

Faith Formation Classes

Faith formation classes begin September 17/20 and most meet September through April. Fees and donations help offset the cost of supplies and curriculum. Please register for faith formation classes at <https://trinity-ec.org/register/>. Contact Heather Day with questions at heatherd@trinity-ec.org.

Sundays Frolic, Sunday School, First Sundays, Connections

Wednesdays Connections, Confirmation, Youth Group

Frolic *Infant/Toddler*

Birth to 3

This parent/child class meets monthly in Trinity's nursery. On the second Sunday of each month (October-April), kids and parents will have a chance to develop faith together, as we learn Bible stories, prayers, songs, and blessings. *Frolic* class is also a way of creating a space for parents/caregivers to connect with other adults as the kids have free time to explore and get comfortable in the nursery.

Second Sundays 8:55-9:30 AM

Sunday School *Preschool/School Age*

Ages 3 (must be 3 by 9.1.2023)-Grade 4

Preschool and elementary age children meet weekly to learn about Bible stories and wonder about all the ways that God is working in our world. Elementary-age students will engage in each Bible story with hands-on learning activities, interactive games, and creative crafts. Preschoolers will follow a play-based curriculum which features age-appropriate play spaces, prayers, and storytelling. On the first Sunday of each month, children will attend *First Sundays* with their families. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per student.

Sundays 8:50-9:35 AM

First Sundays *Family Faith Formation*

All Ages

On the first Sunday of each month (October-April), the whole family gets to come to faith formation class! *First Sundays* will meet in the Trinity Room as families come together to play, learn, and grow in faith. Regular faith formation classes will NOT be held on these days. Mark your calendars now; on *First Sundays*, faith formation teachers will be off-duty, and parents/adults will get the chance to learn with their kids.

First Sundays 8:50-9:35 AM

Connections *Pre-Confirmation*

Grades 5-6

As preteens approach Trinity's confirmation program, this class will help them build understanding around key Bible themes through videos, Bible exploration, and hands-on projects, encouraging preteens to see the narrative arc of the Bible. Students register to attend class on **either** Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. The Sunday morning Connections class will participate in *First Sundays* with their families, while the Wednesday Connections class will occasionally join the confirmation classes for activities. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per student.

Sundays 8:50-9:35 AM

Wednesdays 6:45-7:45 PM

Confirmation *Middle School*

Grades 7-8

Confirmation at Trinity is for students in grades 7 & 8. Students gather weekly on Wednesday evenings, where they learn in both large and small group settings, beginning the evening in the Trinity Room. The year begins with an orientation for both parents and students on Wednesday, September 20, with regular classes beginning the following week. There is a fee of \$35 per student.

At Trinity, the rite of Affirmation of Baptism is celebrated after completing the Confirmation program, typically in the spring of 8th grade. Affirmation of Baptism will be celebrated this year during worship on Sunday, May 5.

Baptism is a lifelong event, and so when we affirm our baptism, we reaffirm the promises made for us by our parents and sponsors at baptism. Youth are often baptized when they are young, but not all. If your youth has not yet been baptized, please contact Pastor Tom Westcott.

Wednesdays 6:45-7:45 PM

Youth Group *High School*

Grades 9-12

Beginning Wednesday, September 20, Trinity will offer a weekly Youth Group for high school students. This group is meant to be a safe place for youth to build relationships, learn, and have fun, all while growing in their relationship with God. Youth of all races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic conditions, and abilities are welcome. We love friends and new faces, so join us in the Youth Room! No registration is needed for Youth Group.

Wednesdays 6:45-7:45 PM

Sacraments

Baptism

When we talk about faith, baptism is where we begin as Lutherans. We acknowledge God's love, God's presence, and God's promise for our lives. In baptism, God claims us and promises to walk with us in faith. If you have a child you wish to have baptized, contact Pastor Tom Westcott at tomw@trinity-ec.org.

Holy Communion Instruction

All are welcome at the table at Trinity, including children, so the decision of when a child will begin to receive communion is made between the parents/guardians and the child. Holy Communion instruction is a chance for kids to learn more about this sacrament with Pastor Tom. Watch for registration later this year.

Fall 2023 – Grade 2+

November 15

Children in second grade and higher who have not participated in Holy Communion instruction will meet on Wednesday, November 15, from 5:00-5:55 PM. The Holy Communion celebration for these children will happen at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 22, at 6:00 PM.

Spring 2024 – Grade 1

March 10 or 13

Children in first grade can choose from two dates to meet to participate in communion instruction. Children can attend a class on Sunday, March 10, from 10:45-11:45 AM or Wednesday, March 13, from 5:00-5:55 PM. The Holy Communion celebration for these children will happen during the worship service on Sunday, March 17 at 9:45 AM.

Faith Formation Calendar 2023-2024

September

- 10 Rally Sunday with Backpack Blessing (8:15 & 9:45 AM) and Bible Distribution, 9:45 AM
- 17 Begin Sunday Faith Formation & Pre-Confirmation, 8:50 AM
- 20 Begin Wednesday Worship with 7th grade Bible Distribution, 6:00 PM
- 20 Begin Pre-Confirmation Class, Confirmation Orientation, High School Youth Group, 6:45 PM

October

- 1 First Sundays: Family Faith Formation, 8:50 AM
- 8 Frolic Class, 8:55 AM

November

- 5 First Sundays, 8:50 AM
- 12 Frolic Class, 8:55 AM
- 15 Holy Communion Instruction for Grades 2-5, 5:00-5:55 PM
- 22 Holy Communion Celebration at Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6:00 PM; No Classes

December

- 3 First Sundays, 8:50 AM
- 10 Frolic Class, 8:55 AM
- 24-31 No Classes – Winter Break

January

- 7 First Sundays, 8:50 AM
- 14 Frolic Class, 8:55 AM

February

- 4 First Sundays, 8:50 AM
- 11 Frolic Class, 8:55 AM
- 14 No Classes (Ash Wednesday)

March

- 3 First Sundays, 8:50 AM
- 10 Frolic Class, 8:55 AM
- 10 Holy Communion Instruction for Grade 1, 10:45-11:45 AM
- 13 Holy Communion Instruction for Grade 1, 5:00-5:55 PM
- 17 Holy Communion Celebration, 9:45 AM Worship
- 24-31 No Classes – Holy Week/Spring Break/Easter

April

- 7 First Sundays, 8:50 AM
- 14 Frolic Class, 8:55 AM
- 17 Final Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation Classes; Final Wednesday Worship
- 24 Confirmation End-of-Year Party
- 28 Final Sunday Faith Formation Classes

May

- 1 Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal (8th graders and parents/guardians), 6:00 PM
- 5 Affirmation of Baptism, 8:15 & 9:45 AM