Elementary Ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church

(Pre-K through 5th Grade Students)

**Fellowship:**

**Godly Play:** This is our Christian MontessoriSunday School class that is offered for all children ages 2 – 5th grade. Godly Play helps our children make meaning of their faith through story, wonder, and play by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children. Each of the classes have a time for storytelling, work, and a feast.

**Jr. League Gatherings:** Throughout the year, we offer fellowship events and activities for our upper elementary students. These would be events such as bowling, putt-putt, and movies.

**Summer Camp at Lutherhill, La Grange:** During the summer, our students are invited to come together and attend summer camp with our outdoor ministry partner, Lutherhill in La Grange. Attending summer camp gives our students an opportunity to worship and engage in praising God in a way that our children normally are not able to engage with on their own. Each day has worship, bible studies, post study bonanza, and camp activities such as high ropes, pool, pond, ranged sports, arts & crafts, and sports.

**Prayer/Study:**

**Milestone Ministry:** Blessings and classes that are held at Christ the King Church to help uplift important events in the lives that have an important impact on the faith development of the middle school youth and families. The following are geared towards elementary and families: Faith Chest, First Catechism (3 years old), First Bible (2nd or 3rd Grade), and Summer Blessing. Our Kids and Kin ministry does cover our Baptism Instruction, Holy Communion, and Prayer Life Milestones every year.

**Kids and Kin Ministry:** Once a month, parents and children are invited for an intergenerational dinner church event. We come together for dinner, worship together in a camp style manner, and have faith formation instruction in baptism, communion, prayer, stewardship, and discipleship. Fellowship and service projects are also connected with this event.

**Musical Gatherings:**  Children gather on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. with Amy Kerswell to learn music of the church. Each month, our children prepare and sing during worship service on Sunday along with other special events such as Las Posadas.

**Leadership:**

**Worship Service:** Families and youth are given an opportunity to serve in multiple roles in worship and Wednesday Vespers through service as acolytes and ushers. More opportunities can present themselves throughout the year and through recognition of gifts and interests of children.

**Service Opportunities:** Families and youth are given an opportunity to serve in multiple roles in the community. Service opportunities depend on the needs of the community, but some examples are CCCS Family Service Days, Garden Clean Up Days on the Rice Village Campus, and our Spring Clean Up Day.

Elementary’s Ministry Map

**First Year: Peer Ministry (Mission Trip Emphasis)**

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| Faith Together(Fellowship)Godly Play ClassKids and Kin GatheringsJr. League Gatherings | Faith Exploration(Study)Music GatheringsGodly Play Class | Faith in Action(Service)Worship Leadership as acolytes, ushers, and helpersKids and Kin Service Projects | Faith Life(Worship)Worship Leadership as acolytes, ushers, and helpers Kids and Kin Worship  |

**Milestone Celebrations**

Blessing of Teachers and Students

Third Grade Bibles Milestone

Blessing of Pets

Language Milestone

Scout Sunday

Summer Trips Blessing

**Off-Site Retreats at Lutherhill**

Fall Family Retreat

Advent Retreat

Mother Daughter Retreat: January

Explore Retreat: March

Spring Family Retreat: April

Lutherhill Open Camp Day: May

**Kids and Kin Meetings: Dinner, Worship, and Service:**

Worship & Service: September

Saints: October

Stewardship & Saving: November

Cookie Baking: December

Baptism: January

Prayer: February

Communion Instruction

Summer Celebration

**Special Events**

Rally Sunday

Fall Acolyte/Crucifer Training

Trunk or Treat Event at Rice Campus

CTK Festival Dinner

Jr. League Fall Event

Advent Wreath Workshop

Las Posadas and Waffle Café

Souper Bowl

Carnival Party

Spring Church Clean Up/Garden Refresh Event

Stations of the Cross

Easter Celebrations

Pentecost Picnic

**Summer Activities**

Day Camp at Rice/Memorial Campus

Elementary and Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill

Jr. High Ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church

(6th-8th Grade Students)

**Fellowship:**

**Confirmation Class:** Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. , students will come together to prepare the youth for their affirmation of baptism in their 8th grade year. In class our students engage our topics through conversations and games to help build relationships with each other and solidify heavy theological topics.

**Retreats:** Confirmation students are offered 2-3 offsite retreats throughout the fall and spring semesters are a means to build community, relationships with peers, and explore topics of faith we are not able to cover in confirmation class such as Fall Beach Retreat, Lutherhill’s Serve.Lead.Worship, and Spring Retreat.

**Summer Mission Trip**: Every summer, the attend summer camp at Lutherhill in La Grange. The youth with youth director give instruction that compliments the confirmation program through fellowship and creation care in the community.

**Prayer/Study:**

**Milestone Ministry:** Blessings and classes that are held at Christ the King Church to help uplift important events in the lives that have an important impact on the faith development of the middle school youth and families. The following are geared towards junior high and families: Relationships, Anniversary of Baptism, First Cell phone, and Confirmation.

**Confirmation:** Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. , students will come together to prepare the youth for their affirmation of baptism in their 8th grade year. On their 8th grade year, our confirmation students create a project that shares their faith with the community. Each lesson is developed to be able to reach all those that are multi-intelligences so that it is not lecturing. We have a three year rotation of Old Testament, New Testament, and Small Catechism instruction which also covers Lutheran theology and hot topics.

**Leadership:**

**Worship Service:** Families and youth are given an opportunity to serve in multiple roles in worship and Wednesday Vespers through service as acolytes, crucifers, readers, bell ringers, and ushers. More opportunities can present themselves.

**Service Opportunities:** Families and youth are given an opportunity to serve in multiple roles in the community. Service opportunities depend on the needs of the community, but some examples of past service opportunities include: Wrapping Seafarer Gifts, Creation of Luther Packs, Serving in Las Posadas program, leading the Passion Reading on Palm Sunday, and as support staff for Day Camp Ministry.

Confirmation Ministry Map

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| Faith Together (Fellowship)Fall RetreatsBaptism- 1Made Wholly- 2Spiritual Gifts- 3Spring RetreatsCommunion- 1Spiritual Practices- 2Time and Talents- 3 | Faith Exploration (Study)Old Testament (Year 1)New Testament (Year 2)Small Catechism (Year 3)Confirmation Project | Faith in Action(Service)Spiritual Gifts InventoryTime and Talent Survey Filled Out Create Devotional | Faith Life(Worship)Worship Leadership (Acolyte/Crucifer)Special Event Leadership(Las Posadas, Reformation Day, Passion Sunday) |

**Milestone Celebrations**

Blessing of Students and Teachers: August New Confirmation Students: September

Scout Sunday: February Confirmation Sunday: May

Summer Trips Blessing: June

**Special Events**

Confirmation Parent/Youth Orientation: September New Confirmation student Milestone: September

Worship Server Training: September Fall Confirmation Retreat: September

Trunk or Treat Event at Rice Campus: October Wrapping Sea Farer’s Gifts: November/December

Christmas Party and Decorate Christmas Tree: December Las Posadas and Waffle Café: December

Spring Confirmation Retreat: January Lutherhill Youth Retreat; February

Spring Church Clean Up Event: March Good Friday Lock-In: March/April

Affirmation of Baptism Party: May Confirmation Sunday: May

Pentecost Picnic: May/June

Confirmation Camp/Germany/ELCA Youth Gathering: June/July

Day Camp at Rice Campus: July

Sr. High Ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church

(9th-12th Grade Students)

**Fellowship:**

**Luther League:** The CTK Luther League is open to all youth in 9th-12th grade. The group is a combination of youth who are members and non-members of this congregation. They meet on Sundays the second floor youth room for dinner, fellowship, games, films, discussions, Bible Studies, and time to relax and connect with peers. We follow the following rotation:

**1st /5th Sundays: Lunch in the Village for Bible Study:** Luther League goes into the village for lunch and a devotional with Deacon Ben. This is time for instruction and pastor care as Deacon Ben prays with the group

 **2nd Sundays: Fellowship event offsite:** Youth planning with Deacon Ben for fellowship offsite for

community building activities which include pickleball, bowling, laser tag, disc golf, and pottery creation.

**3rd Sundays: House Church:** Parents and youth are invited to lunch at the church where we have dedicated time together to learn and grow in our community through small group discussions. This helps build community with parents, youth, and each other.

**4th Sundays: Interfaith Event:** Our youth along with Turkish Center and Houston Congregation Reformed Judaism come together for education, fellowship, and exploration in interfaith relationship building.

**Special Meetings:** During the year our youth gather together for special events and activities, these have been in the past Advent/Lent midweek boardgame nights and weekly Dungeons & Dragons gathering.

**Ministry Immersion Trip:** Every summer and Spring Break, the youth schedule a mission trip to help outside of the community. Mission trips are determined by the youth and youth and family leadership team. Every three years we have a focus on our partners in Guatemala, Germany, and the ELCA Youth Gathering.

**Prayer/Study:**

**Fast Track Confirmation:** For students that were not able to affirm their baptism in the 8th grade year, there is a Fast Track program with five meetings with Deacon Ben Remmert on Lutheran theology.

**Milestone Ministry:** Blessings and classes that are held at Christ the King Church to help uplift important events in the lives that have an important impact on the faith development of the youth and family. The following are geared towards sr. high youth: Driver’s License, Graduation, and baptism anniversary.

**Leadership:**

**Worship Service**: Families and youth are given an opportunity to serve in multiple roles in worship and Wednesday Vespers through service as crucifers, worship servers, readers, bell ringers and ushers. More opportunities can present themselves.

**Service Opportunities:** Families and youth are given an opportunity to serve in multiple roles in the community, but have been responsible for LWR Personal Care kits, stuffing easter eggs, college care packages, leading canonical hours, making Luther Packs, leading Day Camp Ministry, and helping out at the Houston Food Bank/Freewheels Houston.

Sr. High Ministry Map

**First Year: Peer Ministry (Mission Trip Emphasis)**

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| Faith Together(Fellowship)Luther League Meetings Luther League Events  | Faith Exploration(Study)Peer Ministry Leadership Development | Faith in Action(Service)Luther League EventsWorship Leadership Leading in Las Posadas and Passion Reading | Faith Life(Worship)Worship Leadership Canonical Hours  |

**Second Year: Spiritual Development**

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| Faith Together(Fellowship)Luther League Meetings Luther League Events  | Faith Exploration(Study)Bible Study- Lectionary “Faith Lens”  | Faith in Action(Service)Luther League EventsWorship Leadership Leading in Las Posadas and Passion Reading | Faith Life(Worship)Worship Leadership Canonical Hours  |

**Third Year: ELCA Youth Gathering Getting Ready Materials (Youth Gathering Year)**

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| Faith Together(Fellowship)Luther League Meetings Luther League Events  | Faith Exploration(Study)Bible Study- Lectionary “Faith Lens”  | Faith in Action(Service)Luther League EventsWorship Leadership Leading in Las Posadas and Passion Reading | Faith Life(Worship)Worship LeadershipCanonical HoursPreaching Opportunities |

**Special Events**

Summer Float Trip In New Braunfels Rally Sunday

Welcome to Luther League Orientation Summer Trip Reflection: September

Trunk or Treat Event at Rice Campus: October Oktoberfest: October

Wrapping Sea Farer’s Gifts: November Decorate Christmas Tree: December

Las Posadas and Waffle Café: December Luther League Reunions: Nov., Dec., & March Epiphany Party: January Winter Lock-In: January

Souper Bowl: February Carnival Brunch: February

Youth Synod Retreat at Lutherhill: February Good Friday Lock-In: March/April

Tag Sale: April Pentecost Picnic: May/June

2026 Summer Trip: June Day Camp at Rice Campus: July