



ELEMENT: 6th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Wednesdays 6-7:30pm at Faith Lutheran

I would like to introduce you to a new program that 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!

COMMUNICATION: Remind app

Heather will send text/email 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! My email is heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com. And my number is 320-349-0103. Or you can check the Facebook or Instagram pages for info too. @fusion56267

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

WED NIGHT SCHEDULE (In Person): 6pm-7:30 on Wednesday evenings @Faith Lutheran

6-6:15 – arrive and check into your small group location – snack and catch up time.

6:15-6:30- Large Game/Worship time and/or the hook to the lesson

6:30-7:30 – Teaching and small group discussion time

IN-Person vs Distance Learning:

Although we would all prefer to be in person...our situation in Stevens County is proving that to be difficult. We want all who want to be involved, to be involved. It is our goal to be able to provide Element online (zoom/live streamed) as well as in person. Please let us know asap which type you would prefer so that we can get enough leaders to lead those groups. Once we have the numbers of those who want in person vs through zoom, we will communicate what group you are in and the different scenarios that will be available based on what's going on with Covid.

COVID GUIDELINES:

You know the drill: please, please, please do not send your student if they are ill or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for covid.

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We will be following the school's decision on how we will meet: Please be patient as we determine how that will look.

IF: The school is "In Person" – we will meet in person

The school is "Hybrid" – we will have a hybrid version

The school is "Distance Learning" – we will do a Live stream and zoom type of program

Masks: Following the State of MN mandate, we will be requiring both Leaders and Students to be wearing masks while we are meeting in person in a building. (If you have any concerns about this, please contact Heather or your pastor)

RETREATS, TRIPS, SERVICE PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES:

Due to Covid many dates have not been determined and/or are tentative at this point and time. Also many things and events may change as we go along this year. Please be patient and understanding with us as we try to keep both leaders and the students safe. And enjoy the world we live in.

Who we are:

Staff:

Heather Black: Fusion Youth Ministry Director

Pastor Chris Richards: Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus

Pastor Dell Sanderson: Faith Lutheran Church Of Morris

Pastor Dan Belgum: First Lutheran Church of Morris

Pastor Matt Orendorff: Federated Church

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

AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!!

Danielle Lesmeister

Naomi Fynboh

Amy Swanson

Elissa Breuer

Mike Odello

Nick Milbrandt

David Black

Hannah Michaelson

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September:

- Wed 9th Element Ministry Team training @6pm
- Wed 16th Parent's mtg @6pm
- Sunday, 20th Church without walls. Service projects at various locations. TBA
- Wed 23rd Element Ministry Team Training @6pm
- Wed 30th Element: Get to know your small group/kickoff @6pm

October:

- Wed 7th Element @6pm
- Wed 14th Rake and Run service project (times TBA)
- Wed 21st Element @6pm
- Wed 28th Element @6pm
- Saturday 31st Halloween Event – Bonfire & Hayride (Time and location TBA)

November:

- Wed 4th Element @6pm
- Wed 11th Element @6pm
- Wed 18th Element @6pm
- Fri-Sat 20th-21st Jr. High youth gathering (Online/live stream)
- Wed 25th No Element (Thanksgiving Break)

December:

- Wed 2nd – Advent: Help to lead advent service in specific churches
- Wed 9th – Advent: Element Christmas Party
- Wed 16th – Advent: Christmas Caroling
- Wed 23rd – Advent (No Element)
- Wed 30th – No Element

January:

- Wed 6th Element @6pm
- Wed 13th Element @6pm
- Wed 20th No Element
- Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd Winter Retreat – Luther Crest (tentative date)
- Wed 27th Element @6pm

February:

- Wed 3rd Element
- Wed 10th Prepare for Lent services at specific churches
- Saturday 13th Ski Trip (tentative date)
- Wed 17th Element
- Wed 24th Lent Services

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March:

Wed 3rd Lent Services

Wed 10th Lent Services

Wed 17th Lent Serve Lent meal and Lent service (to be decided by specific churches)

Wed 24th Lent Services

Wed 31st Element @6pm

Lock Out/Nerf Wars/Rent the movie theater movie night

April:

Wed 7th Element @6pm

Wed 14th Service Project: Food Drive/Collect food for the Food Bank

Wed 21st Element @6pm

Saturday 24th Special Service Project

Wed 28th Element @6pm

May:

Wed 5th Element @6pm

Wed 12th No Element

Wed 19th End of the school year Bash!

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