

Club 9 Plan for the 2011-2012 School Year

This is the final leg of your journey toward affirming the Baptismal vows your parents made when you were very young. Because **you** are a vital part of Trinity Lutheran Church, this year of study and faith development is the time when you can discern the place at Trinity where you can continue to serve, as well as make plans to continue growing in your faith as you Serve in Christ's love and Share the Good News in our community and world. During this final year of Confirmation studies, students commit to nurturing their faith through participating in Service, Camp/Retreat, Study, and Worship. Students will work with their mentors to develop an action plan to meet expectations in each area of emphasis.

Youth Ministry Goal

Partnering between youth, parents, and the congregation to foster the development of mature, Christian youth who will go into adulthood, committed to life-long worship, learning, and service to God, the church, and God's people.

Our mission:

- ❖ Grow in Faith
- ❖ Serve in Love
- ❖ Lead in Peace
- ❖ Live in God's promise

Areas include:

1. **Service:** Ministry to the church, community and world through sharing of time and abilities.
 - ❖ Students make a commitment to make a difference by sharing 25 hours in service to God. "Our hands, God's work." 25 hours
2. **Camp/Retreat/Mission Experience:** A transformational experience of growth in faith.
 - ❖ Participate in a Trinity or ELCA Camp/Retreat to nurture faith away from the church setting, while building relationships with God and friends.
 - ❖ Participate in the ELCA National Youth Gathering, summer 2012
3. **Study:** Study and apply the word of God in daily life.
 - ❖ Complete all Club 9 Wednesday evening classes with mentor
 - ❖ Complete 5 hours of other study opportunities
4. **Worship:** 20 hours
5. **Faith Statement:** Students write their faith statement and faith plan. This includes 4 areas:
 - ❖ Your Bible verse: A passage of Scripture which is of special meaning to you. You will be asked to incorporate your Bible verse in the writing of your faith statement.
 - ❖ How faith in a gracious God has shaped you.
 - ❖ How you will continue to learn about the Word of God and apply it to your life.
 - ❖ How you will continue to exercise my love for God and God's people through serving others and loving your neighbor as Jesus commands.
6. **Pastor meeting:** Upon completion of the faith statement, students meet with a Pastor to review their faith statement and make future plans for nurturing faith and being involved in the church.

Service:

Long-Term Options – Choose one area - Meets entire requirement:

- Day Camp Volunteer (summer)
- Teach Sunday School all year (choose to use this as a study **or** service option, not both)
- Youth Band (choose to use this as an option for worship notes **or** service, not both)
- Serve as a Committee member (Social Concerns Committee, Youth Committee)
- TGIF or Choir Helper
- VBS Volunteer
- Serve on Youth Council

Short-Term Options: Combination of the following examples to complete 25 hours of service:

To encourage student-mentor relationships, when your mentor accompanies you in service activities, you may count your mentor's hours as a part of your service.

- Usher for Wednesday evening service
- Community Table
- Beacon House
- Crop Walk
- Adopt a Highway
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Feed My People Empty Bowls event
- Sunday Usher or Communion Server
- Sunday Bible reader
- Sunday morning greeter
- Cookie Baking
- Load-A-Truck (spring and fall)
- Christmas Sharing Project
- Noah's Ark Spaghetti Supper or Pancake Supper
- Uff Da Fest Helper

Camp/Retreat:

Choose from Trinity or ELCA sponsored events

- Godstock (Synod Youth Gathering – weekend)
- Luther Park Recharge (overnight)
- ELCA National Youth Gathering – 9 days – See Combination Options below
- ELCA Bible Camp (see Combination Options below)

Study: Students are expected to complete all Club 9 lessons with mentor, and choose one, or a combination of the following to complete 5 study opportunities:

- Attend 5 Teen studies on Sunday mornings
- Attend 4-week Bible/Book study
- Teach Sunday School all year (choose to use this as a study **or** service option, not both)

Worship:

Select from the following worship opportunities to equal 20.

Select from a single area, or a combination of the following:

- Worship notes
- Projectionist on Wednesday or Sunday
- Bible reader or Communion Server
- Youth Band (Cross Word): Completion of a year of Youth Band fulfills worship **or** service requirements.

Combination Options:

- Participation in a week-long Bible Camp will fulfill areas of Camp/Retreat and Study.
- Participation in the ELCA National Youth Gathering will fulfill areas of Camp/Retreat, Study, and 6 hours of service.