

Youth Ministry



Relate (Grade 6-7): Room Y30

The middle school years before Affirm (confirmation) focus on connecting personal faith with the bible and with our Lutheran faith. This group spends time with caring adults, parents, and other youth, exploring the practices that connects them closer to God and works to deepen their faith and their Christian friendships. Engaging service projects and faith-based group building experience are a major emphasis.



Affirm 2020 (Grade 8-9): Room Y31

With the support of parents, caring adults, pastors and staff, Affirm youth begin a 2-year journey together to prepare to make an educated commitment to their faith. Youth are encouraged to ask questions, review and connect the stories of the Bible, understand our Lutheran heritage better, explore their gifts and talents, recognizing they are all bestowed by God. A first AFFIRM retreat at Camp Agape with Pastor and mentors is scheduled for November 16-18, 2018. This 'Spirituality & Sexuality' retreat is open to all youth in grades 8 & 9 who have not been confirmed. It is mandatory for all those preparing for confirmation. Retreat pre-registration begins in September.

Deploy (Grade 9-12): Room Y32

High school youth, post confirmation, gathering together to support each other as they live out their faith in the world. This group utilizes current videos and engaging discussions to connect social issues of today's teens and world events with the Bible, faith and life events.



About FLC Youth Ministry

The formative years of middle school through high school are filled with incredible and exciting changes. At FLC, we take seriously the partnership with youth and their families. Our goal is to provide relational opportunities for youth to experience God's love and grace in today's world and to equip adults to share their faith with young people.



More about Confirmation:

The affirmation process at FLC focuses on developing an integrated holistic faith. This concentrated two-year experience begins in the fall of even years for rising 8th & 9th graders. For the fall of 2018, the Affirm 2020 begins their walk together. This group is then confirmed February 16, 2020. It is designed to help youth make an informed choice about affirming and claiming their personal faith in the Lutheran tradition. FLC emphasizes our grace-based faith trek as a never-ending, always growing, learning and sharing journey with Christ. See Expectations of Confirmation on our website or in the Youth Community Center for further details.

Youth Jam

Open to all Gr 6-12 singers and musicians – 1st Sunday of every month October – June at 12 noon in the contemporary worship

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Summer Time Youth Opportunities:

Intentional time away together helps youth connect more deeply to their faith, to each other, and to the needs of the world. Each retreat/mission trip requires early registration (scholarship assistance is available for all trips).

An early summer mission trip is offered every summer for high school youth (completed grade 8-12). Mission and service focus rotates each summer between rural setting and large metropolitan setting to give youth a better understanding of needs in the world.

A group building retreat is offered in August for both middle and high school youth (rising 6th – 12th graders). This end of the summer 'RAD beach retreat' focuses on relationship building and short service projects.

Every three years High School youth (gr 9-12) attend the ELCA Youth Gathering, a week of faith formation and leadership for ELCA high school youth across the country. The next Gathering will be in Minnesota in 2021.

Other summer opportunities for youth:

Agape Day Camp at FLC (Gr 6-8) in mid-June & **VBS Crew leadership** in mid-July

Relate, Affirm, Deploy (R.A.D.) (Grade 6-12):

RAD gatherings are an opportunity for all youth, grades 6-12, to come together to build friendships rooted in faith. Using intentional group building experiences, games, service and mission adventures, and devotion sharing times, youth strengthen their relationship with God and with the world.

RAD Gatherings for the 2018-2019 year (2-4 unless otherwise noted) typically meets in youth commons:

Sept. 16	
Oct. 7	5 – 7PM
Oct. 21	
Nov. 11	12 – 3PM
Feb. 3	5 – 7PM
Feb. 17	
March 3	5 – 7PM
April 14	
May 5	5 – 7PM
May 19	

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Nov. 10 – Mercy Me & Tenth Ave North Concert* (youth & families);
January 12-13 Lock-In*
6PM – 9AM; (grades 6-12)
Feb. 22-24 LYO Weekend*
(grades 6-12),
March 15-17 BYG-er at Camp Agape* (Gr 6-8 only)

* Pre-registration and fees charged for these events