does not require perfection or constant contact; it requires a willingness to make time, to be present, and to walk alongside a student throughout the confirmation journey.



Available mentors check in regularly, attend scheduled gatherings, and make space for conversation and prayer. They demonstrate that faith is nurtured through relationship and that the student's life, questions, and growth matter deeply.

- **Affirming**

Affirmation means seeing and naming the goodness of God at work in a young person's life. Affirming mentors encourage, support, and uplift students as they explore their faith. They help students recognize their gifts, celebrate their growth, and trust that they are beloved by God.



Affirming mentors create safe space for questions, doubts, and wonder. They do not judge or dismiss a student's curiosity. Instead, they honor it, helping students discover that faith is expansive, resilient, and able to hold their deepest thoughts and hopes.

Mentors are companions in faith – trusted adults who help students experience the love of Christ through relationship, conversation, prayer, and shared life. Their presence is a gift, and their role is essential in helping young people grow into the promises spoken at their baptism.

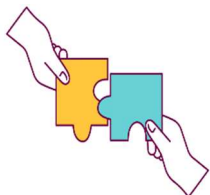
(The concept of AAA Adults as faith mentors is rooted in “Three Characteristics of Christians” found at <https://milestonesministry.org/about-milestones-ministry/milestones-ministry-frame/> as accessed on 8-1-26.)

What Will My Mentor and I Do Together?

The mentor program is designed to help students and mentors build a meaningful, trusted relationship rooted in faith, curiosity, and shared experience. These practices help students see how faith is lived daily and give mentors opportunities to embody authenticity, availability, and affirmation. The program has four components, each offering a different way to grow together.

1. Getting Connected

This is where the relationship begins. Students and mentors are invited to share passions and hobbies, values, hopes and dreams, faith stories, and prayer. These conversations help build trust and create space for honest, grace-filled connection.



Each month, the student will check in with their mentor—either in person at a public location of their choosing (with parental/guardian approval) or through a phone conversation. These check-ins should use the Faith 5 spiritual practice outlined earlier in the handbook. Conversations should last no less than 30 minutes, though they may run longer if desired.

Coffee shops, restaurants, parks, and the church building are excellent public settings for conversation. Ideally, students and mentors should plan to meet in person before the first monthly check-in to begin establishing their relationship if they have not previously established one.

2. FUN!

Faith grows not only through study and prayer but also through joy, laughter, and shared experience. Students and mentors should plan a fun outing where they can deepen their relationship through a shared activity. Possible activities include bowling, hiking, craft night, attending a concert, play, or movie. If attending a performance, be sure to include time for conversation.



This activity shall be completed prior to Christmas.

3. Worshipping Together

Worship is central to Christian life, and experiencing it together helps students see how faith is lived in community. Students and mentors shall worship together on at least two occasions.



One of these occasions must be attending a worship service of a different Christian tradition or a service from another religion, such as Shabbat at a Jewish synagogue. This practice helps students appreciate the breadth of religious life, recognize shared values, and deepen respect for the faith of others.

This requirement shall be completed by the end of February.

4. Serving Together

Service is a natural expression of faith and a powerful way for mentors and students to grow together. Students and mentors will identify an act of



service outside of the congregation's ministries and spend at least one hour serving together.

Possible activities include visiting a local nursing home to make crafts, provide music, or play games with residents; picking up litter at a park or roadside; volunteering at an animal shelter or soup kitchen; or any number of meaningful acts of care.

After completing their service, students and mentors will reflect together on the experience—what they noticed, how they felt, and where they saw God at work.

This requirement shall be completed by the end of April.

These four components help students and mentors build a relationship shaped by trust, curiosity, compassion, and shared faith. Together, they create a foundation for meaningful conversation, spiritual growth, and the joyful discovery of how God is present in everyday life.

Who may serve as a mentor?

Mentors may be a person of the student's choosing, provided they are **not a member of the student's family**. Mentors shall be members of the congregation whose life of faith is actively lived out both within the ministries of the church and in the world. Their presence offers students a trusted adult who models discipleship and helps them explore questions, hopes, and challenges along the way.

Because mentors walk closely with students during an important season of faith formation, we take great care in ensuring their readiness and suitability. **All mentors must complete and pass a criminal background check** in compliance with the congregation's Child Protection Policy before serving. Mentors are additionally **approved by the Youth and Family Director and/or Pastor**.

If a student needs assistance identifying a potential mentor, families are encouraged to speak with the Youth and Family Director. We are committed to helping each student find a mentor who will walk with them faithfully, compassionately, and with the steady presence that reflects Christ's love.





Important Dates to save!



Sunday, September 13, 2026 9 AM

Christian Education Kickoff with Outdoor Worship in the pavilion. Worship will include a “blessing of the bags” for anyone returning to school: students, teachers, administrators. Bring your backpacks, bags, etc.

Children who are age 4 and in the 3rd grade will receive Bibles, and those in 4th grade will receive a small catechism.

After worship we will have **Brunch and Bingo.**

Sunday, September 20, 2026 9:15 AM

Sunday School classes begin for ages four through those in grade 6.

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 6:30 PM

Confirmation classes begin for grades 7 through 9.

Sunday, October 25, 2026 10:15 AM

Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation) for 10th graders. **There will be one worship service at 10:15 AM on this day.**

Sunday, December 13, 2026 9:15 AM

Sunday School Students will gather to make final preparations for the Christmas Program to be presented during worship. **There will be only one worship service on this day at 10:15 AM.**

A holiday dinner will follow worship. Friends and family are invited to attend. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and beverages will be provided. Families and guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Sundays, December 20 & 27, 2026 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wednesdays, December 23 & 30, 2026 NO CONFIRMATION

Thursday, March 25, 2027 Time TBA

Meal with foot-washing and communion. Worship to follow. Required for all confirmation students. Optional for other ages.

Wednesday, March 24, 2027

NO CONFIRMATION

Sunday, March 28, 2027

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 16, 2027

10:15 AM

Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation) for 9th graders. **There will be one worship service at 10:15 AM on this day.**

Sunday, May 23, 2027

9:15 AM

Last day of Sunday School.

Graduates of all ages and programs will also be honored on this date during our worship services.

OTHER DATES OF NOTE:

June 19-26, 2027

Youth Mission Trip

Imperial, PA is the destination. More information to come soon.

June 28-July 2, 2027

ELCA National Youth Gathering

To be held in Minneapolis, MN. More information to come soon.

