

“The Rock”
Youth Newsletter
November 2020



Don't wait until Thanksgiving Day to thank God, your parents, or others for all that you have been blessed with!!! GOD IS GOOD!....All the time! Be thankful!

Grades 3-6:

- **Little League: (GRADES 3-6)** Little League will be on Wednesdays once a month. Look at the calendars to see “when”. But it will look a little different in keeping with our social distancing. All youth attending will need to wear masks. It’s a crazy time!
November 4 at 7pm in the fellowship hallwe have an important project to accomplish! Shhhh! It’s a secret! Thanks Emily and Sara for being our leaders!!
- **Congratulations to our 5th Graders who will be celebrating their First Communion** on Wednesday, November 18 at 5:15pm, Saturday, November 21 at 5:30pm, or Sunday November 22 at either 8:30am or 10:45am. Pick the worship service that works the best for your family. God’s blessings to you as we break bread together as a faith family and remember Jesus’ words “this is my body.....this is my blood...do this in remembrance of me”.

Grades 7-8:

Grades 7 and 8 main focus will still be confirmation.....also with some changes.

- **Junior High ALIVE** Junior High Alive will be meeting once a month on a Wednesday for the fall at 6pm in the youth room. Sara and Emily Buysse will be the leaders for the group this year. Wear your mask!
JHA Night is November 11th at 6pm We will meet at Independence Park and help decorate trees with lights for Hospice Light Up the Night. (Many hands makes for lighter work!)
- **Confirmation for November:**
 - November 4** Zoom with Captain and team
 - November 11** Junior High Alive
 - November 18** In person with Pastor Scott
- **KLEIN RANCH:** There is still no update for you.....but still be looking for “The Scoop” hopefully soon!

- **Synod Junior High Youth Gathering (grades 6-9)** will be on November 20th.... And will be an online version. Speaker will be Joe Davis (who is amazing!). It will be for us to watch as a group or for individuals to participate at home. no cost! More details soon!

Grades 9-12:

Senior high ministry is broken down into smaller opportunities because of our numbers and the co-vid guidelines. *Staying involved in “something” is the important part.*

- **Senior High ALIVE:** Senior High Alive is going to need to look different because of our numbers. **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH AT 8PM.** Bring a mask....Meet in the parking lot. More details to come!
- **Bible Study Opportunities for High School Teens: 7pm on Wednesdays**
 1. **Guys: Game Changers** — 7pm on Wednesdays in Room 14. Spread the word! Game Changers focuses on positive character traits and sharing your faith with others. Many times they look at a book together
 2. **CO-ED: Faith Chats**—will meet at 7pm on Wednesdays in the Movie Room. This small group will be for anyone this year that wants to have a variety of chats on life and faith. See you there!
 3. **Girls Summer Bible Study...continues:** the summer bible study will continue and others can join if you would like too! They will meet at 7pm on Wednesdays in the Nursery. This group did a book study this summer but will do different stuff, too, this school year.
- **NEW: Culture Club (Social Justice Awareness Movie Nights)** We meet in the youth room on the third Sunday of the month at 8pm. Bring your mask. The next night will be **Sunday, November 15 at 8pm.**
- **NEW! Online Group Daily Devotionals** Here’s a chance to read a daily devotional on a phone app and be able to comment with the group if you like. It’s a great way to have simple “God time” and converse with others or hear what they are thinking as they read the daily reading. And it helps to hold each other accountable too. *If you are interested, contact Tonya.*
- **2021 Summer Trip** still waiting to find out some more details on what summer 2021 will look like.



FAMILIES or Individuals:

ADVENT CANDLES will be available at First Lutheran again for families. This festive 12" tall taper artfully displays 24 numbers detailed in red and green to represent each day of advent. Each day your family can light the candle and watch one day melt away as you talk about your days. It's simple, faith-filled, and easy to have this activity become a tradition in your household.



AGAIN THIS YEAR! we will be having our **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR BAGS**. Instead of receiving a treat every day counting down through the season of Advent, we're going to put something in a bag for people who make use of the **FOOD SHELF**. Every day you're invited to add something practical for a family to use like food items or personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soaps, etc. The month after Christmas gets very busy at the food shelf so any items will be greatly appreciated! On or after December 26th your family can bring your bag to the Kitchen Table-Marshall Food Shelf.



Think of the blessings:

- It's a great and different way for your family to give as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.
- It will make you feel good knowing that you're doing something for another family.
- And it will be a wonderful field trip for your kids to see what the Food Shelf is all about. If you can't make it to the Food Shelf, simply drop off your full bag at First Lutheran and we'll make sure that it gets delivered.

Just a REMINDER: There is no TLC, Worship, or Evening Youth Events on..... Wednesday, November 25 because of Thanksgiving Break

