

September 2026

CALVARY CALLING

News that serves and ignites people for Christ



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 6

Restored in Christ

10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

Kickoff Sunday, September 13

Imagine More

9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Sanctuary w/ pizza for all

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 23

5:30 p.m. God's Work Our Hands
Grand Forks Town Square

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 30

5:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Imagine More ~ Fall Kickoff

This fall we'll gather around the theme ***Imagine More*** about what God might be doing among us: ***"To God whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine"*** (Ephesians 3:20).

Imagine More is the theme of the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years, ELCA youth from across the country come together for worship, learning, service, and community. It is a tradition that has been part of the life of our church since the 1950s. In summer 2027, we hope to send Calvary youth to Minneapolis to gather with more than 20,000 other young people! Until then, we'll borrow their theme and ***Imagine More*** together in worship.

Fall Kickoff: Sunday, September 13

We return to our regular Sunday worship schedule.

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

For fellowship, we invite you to celebrate the start of a new ministry year with Lael's famous cinnamon rolls, bouncy houses, and outdoor fun for kids of all ages.

Come worship, reconnect, and ***Imagine More*** of what God might do in and through us!

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RACHAEL

Dear Siblings in Christ,

September has always felt a little like a homecoming in the life of the church. Summer travels begin to wind down. Church School and Confirmation return to school-year rhythms, along with Bible studies, fellowship groups, and other ministries.

In the ten months I have been with you, one thing has become abundantly clear to me: the people of Calvary love this place. There are lasting memories here. Generations have worshiped, learned, celebrated, grieved, and grown in faith here. In its 73 years of life together, Calvary has continued to welcome new faces and families, new ministries, different worship styles, and other creative ways of gathering for fellowship and service to our neighbor.

During the school year, our life together takes many different forms. We gather for worship, Wednesday coffee, Women's Bible Study, Quilting, Church School, Confirmation, and so much more. Within this large congregation are many smaller communities where relationships and connections are formed. Sometimes it can feel as though we are separate from one another. But we are connected by something far greater than a schedule, program, or even a building. We are united as the body of Christ.

We may worship at different times and prefer different styles. We may differ in our opinions and politics, our ages and life experiences. And still, we belong to one another because we belong to Christ.

To be the Body of Christ reminds us that this place we call Calvary, this church home we share, is more than brick and mortar, a Sanctuary, or a Fellowship Hall. The church is the people Christ gathers together and sends into the world. It is you and me. It is the four-year-old who has trouble sitting still. It is the person who has walked through Calvary's doors for more than fifty years and the person walking through them for the first time.

This truth feels especially important as we have experienced changes in our Sanctuary this summer. I recognize that the changes to the Sanctuary screens have been difficult for some. Changes to a place that holds deep meaning and memories can bring a real sense of loss. The spaces where we worship matter because of what happens within them: the prayers offered, the promises made, the people remembered, and the faith nurtured there.

Being one body does not mean that we will experience every change in the same way or always agree on leadership's direction or decisions. It does mean continuing to make room for one another by listening, caring, and remaining in relationship even when our experiences and opinions differ. Our unity does not depend upon everyone seeing things the same way. Our unity is found in Jesus Christ, in his life, death, and resurrection.

Under one roof that stretches nearly a city block, 600–700 people gather for worship each week at four different times and in different spaces. Children and youth fill classrooms, while people of all generations gather around tables for study, fellowship, service, coffee, and conversation. There is joy in the many ways Calvary becomes a church home and faith community for so many.

As another fall unfolds before us, may we give thanks for all the ways Christ gathers us as one body. Through changes and new beginnings, long-held traditions and new possibilities, different worship styles, familiar pews and comfy chairs, may we keep Christ at our center.

We belong to Christ. And because we belong to Christ, we belong to one another. May that truth shape our life together and send us into another year of worship, service, welcome, and ministry in Jesus' name.

God's peace ~ Pr. Rachael

MEN'S MINISTRY

September 1 | Library

This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join them for conversation and camaraderie.

MEMORY CAFE

The Memory Cafe, a monthly educational event for people living with any type of dementia and their family, friends, caregivers, and professionals, will be held on Tuesday, **September 8, 2026, from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary. The program begins at 1:30 p.m. with Mary Ann Devig, RN, speaking about *The Basics of Dementia*. An ice cream bar, with various flavors of ice cream, will be served following the program. Free resources dealing with dementia will be available thanks to our donors. The event is free.

READING RELIGIOUSLY

September 14 @ 6 p.m. | Blue Moose

Our Reading Religiously Book Club is the perfect place to dive into engaging stories, share ideas, and connect with fellow book lovers, whether you're a lifelong reader or just getting started. The club meets at the Blue Moose in East Grand Forks once a month for a meal or snack before they dive into a discussion. Pick up a copy of *A Pair of Aces* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray at your favorite bookstore or one of the libraries and meet us at the Blue Moose.

PRISCILLA-SARAH CIRCLE

Priscilla Sarah Circle will be joining the Calvary Women Bible Study for September. The Bible study will be held **September 16, at 9 a.m. in Holy Grounds**. The studies will be based on the *Gather* Magazine, Fall 2026.

QUILT ASSEMBLING AND POTLUCK

September 29 | Fellowship Hall

They meet on the last Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to help assemble the quilts and enjoy a potluck and fellowship.

STITCH & CHAT GROUP

September 3 & 17 | Library

This group meets the first and third Thursday of each month. This is open to anyone who wants to bring their "handiwork" for an afternoon of fellowship and crafting.

THE UNFORGETTABLES CHOIR REGISTRATION

Registration for the Unforgettables Choir will be held on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall at Calvary. This is a chance to fill out paperwork and catch up with each other prior to our first rehearsal. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

THE UNFORGETTABLES CHOIR FALL SEASON

The Unforgettables Choir, a community chorus for people with any type of dementia and a care partner, will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday September 16, 2026 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** at Calvary. From 9:30-10:15 a.m. we take time for coffee and conversation, then from 10:15-11:30 a.m. we sing songs that are familiar and new. No auditions, singing or choral experience is required.

CALVARY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

September 16 @ 9:00 a.m. in Holy Grounds

New faces are always welcome. We will be using the *Gather* magazine, Fall 2026 Bible study. Or, you can pick up copies of the Bible study from the church office.

ALL-AGES BOOK CLUB

October 4 @ 3:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Our All-Ages Book Club is a welcoming space for readers of every generation to share stories, spark conversation, and build community. Each month we explore a new title that's fun, thought-provoking, and perfect for discussion followed by a hands-on activity inspired by the book's theme. All are welcome! Come connect through books. **We will be reading *Dream* by Barbara O'Conner.**

Highlights of August 2026 Church Council

Worship & Congregational Life: Installation of the new Sanctuary LED wall is scheduled for the week of Aug. 24. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall Aug. 23 and 30, returning to the Sanctuary Sept. 6. Pastor and council members have received questions about offering traditional worship at 10:00 a.m., not only during the summer but also during the regular program year. Council will explore this possibility in the coming year, consulting with various areas of congregational life and seeking broader feedback. There is not enough time to consider a change for fall 2026, so any potential change would be considered for fall 2027. Council also discussed keeping summer worship in the Sanctuary rather than alternating between worship spaces. No decision has been made, and council will revisit this as plans for next summer are made.

Children, Youth & Faith (CYF): Registration is underway for church school and confirmation, with Fall Kickoff celebrations on Sun., Sept. 13, with bouncy houses, and on Wed., Sept. 16, with pizza for all. Outdoor Movie Night is Sept. 18. Confirmation begins its new model this fall, with 6th–8th graders gathering Wednesday evenings for core learning during the first half of the year and electives during the second half. Ninth graders will participate in a mentor year, with Affirmation of Baptism in the fall of 10th grade. Nichole's role is expanding to Director of CYF, with plans to build a team that includes one to two part-time positions focused on middle and high school students. This transition does not increase the overall mission plan (budget); existing youth ministry funds will be reallocated within CYF to support Nichole's expanded responsibilities and the part-time positions. The Castaway Youth Retreat is Sept. 25–27 for 6th–9th graders.

Pastoral Care & Leadership: The Associate Pastor Call Committee continues to prepare Calvary's Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and to meet with Synod staff as it works toward officially posting Calvary's MSP. Shaina serves as the council representative to the Call Committee. Mary Ann continues serving as Care and Compassion Minister, supporting visitation, congregational care, and connection.

Stewardship & Financial Oversight: July giving was lower than usual, partly because there were only three Sundays of in-person worship. Overall, income and expenses remain on track, with the Finance Team continuing to forecast a positive balance for the year. This fall's stewardship focus connects with our ***Imagine More*** theme and runs Sept. 27–Oct. 18. The emphasis will invite us to ***Imagine More*** as we see how our generosity becomes an expression of God's love through Calvary's ministry, within our walls and out in the world.

Facilities & Technology Planning: The new kitchen refrigerator is installed and working well. Yearly bids for snow removal and review of insurance needs are being done. Calvary's transition to managed IT services through ABM also continues to go well.

Mission & Community Engagement: Backpack Ministry resumes Sept. 15. Calvary will join other Grand Forks churches for God's Work, Our Hands Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Square for music, food, service, and community. Calvary will continue fundraising and participating in FMSC this year, while another area congregation serves as the sponsoring host. The All-Inclusive Committee is preparing for Pride in the Park and will resume regular meetings in September, with Jan serving as Council representative.

Organizational Leadership & Planning: Council reflected on the process leading up to the spring forums and presentation of the Sanctuary LED wall. Council recognizes that this process has brought disappointment and frustration for some and remains committed to listening with care and making room for differing perspectives as we move forward together. Looking ahead, Calvary will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2028. At the January 2027 Annual Meeting, members will be invited to help form a committee to begin planning for this milestone. Shelley, Shaina, and Mel are also working with Pastor Rachael to update the staff handbook, with a goal of completing revisions by year-end.

Next Council Meeting: Sept. 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
(Full council minutes upon request.)

2026 Mission Plan

2026 Proposed Mission Plan	1,014,205.00
Offering through 8/17/26	513,061.17
Expenses through 8/17/26	548,338.20

Noisy Offering Update

Thank you for your generous support of our July Noisy Offering! The first three weeks of this month's collection partnered with Red Willow Bible Camp and Park River Bible Camp, while the last week went to the Angel Tree Program.

\$232.45 was raised for Bible Camps to help faith grow through outdoor ministry and **\$107.93** was raised to get a kick start on Angel Tree gifts. Thank you for making a joyful noise and sharing Christ's love in such a caring way!

Memorials

GENERAL FUND

In memory of John Knudson by Joan Johnson

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

In memory of Shirley Cordts by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

In memory of Stuart Johnson by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

YOUTH FUND

In memory of Jan Hilde by Greg and Rebecca Horner

Stewardship Corner

This fall, our Stewardship emphasis invites us to **Imagine More...** more ways to share God's love, more opportunities to serve our neighbors, and more possibilities for the ministry we share at Calvary.

Beginning Sun., Sept. 27, through Oct. 18, special guest speakers will join us in worship to share how Calvary's ministries impact their lives, our greater community, and beyond.

Together, we will consider how our offerings make Calvary's Mission Plan (budget) possible. Yes, our Mission Plan provides for our church home and supports our pastors and staff, but it reaches far beyond that. The Mission Plan allows us to open our doors to community and support groups, provide space for music and celebrations, respond to needs around us, welcome children and families, gather for worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, and share God's love in ways both seen and unseen.

Being stewards of God's abundance invites us to ask not only, **"What does it take to sustain Calvary this coming year?"** but also, **"What might God make possible through us?"**

In the coming weeks, you will receive more information and an invitation to prayerfully consider your offering intention for 2027.

Together, may we **Imagine More** for Calvary, for our neighbors, and for the sake of sharing God's good news of love for all people.

To God, whose power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Where God's
Call*

MEETS OUR RESPONSE





A Lewis & Clark Partnership

The 2026-2027 school year is starting this month and Calvary's "It Takes a Village" partnership with Lewis and Clark is ready for another year of supporting the backpack program. We are called to have compassion and be in service to others. One of the ways we answer this call is by meeting the nutritional needs of children in our partner school. This program provides meals for the weekend for eligible food-insecure students at Lewis and Clark.

It costs around \$100 to feed one child for the school year. We would love for you to consider sponsoring one or more children for the 2026-2027 school year. All donations help to make this program work. Donations can be brought to the church office or can be made through our website. Food donation shelves are also placed outside of each worship space. Please consider picking up an item or two when you are out shopping to help fill this need and leaving them on these shelves or in the church office. An Amazon wish list is also available where you can have food items sent directly to Calvary using the QR code on this page. The school has asked that items be nut free.

Volunteers are needed to assist in filling bags on the **third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.** in the church narthex. This is a great family activity to do together! We usually take around an hour to fill the bags for the month. **The next packing event will be held on September 15, 2026.**



Items For Backpacks

Ramen noodles - chicken flavor
Soup or noodle cups
Mac and cheese cups
Cans of chicken noodle soup
Instant oatmeal packets

Fruit cups/applesauce
Individually packed snack items
not containing nuts
Juice boxes (100% juice)



Donate on Easytithe

Scan the QR code

Click on one-time gift tab

Click first drop down box and
click on Lewis & Clark

Click on second drop-down
box and click "sponsor a child"

Or go to our website:
calvarygf.org/it-takes-a-village

Scroll down until you see
Sponsor a Child button

Click and follow steps above

Backpack Delivery Volunteers Needed

Calvary needs volunteers to deliver the assembled backpack bins to Lewis and Clark Elementary School. Deliveries need to happen weekly during school hours. If you have availability and a vehicle that can hold up to five large totes, we would love your help! Deliveries are a vital way we support our backpack program and get food to students. For more information, or if you are interested in helping, contact Julie in the church office.

School Supplies for Lewis & Clark

Although we are not doing a formal school supply drive this fall, they are still appreciated at the school. If you are out shopping and see some good sales, you can bring supplies into the office, and we will get them to the school. They can also be purchased online and sent to the church. Contact Julie in the church office with any questions.

HELPING HANDS AND WILLING HEARTS NEEDED



As we begin a new program year, we are looking for volunteers willing to share a little of their time to help make worship, learning, and ministry happen at Calvary!

There are many ways to serve, whether you enjoy welcoming people, working behind the scenes, or spending time with children and youth. Current opportunities include:

Worship Volunteers: Communion set-up and ushers for both the 9:00 a.m. Traditional and Contemporary worship services. (Contact Pastor Rachael for more information.)

Confirmation Small Group Leaders: Walk alongside our confirmation students through six weeks of large group learning with small group conversations. (Contact Nichole for more information.)

Church School Teachers & Helpers: Serve with children on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. (Contact Nichole for more information.)

You don't have to be an expert or have all the answers, just a willingness to show up, help out, and be part of the ministry we share together. Training, resources, and support are provided.

Interested in helping or learning more? We would love to help you find a place to serve that fits your interests and availability.

Calvary Lutheran Church

Calvary Lutheran Church was established in 1953 after the announcement of the establishment was made by Reverend L.E. Tallakson of Fargo, president of the North Dakota District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Location

1405 South 9th Street
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Contact

701-772-4897
place4u@calvarygf.org

Summer Worship Schedule Through September 6

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary,
Blended Worship

Regular Worship Schedule Starting September 13

Wednesdays

Resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 16

Services are streamed online on Facebook and our website.

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2026
TEARS
 Talk & Walk
 FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

**Create Hope. Build Strength.
 End Suicide.**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
 12:30PM
 RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA**

12:30pm
 Check-In
 Hands on Activities

1:30pm
 Welcome
 Colors of Connection Ceremony
 Guest Speaker

2:00-3pm
 1 mile Walk
 Walk Prize Winners
 Closing Dedication

Join Pastor Rachael for the TEARS Walk

You are invited to join Pastor Rachael and others from our community for the TEARS Walk.

This annual walk brings people together in support, remembrance, and hope. We walk to honor loved ones who have died by suicide, to stand alongside those who grieve, and to help build hope and connection within our community.

For more information about the walk and the work of TEARS, visit their website www.tearsgfn.org or speak with Pastor Rachael.

Those walking with Calvary are invited to meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Ralph Engelstad Arena before the walk begins. We hope you'll consider joining us as we walk together in remembrance, support, and hope.

Calvary Choir

The Calvary Choir will have a gathering and rehearsal on **Wed., Sept. 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Music Room at Calvary. Until a new Choir Director is hired, Mary Ann Devig and Mark Diers will provide leadership as the choir gathers to make plans, rehearse, and prepare music for worship.

New singers are always welcome! Whether you have sung in a choir for years or simply enjoy singing, we invite you to join us. Just come to the Music Room on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. and lend your voice!

We are also seeking a **Choir Director** to lead and grow this important ministry. Calvary Choir has a long history of bringing praise to our worship through song, and we look forward to continuing that tradition. If you or someone you know has the joy, musical gifts, and leadership to guide our choir, please contact Mary Ann maryann.devig@calvarygf.org for more information.

Come sing with us and help us spread the word as we seek our next Choir Director!

Prayers & Sympathies

Judy Schumacher's brother-in-law,
Lester Nienas, died 7-25-26.

Bob Alderson's sister,
Nancy Hoppel, died 7-30-26.

Kay Culver's sister,
Konnie Peach Middleton, died 7-30-26.

Shirley Cordts died 7-30-26.
Her daughter is Nancy Olson.

Sharon & Rich Jurgens' sister-in-law,
Bev Henning, died 8-9-26.

Brianne Osowski's grandmother,
Elizabeth Johnson, died 8-12-26.

John Nelson's father,
Richard Nelson, died 8-16-26.

Kids & Family



Sunday & Wednesday Church School Fall

Kickoff Each fall brings new beginnings, excitement, and opportunities to grow in faith together for 3-year-olds through 5th grade and their families. We hope you can join us for a year of Sunday & Wednesday school, milestone events for each grade level, family events, and GIFT worship.

We will kick off our Sunday school year on **September 13**, and our Wednesday school year will begin on **September 16**.



Sunday and Wednesday Church School Registration!

Registration is now open for **Sunday School** and **Wednesday School** for the 2026–2027 school year! Simply scan the QR code or visit our website to register today.

Thank you for registering each year! Keeping your family's information up to date helps us maintain accurate records and plan for classrooms, volunteers, and supplies so we're ready to welcome everyone this fall.

Milestone Events

Throughout the year, we celebrate **Faith Milestones** with children in preschool through 5th grade. These milestones provide an opportunity for children and their caregivers to spend intentional time together learning, growing, and exploring a variety of faith topics.

The calendar of Faith Milestone events is listed to the right. Families will receive a reminder postcard and email the week before their scheduled milestone.

Movie Night, Friday, September 18

Lights, camera, movie night! Join us for a fun night under the stars featuring Sheep Detectives!

Parking lot opens at 7:00 p.m.

Movie begins at sundown.

Popcorn & movie snacks available for a freewill offering.

BYOB: Bring Your Own Blanket or Tailgate!

Grab your family and friends, settle in under the stars, and enjoy a movie night filled with laughs, snacks, and a little sheepish mystery!

Milestone Events

2026-2027

3-and 4-year-olds

Storybook Bibles SEPTEMBER 10 5:30 PM

4- and 5-year-olds

Godly Play Nativity DECEMBER 6 12 PM

Kindergarten

A Walk Through Holy Week MARCH 21 12 PM

First Grade

Remembering Your Baptism NOVEMBER 15 12 PM

Second Grade

Picturing God FEBRUARY 12 PM

Third Grade

Third Grade Bibles OCTOBER 8 5:30 PM

Fourth Grade

Picturing God FEBRUARY 12 PM

Fifth Grade

Communion Celebration MARCH 25 5:30 PM





Youth and CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Kickoff

We are looking forward to another year of faith formation together! Below are the dates for our **Parent and Youth Information Meetings**. We ask all confirmation youth and a parent/guardian to make attending one of these meetings a priority.

We have several updates and new programming to share this year. We'll cover important confirmation class information, expectations, and schedules, and share the additional youth ministry opportunities ahead, including **Youth Group (6th-8th Grade)**, the **EaND Fall Youth Retreat (6-9th Grade)**, **2027 Youth Gathering (9th-12th Grade)**, and other service projects, fellowship, and more. There will also be time to ask questions so that youth and families can begin the year informed, connected, and excited for what's ahead.

All Calvary families and youth are encouraged to join us and other Grand Forks ELCA congregations for our **God's Work, Our Hands** event on **Wed., Sept. 23, at 5:30 p.m. in Town Square** in downtown Grand Forks. Come enjoy a free meal, music, fellowship, and hands-on service opportunities for all ages.

Confirmation
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save the dates

Fall Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting * 6 th through 8 th Grade @ 7 PM	September 9
Rite of Confirmation Meeting/Stole Making * 10 th Grade and Up @ 8 PM	September 9
Student/Parent Mentor Info Meeting * 9 th Grade @ 7 PM	September 16
Rite of Confirmation Worship	October 25 & 28

Wed., Sept. 30, at 7:00 p.m. is our first night of fall confirmation classes for 6th-8th Graders. All grades will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

6th-8th Confirmation Registration:

2026–2027 confirmation registration is now open. All 6th-8th graders will begin their confirmation learning in a weekly large group gathering taking place in the Fellowship Hall. (Please attend the parent and student meetings for more information.)

Simply scan the QR code to register today.

Thank you for registering each year! Keeping your family's information up to date helps us maintain accurate records and plan for class, volunteers, and supplies so we're ready to welcome everyone this fall.

Register Today!
20 FALL 26 PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS BEGIN
September 30

CALVARY Confirmation

6-8th graders scan to register today!

Grade 9 is invited to register for their Mentor Year. (See separate QR Code.)

9th Grade Students & Parents

In the final step of preparation for The Rite of Confirmation, all **9th grade students** will participate in a **Mentor Year**.



Please scan the QR code to register for Mentor Year. We ask that **9th grade students and a parent/guardian attend the Mentor Year Information Meeting on Wed., Sept. 16, at 7:00 p.m.** Together, we'll review the year ahead, answer questions, and provide the information students need to select and invite their mentor.

As Mentor Year approaches, students are encouraged to begin thinking about a trusted adult outside their immediate family who could walk alongside them in faith, perhaps a teacher, coach, family friend, church member, or another caring adult. More information will be shared at the Parent & Student Information Meeting.

The first in-person Mentor and Student Gathering will take place on Sun. Nov. 15th at 7:00 p.m.

EaND Synod Youth Retreat- Castaway Weekend!

6-10 graders: you are invited to join us for the Eastern North Dakota Synod Fall Youth Retreat, **September 25-27, 2026!** We can't wait! Together we will **IMAGINE MORE**, and we'll begin leaning into this bigger story of faith, possibility, and God's call in our lives as we ask: *What might God be inviting us to imagine beyond what we can see right now?*

This retreat is designed for youth and leaders to:

- Build community
- Deepen faith through worship, learning, and conversation
- Experience fun, rest, and connection
- Explore how God calls us to imagine more for our lives, our churches, and our world

Visit our website or scan the QR code to sign up today!

More information will be shared at the fall student and parent confirmation meetings.

(Registration deadline is Wed., Sept. 16)



Confirmation Sunday (Affirmation of Baptism)

Students in 10th grade and above who have completed their confirmation learning and are preparing to affirm their baptism are invited to participate in confirmation this fall.

Students and a parent/guardian should attend the **Parent & Student Information Meeting and Stole Making on Wed., Sept. 9, at 8:00 p.m.** We'll share important information about the final steps in the confirmation journey and prepare stoles together.

Mark Your Calendars!

Thurs., Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m. Faith Expression Night

Sun., Oct. 25 Confirmation Sunday

Wed., Oct. 28 Confirmation Wednesday



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