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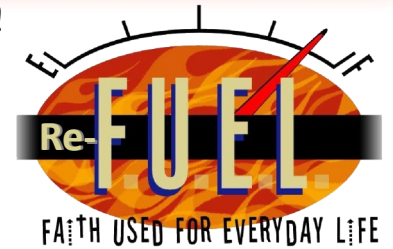
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*A Message from our  
Youth Director  
Amy Gibson*



School is back in session and FLC youth activities are in full swing! There are many NEW and exciting opportunities for kids of all ages at First Lutheran from age 3 to 99! It is time to come back and enjoy fun, fellowship, and God's Word. Re-**FUEL** the fire in each of us!



Faith is an everyday part of life. How often do you stop and take a moment to greet God and thank him for all of the many blessings he has given you? And for that matter how often do you turn to God in times of trouble? The ELCA Northwest Ohio Synod and First Lutheran's mission is to "Move one step closer to God". This is the theme for FLC Youth Ministry this year! The youth committee and I have been working hard to come up with ideas to create a Sustainable Church. We are proud of our decision to do our part to help our youth on their faith journeys. This year is only one part of a new beginning for FLC Youth and I, myself, cannot wait to work with the congregation to make Faith Formation a priority for people of all ages!

We will be hosting our first Youth and Family Ministry Open House on September 25th, 2016 following second service. ALL ARE WELCOME! Light refreshments will be served. Come and learn about what is in store for Fall 2016—Spring 2017! Topics we will introduce and reintroduce include:

- Youth Group (6-12)
- Family Ministry (Both at Home and at FLC)
- Youth on the Move (K-5)
- Generation 4:12
- Sustainable Youth Ministry
- Fundraising
- Mission Trips
- Volunteering
- Risk Management
- EPIC Mentors



I cannot wait to meet you all at the Open House! This is going to be a great year!

God Bless,

*Amy Gibson*



# EPIC NEWS

## Upcoming Events...

- 09/11 Youth Committee
- 09/11 Gen 4:12
- 09/13 L.I.F.E. Bible Journaling
- 09/25 Open House
- 09/25 Gen 4:12
- 09/22 L.I.F.E. Bible Journaling
- 10/25 Halloween Parade
- 10/29 Halloween Party



## Service Opportunities



Need some help with fall cleanup?

Contact Amy for our EPIC "Rent a Youth" program!

### Volunteer Ideas

- ⇒ Community Dinner
- ⇒ Help Around the House
- ⇒ Pick up trash when you are out on a walk
- ⇒ Pick the weeds out of the Garden

### EPIC 6 -7:30pm

- Sept. 4—No Youth Group*
- Sept. 11—Nooma*
- Sept. 18—Nooma*
- Sept. 25th—Nooma*

### Confirmation

- Sept. 14th w/parents
- Sept. 21st
- Sept. 28th
- Oct. 5th
- Oct. 12th
- Oct. 19th



### **Bible Verse of the Month**

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen. For what is seen is only temporary but what is unseen is eternal."





# Open House

## HELLO First Lutheran Youth!

My name is Amy Gibson. I am so excited to be your youth director this year! We are going to do so many FUN things and of course learn a lot too! I hope you had a fabulous summer. I can't wait to hear all about it. I am so excited to meet you all at our 1st annual Open House on Sunday September 25th, 2016 at noon. You and your parents can come and learn about all the fun, worship, fellowship and service we will be experiencing this school year!



We will also talk about Sustainable Youth Ministry, donations, volunteering, Generation 4:12, EPIC (New!) Youth on the Move, and EPIC Mentors!



### 1st Annual Youth and Family Ministry Open House

Who: Youth and Parents Kindergarten-12th grade

What: Gathering/Fellowship about Upcoming Events

Where: FLC Fellowship Hall

When: September 25th, 2016 -- Noon -2pm

Why: Introduce new programs and fill out necessary forms.



I am looking forward to meeting you and taking the journey together to move one step closer to God. See you soon!

God Bless,





# Back to School

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible contains:

**66** books  
**1,189** chapters  
**31,175** verses  
**773,692** words  
**3,567,180** letters

Middle verse:

**PSALM 118:8**

Longest verse:

**ESTHER 8:9**

Shortest verse:

**JOHN 11:35**

Longest chapter:

**PSALM 119**

Shortest & middle  
chapter:

**PSALM 117**

## Helpful Tips from God

### 10 Things God wants you to remember

- I will *answer* you.
- I am *for* you.
- I will *not fail* you.
- I will *provide* for you.
- I will give you *rest*.
- I will *strengthen* you.
- I will be *with* you.
- I **LOVE** you.



## Youth Highlight of the Month





# Faith and Prayer

God will  
**ALWAYS  
PROVIDE**

IT JUST MIGHT LOOK DIFFERENT  
THAN WHAT WE HAD IN MIND.



Faith is not the belief  
that God will do what  
you want. It is the  
belief that God will  
do what is right.

Max Lucado

# faith

it does not  
make things easy  
it makes them  
possible

⊕ luke 1:37

*Stop letting  
people who  
do so little  
for you,  
control  
so much of  
your mind,  
feelings,  
and emotions.*

Those who leave  
everything in  
**GOD'S HAND**  
will eventually see  
God's hand in  
everything.

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PRAYER IS  
THE MOST  
IMPORTANT  
CONVERSATION  
OF YOUR DAY.  
TAKE IT TO GOD  
BEFORE YOU  
TAKE IT TO  
ANYONE ELSE!

*I need*

- ~~TO GET BETTER~~
- ~~TO DO WELL~~
- ~~TO BE HAPPIER~~
- ~~TO BE LOVED~~
- ~~TO GET RICHER~~

*Jesus*

— Philipians 4:19 —

DEAR GOD,  
PLEASE NEVER  
LET ME BE  
TOO BUSY  
TO RECOGNIZE  
YOUR BLESSINGS  
OR HEAR YOUR  
VOICE.

**Prayer is bringing  
your wishes  
and worries to God;  
faith is leaving  
them there.**

via curiano.com



# ✝ Introducing EPIC Mentors!



In order to expand Youth and Family Ministry at First Lutheran we are proud to introduce **EPIC Mentors!** Mentors are a great way to bridge the gap between youth and adults. The overall goal is to assist youth in their faith formation and help them feel apart of the congregation prior, during and after completion of Confirmation. EPIC Mentors will be able to share their talents provided by God with the youth through multiple options including but not limited to:

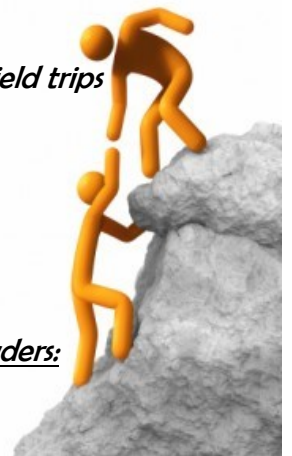
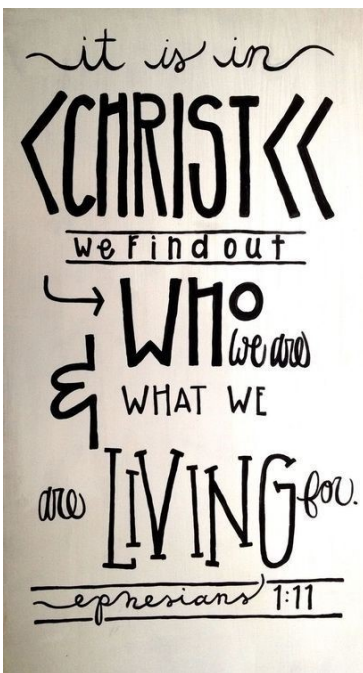
- *One year commitment*
- *Chaperone one EPIC every other month*
- *Attend at least one youth "event" per season (sports arts, etc.)*
- *Communicate with youth (from above) via letter or E-mail*
- *Meet with EPIC Mentor team once per year*

Optional one time commitments:

- *Present to youth at an EPIC (via. Information, how to, field trips etc.)*
- *Chaperone a youth group event*
- *Donate snacks and drinks for EPIC and/or Youth Trips*

For more information please contact our mentor leaders:

Wendy Short or Pam Cochran





# SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Make the Connection*

**9:30 Sunday Mornings**

**Starting September 11, 2016**

## Youth Sunday School Classrooms

Preschool/Kindergarten

Basement **BLUE** Room

1st and 2nd Grades

Basement **GREEN** Room

3rd and 4th Grades

Basement **YELLOW** Room

5th and 6th Grades

Basement **RED** Room

7th and 8th Grades

3rd Floor Upper Room, 308

9th through 12th Grades

3rd Floor, Builders Room, 307

## Blessing of the backpacks



## Adult Sunday School Classes

**9:30 Sunday Mornings**

***Luther and the Lutherans***, led by

Pastor Chris Dittmar, begins

September 18. (See pg. 5 for details.)

**“We Must Plant the Church”** a video series led by Pastor Bob is the story of Lutherans in American.



Contact Tricia Cox at 419-966-4777 if you are interested in teaching or being a substitute.

Installation of Sunday school teachers will take place at both services on September 11th.

# Confirmation

## Tentative Schedule:

### **Wednesdays:**

Sept. 14—Parent/Youth Orientation

7:00, in the Nave

Sept. 21 - First student class

(all classes meet in the “Open Tomb”)

Nov. 23—Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00

Attendance required; Notes may be taken

Dec. 21—No class—Christmas Break

Dec. 28—No Class

Mar. 1—Ash Wednesday

Attendance Required—Notes may be taken





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<b>4</b> NO EPIC	<b>5</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>6</b> L.I.F.E. Bible Journaling @ 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Youth Committee Meeting 12pm Generation 4:12 5pm EPIC 6pm—8pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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### Generation 4:12

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

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