

## AFFIRM - Grades 6 – 9

### FELCY Connections and Confirmation Ministry

### God and Daily Life

#### Action Items:

- Register Online at [www.firstenglishchurch.com/youth](http://www.firstenglishchurch.com/youth)
- Orientation for Parents and Youth, Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm via Zoom  
Join Zoom Meeting—<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/91400865536>  
Meeting ID: 914 0086 5536
- See page 2 for mentor information and registration form
- See page 3 for calendar and expectations
- Fee—\$15 per family

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#### Two options:

**On-site:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We will meet briefly in the sanctuary to introduce the lesson. From there, we will go to separate areas with our small groups for discussion and connection.

**Virtual:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Those who prefer to not meet in person will meet with a small group leader via Zoom. Depending on the numbers, we will figure out how this option works.

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## Confirmation Mentor Program

Each fall confirmands select a mentor committed to walking with them on their faith journey. This mentor is asked to encourage and support the student and his/her faith formation. A mentor is an adult over the age of 18, who is willing to devote a minimum of one year to develop or strengthen a relationship in Christian faith with a member of the First English Lutheran Church confirmation class. **Mentor expectations are:**

- A member of First English Lutheran Church or another congregation. A mentor may be a family member or relative. (We prefer the mentor not be a parent so the youth will develop multiple relationships in their faith circle.
- Attend scheduled mentor night meals and worship services (dates on Confirmation Calendar)
- Be a mentor for only one student at a time.

### 2020-2021 Fall Schedule

#### Wednesdays October 7, November 4, and December 2

Due to not being able to gather in large groups this year mentors and youth will meet on their own. We ask that you meet on Wednesdays. You may meet in person, Facetime, or whatever works best for you. By Friday of the Mentor week, the Confirmand is responsible to send a Photogram to Kris at felcykris@gmail.com. Photograms are also replacing worship notes. Instructions are on page 2 of this letter. Questions? Contact Kris at 507-330-1824.

### **PLEASE KEEP THE ABOVE PORTION AND RETURN THE SLIP BELOW**

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#### **CONFIRMAND AND MENTOR INFORMATION**

**MUST BE SIGNED BY CONFIRMAND AND MENTOR AND RETURNED BY OCTOBER 2, 2020**

**(YOU MAY TAKE A PHOTO AND TEXT THE COMPLETED FORM TO 507-330-1824.)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to develop/continue a relationship in Christian faith

with \_\_\_\_\_ through the Mentor Program at First English

Lutheran Church for this Confirmation year, 2020-2021.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmand Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Date	Theme	Style
September 30	Orientation for parents and youth.	Zoom <a href="https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/91400865536">https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/91400865536</a> Meeting ID: 914 0086 5536
October 7	Mentor Night Mentor forms are online and were emailed.	The Gift of Faith – meet virtually or one-on-one with your mentor and complete the activities for this night.
October 14	No Meeting MEA	
October 21	Resilient Faith – Breath	First English, Sanctuary and Small Group
October 28	Resilient Faith – Peace	First English, Sanctuary and Small Group
November 4	Mentor Night	Cloud of Witnesses
November 11	Resilient Faith - Justice	First English, Sanctuary and Small Group
November 18	Service Project	Souls for Hope in the Fellowship Hall
November 25	No Meeting Fall Break	
December 2	Mentor Night	TBD
December 9	Resilient Faith - Baptize	First English, Sanctuary and Small Group
December 16	Service Project	Christmas Caroling Outside with Masks Place/ Time - TBD

**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.
- **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](http://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.



- **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](mailto:felcykris@gmail.com) using the Subject line: Photograms. Do not text your photograms to Kris. Th

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