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St. Luke's Weekly Youth Faith Formation Newsletter



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS

Sunday School and Youth Faith Formation classes begin at 9:45AM. We hope to see you there!

Sunday School (PK-2) - 1st Floor in Room 1

Youth Faith Formation 1 (3-5) - Upstairs in Room 7

Youth Faith Formation 2 (6-8) - Upstairs in Room 9

WEDNESDAYS

4:30PM - Storytime (Ages 0-4) - 1st Floor Nursery

4:30PM Lamplighters (Grades K-5) - Auditorium

5:30PM - Family Table (ALL ages!) - Dining Room

MISSION TRIP MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

Please join us this Sunday, following the 10:00AM service in the auditorium, for an informational meeting about our upcoming mission trip. We'll provide a general overview of the trip, discuss logistics, answer questions, and review expectations. The trip is open to all high school students. Commitment agreements will be distributed, and both the agreement and a \$100 deposit are due by November 9th. Can't make the meeting but still want to join the trip? Please reach out to Amy Weigand, Pastor Jonathan Malone, or Deb Dioguardi.



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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 26, AFTER 10:00AM
Mission Trip Informational Meeting

OCTOBER 29, 5:30PM
Halloween Fun at Family Table

NOVEMBER 21-23
Fall Youth Retreat @ ECC

NOVEMBER 26
No Family Table

DECEMBER 19 - SAVE THE DATE!
Parents' Night Out
Christmas Party & Babysitting

FEBRUARY 15-21, 2026
Tentative Dates for the
Mission Trip to the
Dominican Republic

SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY TABLE THIS WEDNESDAY!

This Wednesday, join us for a special Halloween-themed Family Table! Kids — big and little — are encouraged to wear their costumes to Angel Choir, Storytime, Lamplighters, AND Family Table for an extra festive evening!

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

Last week, we had 10 kids come to Youth Group—and it was AWESOME! If your child attended (or heard how much fun it was through the grapevine), they'll definitely want to join us for the Fall Youth Retreat! From November 21–23, we'll spend the weekend at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI, enjoying glamping, hiking, crafts, singing, fellowship, and, of course, s'mores! The retreat is open to all students in grades 6–12, and the cost is \$150 per person (which includes two nights and six meals). Checks can be made payable to St. Luke's with "YFF retreat" in the memo line. Use the Google Form included in this email to register. Registration deadline is November 7th. If cost is a concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to Amy Weigand or Father John for financial assistance—we want everyone who wants to go to be there!

NEED HELP WITH WORSHIP BAG CLEANING

We're looking for volunteers to disinfect and organize the worship bags each week. This task is flexible, you can do it at a time that works best for you, and it usually takes less than an hour. Everything you need will be provided: weekly coloring sheets, wipes, and a checklist of what to include. Interested? Contact Amy.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

We're planning our annual Christmas Cookie Decorating Party — with a new twist! This year, parents can drop off their children in the Dining Room for a festive Christmas party and babysitting event to support our mission trip fundraiser! Kids will enjoy cookie decorating, games, crafts, and holiday fun while parents take some time to relax or get a little shopping done. Stay tuned for more details!

PRAYER

Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of family and friends, for the laughter, love, and joy that fill our homes, and for the care you give each of us every day.

Bless the children in our lives, and help them grow in kindness, courage, and curiosity. Guide their steps and fill their hearts with your light, so that they may see the good in the world and share it with others.

As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter, remind us to notice the beauty of your creation in every season. Help us to care for the earth, for our neighbors, and for those who are lonely, sad, or in need.

Give families patience and understanding, and teach us to listen, forgive, and love one another well. May our homes be places of laughter and learning, and may your Spirit fill us with hope, joy, and peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Please send all questions, comments, and ideas to Amy Weigand, Director of Youth and Family Ministries:
AMY@STLUKESEG.ORG

For Children During Worship at St. Luke's

St. Luke's loves children and wants to support families every step of the way on their faith journey and in the life of the church. In addition to the options below, children can also join the choir, acolyte, or usher.

Nursery (ages 0–3)

Nursery care is available during both the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Sunday services. The nursery is located on the first floor.

Sunday School and Youth Faith Formation (grades PK–8)

Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45AM. St. Luke's provides age-appropriate lessons that connect the Bible with everyday life and encourage children to practice their faith in simple, meaningful ways. Children rejoin their parents in church after the Passing of the Peace.

Worship Bags (ages 5 & up)

Worship Bags are available at the back of the church and contain quiet, engaging activities to be used in the pews. Children can pick them up after class and bring them to their pew. Each item is chosen not only to occupy children but to help them connect with and participate in worship in age-appropriate ways. These bags nurture curiosity, creativity, and a sense of belonging while supporting families in fully participating in the service. Worship Bags should remain in the pews and not be taken to the Prayground. Please return the bags to the basket at the back of the church at the end of the service so they can be refreshed for the following week.

The Prayground (ages 0–5)

The Prayground is a designated space at the front of St. Luke's where our youngest parishioners can engage in worship using age-appropriate materials. We provide children's Bibles, books, coloring pages, blocks, baby dolls, and a wooden Eucharist play set, all stored in baskets under the benches. Children and their caregivers are encouraged to come forward, sit on the benches or the rug, and participate in a way that makes worship meaningful for them. All items should be tidied up at Communion, and families are invited to return to their pews at this time.

Children's Worship Bulletins (grades 3 & up)

Children may enjoy the Children's Worship Bulletins. Ask an usher for one as you enter the church. Bulletins include word searches, drawing prompts, word scrambles, connect-the-dots, and creative coloring opportunities. Please take the bulletins home at the end of the service.

Join us!

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YOUTH PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAYS

4:00

Angel Choir (Grades PK-2)

Located in the choir room on the second floor. This group explores the world of music while developing basic vocal and musical skills.

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4:30

Storytime (Birth-Age 4 & Caregivers)

Located in the nursery on the first floor. Come together for playtime, social connection, and a short story.

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Lamplighters (Grades K-5)

Located in the auditorium. An after-school ministry for kids with games, fellowship, songs, and Bible exploration.

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5:30

Family Table (All ages!)

Held weekly in the dining room following Storytime and Lamplighters. Join us for a casual intergenerational dinner with the goal of providing fellowship and building community. Free with donations welcomed.

FRIDAYS

4:00

St. Cecilia Choir (Grades 3-12)

Located in the choir room on the second floor. This group continues to develop music skills at a high level and sings for a wide array of Sunday services, special events, concerts, and civic occasions.

3RD FRIDAY
OF THE MONTH

6:00

Fun & Faith Fridays (Grades 6-12)

A monthly youth group meeting in the dining room. Dinner is included, followed by games, faith exploration, and Compline. We are a welcoming and inclusive space for young people to make friends, have fun, and deepen their understanding of faith.

SUNDAYS

9:45

Sunday School (Grades PK-2)

Located in room 1, Sunday School offers children engaging, age-appropriate lessons that connect the Bible with everyday life. It helps them explore their faith, ask questions, and practice living out their beliefs in simple, meaningful ways.

SUNDAYS

9:45

Youth Faith Formation 1&2 (Grades 3-8)

Located in Room 7 (grades 3-5) and Room 9 (grades 6-8), Youth Faith Formation encourages students to deepen their understanding of the Bible and see how it connects to their daily lives using a lectionary-based and inclusive curriculum called Mini Revolutions.



Have questions?
Email amy@stlukeseg.org



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NOVEMBER 21-23

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FALL YOUTH RETREAT

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