

All youth should have a Faith Mentor secured by Wednesday, February 14, 2024!

St. John's Lutheran

YOUTH PACKET

Lent 2024

Faith Mentoring Program

Soup Supper at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

A fun and powerful faith building experience for Confirmation youth!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, February 14, 2024: REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE!

Youth Registration & Faith Mentor Registration/Volunteer Application

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 :

Mentor, Parent and Youth Celebration and Kick-Off 6 p.m.

My Dearest Confirmation Students and Families,

We are so excited that you are going to be involved in the Lenten Faith Mentoring, a new part of our Confirmation program. Youth will get to meet other adults (and parents you can meet different youth!) and learn about their faith. Even though the official program only lasts five weeks, you will find that your mentors become a good resource for you over the years as you experience the ups and downs of growing in your faith. Please read the following information to get started.

Faith Mentor Program for Lent

What is the Faith Mentoring Program?

Faith mentoring is an exciting program that you are able to participate in as part of the Confirmation program at St. John's Lutheran Church. This program will pair you with a faithful, Christian adult in order to share and grow in your faith journeys. You get to select your own mentor – so you will be paired with someone that you respect and with whom you are comfortable.

How will the Faith Mentoring Program work?

As we have been doing, you will meet on Wednesday nights at church. You and your mentor will sit down together at the church to talk through a short devotional that allows you to share stories from your own lives regarding your faith journey. The evening will be centered around the Lenten Worship Services. You will be able to meet before or after the services.

When does this happen?

Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. - Mentor, Parent and Youth Celebration and Kick Off

Lenten Faith Mentoring nights:

Wednesday, February 21 – Mentor, Parent and Youth Celebration and Kickoff

Wednesday, February 28

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday, March 27

The schedule for these Wednesdays is slightly different than our standard Confirmation schedule:

Youth and Mentors will be able to choose when they meet. We ask that pairs stay on site and meet either 30 minutes before or after the service. More details will be given at the Celebration and Kick-Off.

After the Lenten season, the formal mentoring relationship will be finished, but both you and your mentor may have discovered you have gained a new friend!

How do I get my Faith Mentor?

You get to select your own faith mentor!!

STEP #1: MAKE A LIST

Please prayerfully consider whom you would like to ask to serve as your Faith Mentor.

Make a list of 3 people you would like to invite using the following checklist:

*An adult, at least 18 years of age. (If under 18, permission needs to be given by Pastor Raul or Pastor Ryan.)

*Someone who is not your parent.

*An individual who is a good example of the Christian faith.

*Someone you feel comfortable talking to.

* One student per mentor

*A person who is local enough to attend the events.

Examples of people you might ask would be: a congregation member, a confirmation classmate's parent, a chaperone from a youth retreat, a former Sunday School teacher, a grandparent, a Confirmation Small Group Guide, a friend of your parent.

STEP #2: INVITATIONS

When you invite an adult to serve as your Faith Mentor you will need to explain clearly what a Faith Mentor is. You will also need to give them the Mentor Information Packet found at the back of this packet to read over so they can consider whether or not they will be able to serve as your Faith Mentor. (If it is easier, the mentor could also find the packet on the St. John's Lutheran website, www.stjohnsofmound.org, hover over Children, Youth and Families and click on drop down menu Confirmation 2023-2024. Scroll to the bottom to find Youth and Mentor Packets.

An idea of what to say:

Hello, this is (insert name here) from St. John's Lutheran Church. I am a Confirmation student and I want to participate in the Lenten Mentoring program. I would like for you to serve as my Faith Mentor for five Wednesday nights during Lent. I have an information packet about the program I can give you to read. Would you consider being my Faith Mentor?

STEP #3: FOLLOW UP

The packet that you give to your mentor tells them to get back to you in three days, but ultimately it is your responsibility to follow up with them. Your first choice for mentor may say NO simply because they cannot make time on a Wednesday night. You then have to go back to **Step #2** and invite another mentor. (You can follow the directions and print out another Mentor Packet or direct your prospective mentor to the website.)

STEP #4: REGISTER YOUR FAITH MENTOR

When you have found a Faith Mentor you need to make sure that they fill out the Registration/Volunteer form and give it back to you to turn in by Feb. 14, 2017! You can turn the information in any Wednesday to Pastor Raul. If you need help finding a Faith Mentor you can contact Pastor Raul or Pastor Ryan and we will try to help you. Please make every effort to find a Faith Mentor on your own before contacting Pastors Raul or Ryan.

Faith Mentor Program Youth Registration Form

Name: _____

Email you can be reached at: _____

Please check this regularly as we will communicate with you regarding this ministry.

Please read and sign:

- I have read and understand the information packet.
- I will commit to the program and the schedule.
- I will have a Faith Mentor chosen by Wednesday, February 21!!!!

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faith Mentor Program

Mentor Registration Form

Name: _____

Email you can be reached at: _____

Please check this regularly as we will communicate with you regarding this ministry.

Please read and sign:

- I have read and understand the information packet.
- I will commit to the program and the schedule.
- I will attend Faith Mentor Meeting on Wednesday, February 21!!!

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mentor Signature: _____ Date: _____