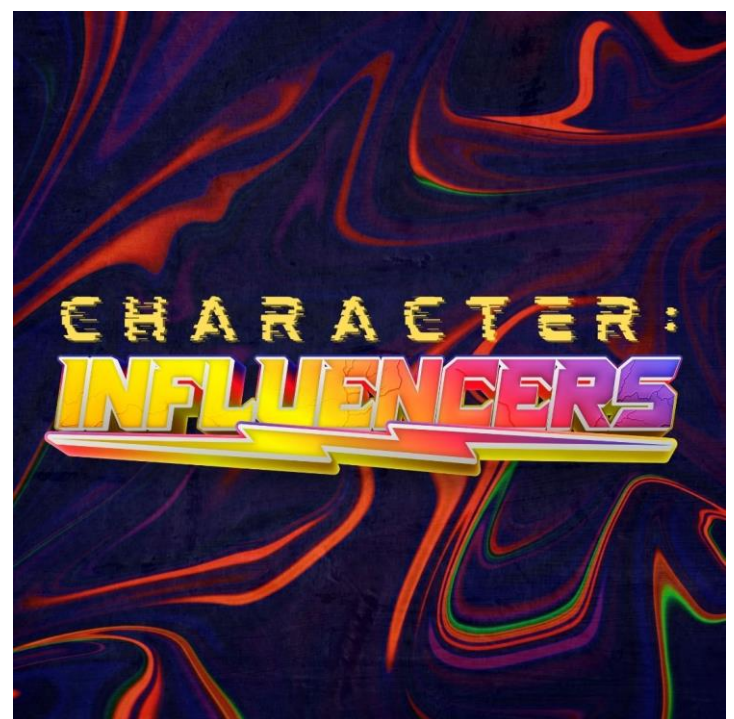
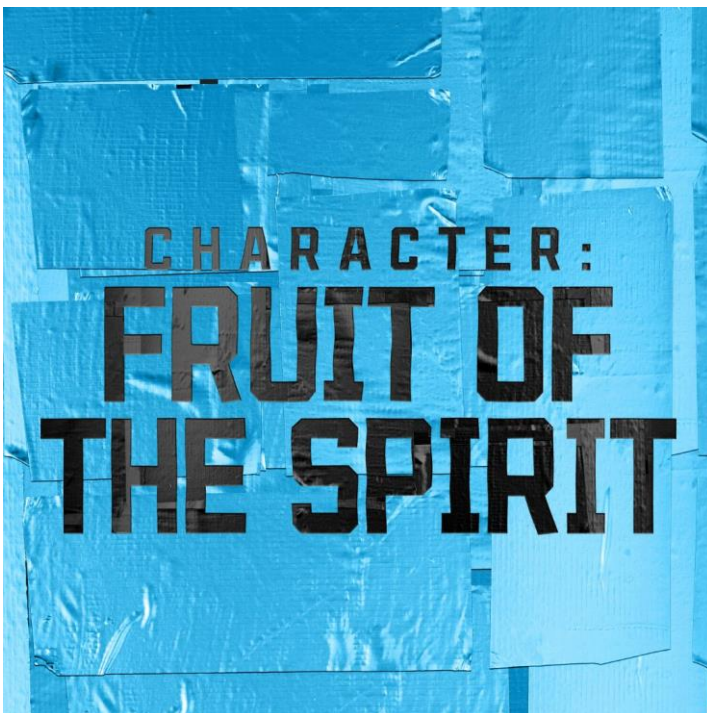




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Wednesdays 6-7:30pm at First Lutheran Church

2023-24 Element: Confirmation Ministry Information Packet



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Element has been created specifically for the 6th-8th graders in our churches! Element is a joining of Confirmation and Fusion Youth: the best of both worlds. Learning the elements of your faith in a fun and engaging space! This has been a collaboration between the pastors of Faith Lutheran, First Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Federated and St. Johns/Kongsvinger of Donnelly, Heather Black (Fusion Youth Ministry Director) and with the blessing of the various church councils!

Our goal is to teach the 6th-8th graders to learn and experience the elements of a Christian life. To believe, know and experience God, connect with others, serve others in love and live out our faith daily! In 2023-24 we will be using the curriculum by LeaderTreks specifically written for 6th-8th graders called Herd: we will study Fruits of the Spirit & Character Influencers!! The Bible provides a handy list for us—the fruit of the Spirit—that describes the kind of character God wants us to embody. Throughout these lessons, students will be challenged to not just learn about these traits but apply them to their everyday lives through the help of the Holy Spirit. Also, through the examples of several biblical characters, students will see the importance of living life in a way that honors and glorifies God. Each of the people they will study used their influence to point others to Christ, even if it was hard. Students will be challenged to consider how they are living and if they are influencing those around them toward God.

Here are the details!

WED NIGHT SCHEDULE: 6pm-7:30 on Wednesday evenings @First Lutheran (may be at an alternate location as well)

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY MODEL:

We will meet in as a large group, but will mostly spend time in smaller groups. Christianity is a relational faith. We have a relationship with God and with each other. These small groups help to foster that relationship with God and each other. This will be based on grade and gender this year.

Small Group leaders are:

6th Grade Boys: Craig Swanson & Aaron Erdahl

6th Grade Girls: Pastor Emmy & Morgan Vogt

7th Grade Boys: Pasto Chris & Mike Odello

7th Grade Girls: Heather Black & Kendra Goulet

8th Grade Boys: Pastor Matt & Tony Feuchtenberger

8th Grade Girls: Katie Hassle & Haley Ourada

COMMUNICATION: Remind app

Heather will send information about meeting times, events, parent info letters, and family devotionals and all around general info so please keep an eye out for those through the Remind app. Please see the attached pages and sign up!

Our website will also have up to date information so please check that out if you have any questions!

Website: www.fusion-ministry.com

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Heather Black's information:

✉ heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com

☎ 320-349-0103 (feel free to text or call)

Social Media : Facebook@fusion56267 or Instagram@fusion56267

Website: www.fusion-ministry.com

Confirmation Requirements:

Pastors will send you information about your specific church information and requirements.

RETREATS, TRIPS, SERVICE PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES:

Please fill out the attached permission slip that will grant permission for your youth to go on the retreats, trips, service projects and activities that Element will be providing as we go along this year. Makes it easier for us all and keeps paperwork to a minimum! Most to all of the sign ups for retreat, trip and other off campus activities will be through our website!

Who we are:

Staff:

Heather Black: Fusion Youth Ministry Director

Pastor Chris Richards: Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus

Pastor Emmy: Faith Lutheran Church Of Morris

First Lutheran Church of Morris

Pastor Matt Orendorff: Federated Church

Pastor Rochelle Anderson: St. John's/Kongsvinger of Donnelly

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September:

- 13th – Parent’s meeting @6pm
- 20th – Element 6-7:30pm – Introduction to Fruit of the Spirit and work on getting to know your small groups!
- 27th – Element 6-7:30pm - LOVE

October:

- 4th – Element 6-7:30pm - JOY
- 11th – Element 6-7:30pm – Prayer Walk (meet at Federated Church)
- 18th – No Element (MEA Break)
- 25th – Element 6-7:30pm – PEACE

November:

- 1st – Element 6-7:30pm - PATIENCE
- 8th – No Element
- 15th – Element 6-7:30pm – Prep and Plan for Service Projects
- 22nd – No Element (Thanksgiving)
- 29th – Element 6-7:30pm – KINDNESS

December:

- 6th – Element 6-7:30pm - Christmas Service Projects
- 13th – Element Christmas Party (Times and location TBA)
- 20th – No Element
- 27th – No Element

January:

- 3rd – Element 6-7:30pm – GOODNESS
- 10th – Element 6-7:30pm – Prayer Stations –Missionaries around the world.
- 17th – Element 6-7:30pm – Ask the Pastors Panel
- 24th – Element 6-7:30pm - FAITHFULNESS
- 31st – Element 6-7:30pm – GENTLENESS

February:

- 7th – Element 6-7:30pm – SELF-CONTROL
- 14th – Ash Wednesday
- 21st – Lent (Please attend your church’s Lenten Service)
- 23rd-24th – Winter Retreat (More information & details to come!)
- 28th – Lent (Please attend your church’s Lenten Service)

Please sign up on the Remind App to receive reminders about upcoming events and meetings. (see attached)

Also, check out our website for up to date information and subscribe to our google calendar.

www.fusionministry.com

All dates are subject to change and I will do my best to keep you updated if any changes occur.

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March:

- 6th – Lent (Please attend your church's Lenten Service)
- 13th – Lent (Please attend your church's Lenten Service)
- 20th – Lent (Please attend your church's Lenten Service)
- 27th – Holy Week (No Element)

April:

- 3rd – Element 6-7:30pm – Paul's Integrity
- 10th – Element 6-7:30pm – Jonathan's Loyalty
- 17th – Element 6-7:30pm – Josiah's Determination
- 24th – Element 6-7:30pm – Mary's Obedience

May:

- 1st – Element 6-7:30pm – Daniel's Consistency
- 8th – Last Element (remembering our Baptism)

Summer trips and activities:

*Week of Camp – Element will be going to a week of camp at Luther Crest Bible Camp summer of 2024. Experience camp the same week as other Element friends! Stay tuned for more information to come!

**Adventure trip – Canoe trip with Amnicon – Summer of 2024. Stay tuned for more information to come!

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Registration/Medical Information & Release/Photo Release Form

Church currently attending _____

Student Name: _____ Gender: M F

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Student Cell Number: _____

Student Email: _____

Student T-Shirt size: XS S M L XL 2XL (adult sizes)

Is it ok to use student cell and email for communication purposes? Y/N

Activities in School:

Special Hobbies or interests:

Parent/Caregiver(s): _____

Address: _____

Additional address (if applicable): _____

Parent/Caregiver phone numbers: Home: _____

Cell #1: _____ (Name) _____

Cell #2: _____ (Name) _____

Family Email (the one regularly checked): _____

Names and ages/grades of siblings:

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Student Medical Information:

(REQUIRED, Please list someone other than parent / guardian(s))

Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____

Relation to the student _____

CELL PHONE (S) _____ HOME _____ WORK _____

Insurance Company _____

Phone # _____ Policy # _____ Group # _____

Are there any medical conditions or allergies that we should know about? _____

Initial below and sign.

____ I grant permission for youth named above to attend Element programming, retreats, trips and outings.

____ I authorize Fusion Youth Ministry (Element Jr High Ministry) and their staff to use photographs, video images, or other likenesses of myself and/or my child for the purposes of our website, and social media sites and/or other ministry material.

____ I also grant permission, in case of emergency, for medical attention to be sought by leaders of my student's group and/or the persons in charge, if I am unable to be contacted. I understand that I will be notified immediately of any such happenings.

____ I expressly assume any and all risks of injury arising from or relating to the activities I have given my child permission to participate with Fusion Youth Ministry (Element Jr. High Ministry) and waive and release any and all suits or demands of any kind or nature whatsoever against Fusion Youth Ministry, staff, volunteers, or representatives arising from or relating in any way to the participant's voluntary participation in said activities.

____ I understand that my youth will behave in a manner that is appropriate. If my youth's behavior is deemed inappropriate, violent or breaks the covenant that was signed by my youth, that I will be asked to come and take my youth home – or they will be sent home at my expense.

____ I have read, understood, and agreed to the information I have signed to on this form.

Parent/Caregiver signature: _____ Date: _____

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Fusion Youth Ministry Standards of Behavior

Fusion provides a Christian community within a safe environment that promotes spiritual and social growth for students. We encourage youth to participate in activities to the best of their ability and to treat one another and the staff with respect. The following guidelines are presented for participants. **Parents are encouraged to review these guidelines with their child.**

All Fusion Participants are to...

1. Use language that is appropriate within a Christian community.
2. Refrain from bullying.
3. Respect adult leaders, pastors and participants.
4. Respect the property of the churches where we gather and anywhere we visit.
5. Refrain from engaging or threatening to engage in acts of physical, sexual, or verbal abuse.
6. Refrain from the usage of or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal substance and/or paraphernalia.
7. Refrain from possession or usage of weapons.

Consequences of Misbehavior

The Fusion staff and board of directors will attempt to be fair in assessing consequences for student behavior. When appropriate, consequences shall be given in a progressive order in relation to the severity and/or frequency of the infraction(s). The specific disciplinary action and severity of punishment for inappropriate student behavior will be handled by the executive board and staff. The Fusion board has the right to dismiss student immediately based on the severity of the offense.

When offense occurs, it will be documented by staff and/or group leader. This will be communicated with student and parent/guardian. After two offenses, a meeting will take place with staff, board representative, pastor, and parent/guardian to find a mentor that will attend Fusion with the student to ensure behavior expectations are met. If this arrangement is not agreed upon or behavior expectations are still not met after mentor is in place, Element will provide programming resources to parent/guardian to provide one-on-one lessons at home to fulfill confirmation requirements.

Admission Agreement

In signing this section, I acknowledge that I have read through the above Behavior Agreement with my child. I am aware that my child is expected to abide by all regulations governing personal conduct and use of church property. If my child does not cooperate, or becomes a hindrance to the program, I understand the series of consequences.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

In signing this section, I acknowledge that I have read through the above Behavior Agreement. I am aware that I am expected to abide by all regulations governing personal conduct and use of church property. If I do not cooperate, or become a hindrance to the program, I understand the series of consequences.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this agreement signed by both parent/guardian and student. Thank you.

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