

First English Lutheran Church
AFFIRM Ministry for Grades 6 – 9
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

CONTENT: This year 6th-9th graders will dive into topics about **God and Daily Life**. Since we are combining sixth through ninth grades and all are working toward their Affirmation of Baptism, we have a new name, AFFIRM. Wednesday night discussions will focus on God’s presence in your life. We will connect and build relationships in small groups, take part in a mentor program, and serve others by sharing our gifts.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Theme</u> | <u>Style</u> |
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| <u>September 30</u> | <u>Orientation for parents and youth</u> | <u>Zoom</u> https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/91400865536 |
| <u>October 7</u> | <u>Mentor Night</u> <u>Mentor forms are online and were emailed.</u> | <u>The Gift of Faith – meet virtually or one-on-one with your mentor and complete the activities for this night.</u> |
| <u>October 14</u> | <u>No Meeting MEA</u> | |
| <u>October 21</u> | <u>Resilient Faith – Breath</u> | <u>First English, Sanctuary and Small Group</u> |
| <u>October 28</u> | <u>Resilient Faith – Peace</u> | <u>First English, Sanctuary and Small Group</u> |
| <u>November 4</u> | <u>Mentor Night</u> | <u>Cloud of Witnesses</u> |
| <u>November 11</u> | <u>Resilient Faith - Justice</u> | <u>First English, Sanctuary and Small Group</u> |
| <u>November 18</u> | <u>Service Project</u> | <u>Souls for Hope in the Fellowship Hall</u> |
| <u>November 25</u> | <u>No Meeting Fall Break</u> | |
| <u>December 2</u> | <u>Mentor Night</u> | <u>TBD</u> |
| <u>December 9</u> | <u>Resilient Faith - Baptize</u> | <u>First English, Sanctuary and Small Group</u> |
| <u>December 16</u> | <u>Service Project</u> | <u>Christmas Caroling Outside with Masks</u> <u>Place/ Time - TBD</u> |

EXPECTATIONS:

- **Wednesday Night Attendance:** We ask you make attendance on Wednesday nights a priority. When we gather, we meet God. Faith grows as we spend time learning and growing together. Masks and physical distancing protocol are required.
- **Worship:** You can’t get to worship in the sanctuary right now due to COVID, but we have several ways you can participate. The worship is posted each week on the website, www.firstenglishchurch.com, we meet outdoors Sunday at 10:00 am (this is scheduled to continue as long as weather permits), and we offer Outdoor Sunday School Worship services, Sundays in October at 4:00 p.m. Worship and Wednesday night ministries connect you to our faith community and being connected to a community creates faith that sticks for a lifetime.

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• **Worship Photograms: (replaces worship notes)**

Each student needs to complete 12 worship photograms during the school year.

Instructions: Take a photo during worship whether you watch it online or attend an outdoor worship service. Explain why you took that photo, what you heard when you took the photo, and what makes it important to you. Photos can be taken with student or parent’s phone or iPad. If a phone or iPad is not available, an email works as well. Students, please send photos or notes to felcykris@gmail.com using the

Subject line: Photograms. Do not text your photograms to Kris.

- **SERVICE:** Youth are asked to participate in four service projects each year. Some service opportunities will be part of the Wednesday night Confirmation meetings, others will be offered separately.