



2019-2020

Overview

The logo for Family of Christ Lutheran Church. It features the text "Family of Christ" in a large, dark grey serif font, with "LUTHERAN CHURCH" in a smaller, dark grey sans-serif font below it. To the left of the text is a green leafy branch with several leaves and small buds.

# Family of Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome to Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Family of Christ seeks to be a grace filled family of God, living the gospel through faith, love and compassion. One of our core values is youth; we create an environment where the young and young at heart can learn and be supported on their faith journeys (Matthew 13:31-32).



## Faith Formation Goals

As children and teens participate at church from birth through high school graduation, our hoped for outcomes—that align with our church values—for what they know, experience, and live out include:

- **Faith** | Youth will learn faith foundations through integration of scripture stories, Christian Lutheran tradition, and experience with the communities they are part of.
- **Acceptance** | Each youth knows they and all people are created in God's image and that is good, and they begin to live into who they are created to be.
- **Meaningful Relationships** | Each youth experiences being part of a family of God and a family of the world in which all people matter.
- **Impact** | Youth will grow in their faith by having opportunities to share and integrate their faith through action understanding they are someone who can make a difference in this world.
- **Love** | Each youth understands they and all people are loved and beloved children of God, and there is nothing they or anyone can do to lose the love of God. They believe "Jesus loves me" and "God loves you".
- **Youth** | Children and teens will experience an environment where they can honestly bring their true selves and be loved as the children of God they are.



## Faith Milestones

- **Birth:** Baptism
- **Age 3:** Entering Sunday School
- **Grade 1:** Communion
- **Grade 3:** Receiving Bible
- **Grade 6:** Entering Youth Group
- **Grades 9:** Confirmation
- **Grade 9-12:** Mission Trip
- **Graduation**



## Programs

**Sunday Morning Children** meets 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. from mid-September to mid-May.

- **Play & Praise** | Parents with ages 0-2 meet monthly to form friendships for connection and support, teach children basic building blocks of faith, play together, and discuss how to talk about faith at home.
- **Children's Choir** | Preschool through 5th grade leave at the end of the service for rehearsal.
- **Sunday School** | Following an opening Bible story, preschool—kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-4 and grade 5 split for discussion, crafts and activities reinforcing and expressing the Bible story using Spark curriculum.



**Wednesday Night Youth** meets during the school year. The evening schedule is:

- 6:00-6:30 | **Meal** for students and volunteers.
- 6:30-7:40 | **Confirmation** for grades 6-9 uses Confirm, Not Conform Lutheran curriculum. Confirmation provides a safe place to explore the breadth of the Christian tradition, to ask questions and express their doubts, and to discover what they truly believe.
- During 7:25-7:40 all students participate in a group activity that changes week to week but could include worship, game, snack and hang out, or a spiritual practice.
- 7:25-8:30 | **High School Youth Group** for grades 9-12 focuses on integrating faith into our unique identity, connecting with others in a safe environment, and learning what it means to be people of faith.



**Annual Events** dates for this year are:

- Fall Youth Retreat for grades 6-12 is **October 4-6**.
- Confirmation is Sunday, **October 27**.
- Christmas Program for children and youth is **December 15**.
- Receiving Bible happens Sunday, **January 12** while the workshop for parents and their 3rd-5th grader is Sunday, **January 5**.
- Winter Service Lock-In for grades 6-12 is in **February 7**.
- First Communion takes place Thursday, **April 9** while the workshop for parents and their 1st-3rd grader is Saturday, **April 4**.
- Honoring high school graduates happens Sunday, **May 31**.
- High School Mission Trip is in **June**.
- Vacation Bible School is in **July**.
- Summer Camp is in **July**.



## Schedule

**Parents with infants and toddlers** typically meet on 2nd Sundays:

- September 22
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- February 9
- March 8
- April 19
- May 17

## Sunday School Age 3 - Grade 5

9-8	<b>Community Event</b>
9-15	The Lost Sheep and Coin Luke 15:1-10
9-22	Two Masters - Luke 16:1-13
9-29	Parable of the Rich Man Luke 16:19-31
10-6	A Seed of Faith Luke 17:5-10
10-13	Ten Men Healed Luke 17:11-19
10-20	<b>No Class MEA</b>
10-27	Pharisee and Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14
11-3	Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10
11-10	Sadducees' Question Luke 20:27-38
11-17	God's Love is Forever Luke 21:5-19
11-24	Christmas Program Practice
12-1	Christmas Program Practice
12-8	Christmas Program Practice
12-15	Christmas Program
12-22 12-29	<b>No Class - Holiday Break</b>
1-5	Jesus the Word John 1:10-18
1-12	Jesus' Baptism Matthew 3:13-17

1-19	<b>Community Event</b>
1-26	The Disciples Matthew 4:12-23
2-2	The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12
2-9	Salt and Light Matthew 5:13-20
2-16	<b>Community Event</b>
2-23	The Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-9
3-1	The First Sin Genesis 3:1-27
3-8	Abram's Call Genesis 12:1-4
3-15	Woman at the Well John 4:5-42
3-22	<b>Community Event</b> (Spring Break)
3-29	Lazarus John 11:1-45
4-5	<b>Community Event</b> Drawer Packing
4-12	<b>No Class - Easter</b>
4-19	Doubting Thomas John 20:19-31
4-26	The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35
5-3	Early Believers Acts 2 and 4
5-10	God's House John 14:1-14
5-17	<b>Final Celebration</b>

## Wednesday Night Grade 6-12

Sept 18	Confirmation & Youth Group
Sept 25	Confirmation (& Mentors) & Youth Group
Oct 2	Confirmation & Youth Group
Oct 9	Confirmation & Youth Group
Oct 16	<b>No Class - MEA</b>
Oct 23	<b>Service/Social Community Event</b>
Oct 30	Confirmation & Youth Group
Nov 6	Confirmation & Youth Group
Nov 13	Confirmation (& Mentors) & Youth Group
Nov 20	Confirmation & Youth Group
Nov 27	<b>No Class - Thanksgiving</b>
Dec 4	Confirmation & Youth Group
Dec 11	Confirmation (& Mentors) & Youth Group
Dec 18	Confirmation & Youth Group
Dec 25 + Jan 1	<b>No Class- Holiday Break</b>
Jan 8	Confirmation & Youth Group

Jan 15	Confirmation (& Mentors) & Youth Group
Jan 22	Confirmation & Youth Group
Jan 29	<b>Service/Social Community Event</b>
Feb 5	Confirmation & Youth Group
Feb 12	Confirmation (& Mentors) & Youth Group
Feb 19	Confirmation & Youth Group
Feb 26	Ash Wed Worship at 7:00
Mar 4	Lent combined 6-12 for 7:15-8:00
Mar 11	Lent combined 6-12 for 7:15-8:00
Mar 18	Lent combined 6-12 for 7:15-8:00
Mar 25	<b>No Class</b> (Spring Break)
April 1	Lent combined 6-12 for 7:15-8:00
April 8	<b>No Class- Holy Week</b>
April 15	Confirmation (& Mentors) & Youth Group
April 22	Confirmation & Youth Group
April 29	Confirmation & Youth Group
May 6	Confirmation & Youth Group
May 13	<b>Service/Social Community Event</b>