

IMPORTANT DATES

2023

August 22, Tuesday – 8:30-9:15 AM
7th & 8th grade JR Discipleship instruction begins for the Trinity school students and meets Tuesday & Thursdays 1st period at TLS.

August 23, Wednesday – 7:00-8:15 PM.
7th & 8th grade JR Discipleship instruction begins for Trinity public school students in rooms 143-145.

October 4, Wed. CONNECT– 7:00-8:30 PM
7th & 8th Grade at TLS 1102 W. Hamilton Road

October 18/19– End of the first grading period for 7th & 8th grade JR Discipleship.

November 1, Wed. CONNECT –7:00-8:30 PM
7th & 8th Grade at TLS 1102 W. Hamilton Road

December 6, Wed. CONNECT –7:00-8:30 PM
7th & 8th Grade at TLS 1102 W. Hamilton Road

December 20, Wednesday–7:00-8:15 PM
This is the last class for Wed. night 7th & 8th grade until Jan 10th.

December 20/21 – End of the second grading period for 7th & 8th grade JR Discipleship.

2024

January 9, Tuesday – 7th & 8th grade
JR Discipleship instruction resumes for the Trinity school students.

January 10, Wed. CONNECT– 7:00-8:30 PM
7th & 8th Grade at TLS 1102 W. Hamilton Road

February 7, Wed. CONNECT– 7:00-8:30 PM
7th & 8th Grade at TLS 1102 W. Hamilton Road

Season of Lent– 8th graders will sign-up to share their faith statements on Wednesdays or Sunday in worship Feb. 18-March 20.

March 6, Wed. CONNECT – 7:00-8:30 PM
7th & 8th Grade at TLS 1102 W. Hamilton Road

March 13/14 - End of the third grading period for 7th & 8th grade JR Discipleship.

March 17, Sunday - Deadline for eighth grade JR Discipleship students to return their selected Confirmation verses to Christy

March 20-/21 – Completion of Faith Journey Activities for 8th grade.

April 28, Sunday - 1:00 pm JR Discipleship Questioning worship service for 8th graders, families, and friends.

May 5, Sunday – 1:00 pm The Rite of Confirmation and Celebration of the Lord's Supper worship service for 8th graders, families, and friends.

8TH GRADE FAITH MENTOR...

8th Grader students–

We will ask that each student pray about and ask someone to be your faith mentor beginning 2nd quarter. **A faith mentor is someone who is willing to come alongside you on your faith journey. Someone who wants the best for you, which is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.** We will be giving talking points to engage in conversation with your mentor in quarters 2-4. More information will be coming at the end of 1st quarter.

7TH & 8TH GRADE JR DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY 2023-24

Our Mission: Sharing the forgiveness and love of the resurrected Christ and making disciples.

The goal of JR Discipleship is to teach and model the Christian life, preparing youth to live out their faith. JR Discipleship is a journey that will move youth toward the Rite of Confirmation.

We have three core values that we feel are essential in this journey.

1. **TEACHING** what we believe and **SHOWING** them how it looks.
2. Intentionally **PARTNERING** with the home.
3. **CONNECTING** youth with faith mentors who **MODEL** a life lived for Christ.

The purpose of Trinity's Youth Ministry is to walk alongside youth with the love of Jesus. Our **WHY** for doing ministry, our inspiration, is simple. We want to see youth live out their faith in everyday life. **HOW** we do this has become the five guiding principles we strive to incorporate into **EVERY** aspect of Youth Ministry, which includes JR Discipleship. Here are just a few ways these principles are lived out in this journey:

- + **We emphasize identity in Christ-**
Remind youth they are a child of God and inspire them to discover their gifts, talents, and purpose. We are going to help youth understand life within the congregation.
- + **We encourage spiritual/faith habits-**
Model what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus (Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving and Going). This includes worship, prayer journals, serving, quiet time, sharing testimonies.
- + **We inspire Christ-like servant hearts -**
Provide opportunities for youth to serve one another and their communities. We are going to ask families to do one serving opportunity together.
- + **We build intentional relationships-**
Encourage youth to intentionally connect and form lasting relationships with other youth and adults. This is key in our Wednesday CONNECT and through faith mentors for 8th graders.
- + **We provide community-**
Provide opportunities for youth to spend time together having fun in a safe, comfortable, and inclusive environment. This happens through small group time and instruction time.

PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR HOME...

By God's design, parents have the greatest influence over their kids, while the church has the greatest opportunity to team up with the family. Together, we can better equip students with a deep understanding of Jesus while furthering their life-long relationship with Him! Here are the opportunities along with the JR Discipleship journey we get to partner together.

- + There will be 2 CONNECT NIGHTS where parents will get to be intentionally involved with the activity and discussion alongside their child.
- + We are encouraging 1 SERVICE EVENT to be completed with parents serving beside them.
- + The worship notes give way to have FAITH CONVERSATIONS about the main message or something that is being taken to heart.
- + There will be a FAITH DEVOTION experience provided by the church for you to use together as a family.

AREAS OF GROWTH FOR OUR JR DISCIPLES

We have four areas that we ask students to be active and engaged in that we pray will provide opportunities for growth on this journey.

1. Worship Notes
2. Growing in Serving Hours
3. Wednesday CONNECT for ALL students
4. Active participation in class & projects/homework completion

8th GRADE ONLY will be asked to identify a faith mentor. See back page for more details.

WORSHIP NOTES...THESE ARE MEANT TO BE A TOOL FOR FAMILIES, FAITH CONVERSTAIONS, AND ENCOURAGING SPIRITUAL HABITS.

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER DUE</u>	<u>TOTAL TO DATE</u>
October 18/19	3	3
December 20/21	3	6
March 13/14	3	9
April 24/25	3	12

- † Must be turned in no later than 1 week after the date of the worship.
- † Youth may not work ahead into the next quarter, but you may do more for extra credit.
- † The teacher will communicate to students where they stand on completion of these for progress and mid-term reports.
- † Worship notes may be completed at churches you attend in person while out of town.

GROWING IN SERVING...WE SERVE OTHERS AS A RESPONSE TO JESUS SERVING US ON THE CROSS! ENCOURAGING SPIRITUAL HABITS.

- † For the JR Discipleship year, we ask students to complete **12 hours of Growing In Serving** activities.
- † Students can try a variety of ways to serving both in the church and in our community, helping our "neighbors." The JR Discipleship teachers will periodically share some ways to serve.
- † Growing in Serving forms are available and need to be completed, and turned in, to aid in our record keeping.
- † As a family, we want you do one service activity together!

WEDNESDAY CONNECT...INTENTIONALLY BUILDING RELATIONSHIP AND PROVIDING COMMUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS.

It is an expectation for JR Discipleship that **ALL Trinity church students** attend these events, but it will be open and encouraged for all our non TLC students to attend as well.

Our time together will incorporate a large group activity, large group teaching, small group time, a challenge to live out in every day life, and prayer. These are the specific goals for our time together:

1. Connect ALL our 7th & 8th grade JR Discipleship youth together.
2. Connect God's Word to everyday life, helping to live out our faith.
3. Connect youth to mentors to allow for small group experiences.

Parents, you will be asked to attend two of these with your students as we intentionally partner with you.

SEVENTH GRADE TLS STUDENT INFORMATION

1st/3rd Quarter Teacher – DCE Christy Malinowski
 2nd Quarter Teacher– DCE Mary Bloebaum
 4th Quarter Teacher— Christy & Mary

<i>Faith Alive Bible</i>	\$31.00
<i>Luther's Small Catechism</i>	\$20.00
<i>60-Lesson Catechism Study</i>	\$25.00
	\$78.00

*Trinity School Students will purchase their Bible and Small Catechism at the school.

Materials needed:

- Books mentioned above
- Three-ring binder
- Pen/pencil & highlighter

Memory Assignments

- Trinity school students will complete memory assignments for their religion teachers.

7th Grade Discipleship Expectations:

- Projects and other assignments from workbook
- Worship Notes
- Growing in Serving activities

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 Christy@trinluth.org

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EIGHTH GRADE TLS STUDENT INFORMATION

1st, 3rd & 4th Quarter Teacher—Pastor Bahn
 2nd Quarter Teacher—Pastor David

Pastor David McBurney
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Pastor Chuck Bahn
 pastorbahn@trinluth.org

8th Grade Discipleship Expectations:

- Workbook and other assignments
- Worship Notes
- Growing in Serving activities
- Final Faith Journey activities

Materials you should have from last year include:

- Faith Alive Bible
- Luther's Small Catechism
- 60 Lesson Catechism Study
- Three ring binder, pencil/pen & highlighter

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT INFORMATION

Pastor Bahn will be the primary teacher but others might come in to teach from time to time. We will again be combining both 7th and 8th grade classes together this year.

Memory Assignments

Wednesday students will recite or write the assignments from memory for their parents each week. Parents will then sign the completed forms which the students will turn in at the end of each month.

Materials needed:

- Faith Alive Bible
- Luther's Small Catechism
- 60 Lesson Catechism Study
- Three ring binder, pencil/pen, & highlighter (8th graders have these from last year)

7th & 8th Grade Discipleship Expectations:

- Memory and other assignments
- Worship Notes
- Growing in Serving activities
- Final Faith Journey activities (8th grade only)