

THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE

In addition to Sunday School 9:30-10:30am, and Confirmation on Tuesdays (6:15 dinner) 6:45-8:00pm, here's whazzup:

Sept. 13th Rally Day- Parents get your kids registered!
Sept. 15th Pot Luck Dinner and Orientation Night
Sept. 20th Sunday School begins, attending Highers' PACE presentation
Sept. 22nd Confirmation Begins & Acolyte Training
Oct. 2-4 Fall Retreat at Camp Lutherwood
Oct. 31st Servant Event: Trick or Treat for Canned Food
Nov. 24-29 NO Confirmation/Sunday School (Thanksgiving Break)
Dec. 8th Advent Craft Fair and Music Recital
Dec. 13th Service Project: All ages Caroling
Dec 20-Jan 3 No Sunday School or Confirmation (Christmas Break)
Jan. 5th Epiphany Party and Holiday Dinner
Feb. 16th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (no Confirmation)
Feb. 20th Snow Day at Willamette Pass
Feb. 23-Mar.16 Lenten style Confirmation & Worship (& Soup Suppers)
March 21-Apr 4th NO Confirmation or Sunday School
(Spring Break & Holy Week)
March 28th Palm Sunday Passover Seder Dinner (6th & 7th grade servers)
April ??? Spring Retreats at Camp Lutherwood
May 8th Servant Event: Food For Lane County Grass Roots Garden
May, a Saturday TBA, Confirmation Prep Day Retreat for 8th Graders
May 16th Graduation Sunday (including 8th graders)
May 18th Confirmation Rewards Party
May 23st Confirmation Sunday for 8th graders (Pentecost)
June 18th Dunes Day
June or July Lutherwood Confirmation Camp
July or Aug—Rafting on the McKenzie (depends on Conf Camp dates)
Late August—Mini-golf at Camp Putt
*** Youth Board meets 2nd Thursdays of each month 7-8:30pm

FINANCIAL AID: While we try to keep costs down, and the church often subsidizes our activities, we realize that if you (or your child) were to participate in all our events, you'd spend hundreds of dollars each year. So we have a wonderful Financial Aid Fund to help those families who need it. On all of our trips and activities that cost money, financial aid is generously available, so please don't hesitate to talk with Pastor Robyn about your needs. All such conversations are strictly confidential.

Central Lutheran Church Middle School Youth Program



Helping youth & families grow in love
for Jesus Christ and each other!

Welcome to Central Lutheran Church's Middler's (that's short for Middle Schoolers) Youth Ministry. *Our bottom line motivation is to help youth grow in love with Jesus Christ and the people in their lives.* We strive to be a caring community, a playful place, a spiritual sanctuary, and an engaging encounter with each other and with Christ. We've got lots of opportunities planned to help all this come together into a fabulous year of friendships, faith and service. So, this booklet is intended to help orient you and your family to what's going on, program-wise, so you can plan ahead and help us make this year unforgettable. Blessing to you all!



In Christ,

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LEADERSHIP AND CONTACTS

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Pastor Robyn grew up in Spokane, WA, graduated from Macalester College (St. Paul, MN) in 1995 and earned her Masters of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1999. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) but has loved serving Christ in many churches of many denominations. She co-pastored a United Methodist Church with her husband for 4 years in Skagit Co., WA, where she lead the Youth Group, Worship Band, and many other church-wide ministries. She has lead Youth and Family Ministries here at Central since July, 2005. She is passionate about reaching out to people with the love and grace of Jesus Christ, enjoys travel, playing guitar, hiking, high adventure, and playing with her son, Jasper. She's got another baby on the way, due in mid-February!

The Youth Board is a group of adults and youth who care deeply about keeping our youth ministry strong, healthy and growing. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month to help plan, implement, and evaluate what goes on, as well as coordinate volunteers. They receive and consider feed-back and suggestions from youth and parents, so if you have ideas and comments, please talk with a Youth Board member. In the past the Youth Board has primarily focused on High School programs and we would like to expand to include some parents of Middlers and a couple 8th graders. Please consider joining us!

Current Youth Board Members (adults): Terie Hansen, Jennifer & Richard Leung, Carol Mosman and Dawn Susico.

Our current Youth members include: Michael Naleway (Senior), Emily Herrmann & Ian Doxsee (Juniors), and Andy Rodgers & Kyle Lambert (sophomores). We'll elect 8th grade reps on Tuesday, Sept 22.

Confirmation "Guides" These faithful folks facilitate small groups within the Confirmation program. They act as mentors and role models for our Middlers. Guides for this year include:

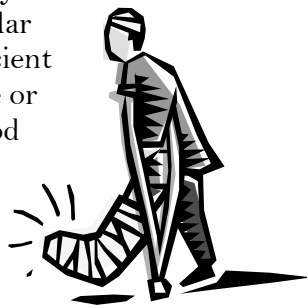
Matt Wall	Kim Vettrus
Peter Herrmann	Nicole Golf

PARENTAL PERMISSION/HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

All events that require a parental permission form and signed covenant (basically anything that we do outside church property) will be publicized with fliers that include those forms in the published material. For your convenience, you'll simply get them in the mail, cut off the permission form section and send it along with your child! Easy! However, because we still need to have an idea of attendance numbers for advance planning, **it is IMPERATIVE that you RSVP** by phone or email by the deadline set in the fliers you'll receive, then simply bring the completed forms with you to the event itself.

The Health Insurance Binder: This is an option for you parents who tire of always writing out your child's health insurance information. We will compile a binder with each child's health insurance information and then bring this binder along whenever we travel off church property (and keep it in a safe, secure place, I promise). If we have your child's health info in the binder, that will cover him or her for the whole year. If you'd like to take advantage of the convenience of this Health Insurance Binder, please supply Pastor Robyn with a photocopy of your child's health card (front and back) and any specific health concerns we should be aware of (allergies, latent illnesses, etc).

However, if you do not feel comfortable supplying this information for our binder, you may opt to simply fill out the appropriate blanks on each form for each particular event. The important thing is that we have sufficient information to get your child the medical care he or she might need in the event of an emergency. God willing, we'll never have to use it!

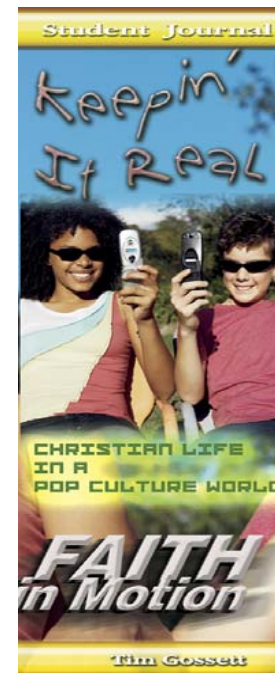


MIDLERS ON SUNDAYS

The purpose of weekly gatherings is to provide a safe place for relationships to grow and faith to deepen. Youth need a regular opportunity to connect with each other and with adult volunteers/mentors, and Sunday School and Confirmation are meant to fill that need. This is the place where lives are enriched and transformed!

Sunday School—9:30-10:30 Sunday mornings. We'll meet again in the Luther House Game Room (aka basement) for class. It's gonna be a great year as we look at real issues that you face in life as a growing Christian, using the Faith in Motion curriculum. Bring your friends and be ready for some great learning, sharing, and laughing together! This year our fabulous teachers are Debby McCrory and Carol Mosman who look forward to a great time! Each class will begin with some free time in the Game Room to hang out together.

Acolytes and Crucifers—At each worship service we need youth (both Middlers and Highers) to help lead worship as acolytes and crucifers. Acolytes help with such duties as lighting candles, carrying torches and collecting offerings. Crucifers carry in the processional cross and may occasionally help serve communion (if they've been confirmed). This Fall, an acolyte/crucifer schedule will be published through January 31st and mailed to each of you. A second schedule will be published in January. We expect youth to do their best to fulfill their scheduled obligations. If you are NOT able to assist on your assigned dates, it is UP TO YOU to find a replacement and notify Kristi in the church office by Wednesday prior to your assigned date. Lists of students & phone numbers will accompany the Acolyte Schedule if you need a sub. *Acolyte Training will be held Tuesday, Sept 22 during class and Sunday, Sept 27 during Sunday School if needed.*



CONFIRMATION

Tuesday Nights, Central Lutheran Church is *the* place to be. This is not the same ol' Confirmation (i.e. boring) your parents went through; this Confirmation is fun, fast paced, interactive and well worth your time. Music, games, discussion, small groups, multi-media... we're cramming the evening full of interesting stuff! We'll be using the humorous "Lutheran Handbook" (costs \$12) and the "Here Ve Shtand" (think: Here We Stand with a German accent) curriculum to guide our learning. Make Tuesday nights at Central a priority—you'll be glad you did!

Schedule for the Evening:

5:30—Alleluia Choir Practice (grades 4-8)

6:15—Family Dinner

6:45—Confirmation including activities such as:

Music/Games/Skits

Large Group Learning

Small Group Discussion

Closing Circle with Music & Prayer

8:00—Check-Out/Hang-Out time and go home



In 2009-10 we'll journey through the New Testament. In the School year 2010-11 we'll study the Old Testament and in 2011-12 we'll focus on Luther's Small Catechism.

* Each Semester all students will get a "student handout Packet" that students must complete and turn in at the end of the semester if they intend to be confirmed. Parents will receive an emailed copy. More than just "homework," this is a chance for Parents to engage your child in some "meaningful dialog" and get to know what's going on in his or her faith. Students should bring the booklet to class (or even keep it there) as there will be time to work in groups on the assignments. This booklet includes one page for each session of Confirmation as well as "Worship Notes" your child should complete during 4 Sunday worship services per semester. "Homework" will NOT shown to anyone other than the confirmation teachers/Pastors. However, a score of 65% (doing 2/3 of the work) is passing. Parents will get a progress report midyear.

* Make-up Sessions—Because many students end up missing classes due to sports, drama, or band practices, if we have at least 4-5 students desiring makeup sessions, we will offer them on an "as needed" basis, possibly twice per semester.

EXPECTATIONS (CONTINUED)

To be (confirmed) or not to be (confirmed): Being confirmed as an 8th grader at Central Lutheran Church is a great privilege and an important step toward a mature and lasting faith. It is not a right, nor is it a requirement to participate in the ministries of this church. Students must meet minimum expectations in order to qualify for confirmation. The primary expectation is regular attendance at Tuesday confirmation class. Part of this participation includes turning in some homework (the Homework packet) which will help students who must miss class (due to school practices, family travel, etc) to keep up with the curriculum. The secondary expectation is participation in *at least* one week of Confirmation Camp and the Pre-Confirmation Day-Retreat. Finally, we expect each confirmation candidate to actively participate in the acolyte program on Sunday mornings.

Youth:

* *Make being here a priority*—We've heard it all before, "do I really hafta go?" Well, any youth event is more fun when there're lots of people, so come and make youth group awesome! We need you! And don't forget YOUR FRIENDS ARE WELCOME, TOO!

* *Build loving, respectful relationships*—We have a group covenant that explains how we agree to act when we're together, just to ensure that our youth events are always fun and safe.

* *Get involved!* Let Pastor Robyn know if you'd like to help with skits, set-up, music, Sunday scripture reading, or anything else!

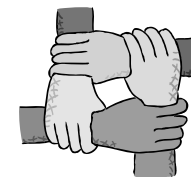
What you can expect from Pastor Robyn—

I will do my best to love your kids and help them to grow in love for each other and our God. I will make high quality Youth Ministry a priority and encourage the youth to participate in making this youth ministry the best it can be. I will be open to your suggestions. I will try to involve as many youth and adults in shaping this ministry as possible.

What you can expect from God—

God promises to show up—where 2 or more are gathered in God's name, God is in the midst of them! God promises to love you and accept you unconditionally and to fill you with God's own Spirit.

God promises to our change lives for the better, if we commit to follow Christ and make Him a priority in our lives.



EXPECTATIONS

Everything works better when you know what's expected, so hopefully this page will help us all work better together!

Parents:

- * *Bring your child to Confirmation ON TIME*—6:15 meal, 6:45 class
- * *Support our Acolyte Program.* Familiarize yourself with the Acolyte schedule and ensure that your child meets his/her obligations or help find a replacement when unable to acolyte.
- * *Volunteer to help! Pastor Robyn will send out emails looking for volunteers when she needs help providing party snacks, decorating, transportation, or chaperones. Please step up to help!*
- * *Get your child registered at Rally Day or ASAP*
- * *Encourage your child to attend*— when he or she is wavering on whether or not to come, a gentle nudge on your part could change your child's life!
- * *Be active in your child's life.* Your confirmation student's take home packet includes family conversation ideas relating to that week's topic. Make use of this tool to enrich your family!
- * *Strengthen your own faith*— consider joining a small group!!! See page 5 for some suggestions. This are just some of many resources we're offering to help you as a parent.

HOW YOU (PARENTS) CAN HELP:

- * *Help with Dinners at Confirmation*—We ask that parents with children who are eating at the dinners help prepare, serve and clean up in the kitchen twice per term. 5:15-7:00. Please sign up soon and often.
- * *Volunteer Signup and Emails*—Pastor Robyn is NOT God. She cannot do everything herself. But she CAN make a snazzy signup sheet and send out email requests when she needs help with Chaperones, drivers, snack providers, etc. Please let Pastor Robyn know your email.

A Word about FACEBOOK:

This web networking tool is a great way for our youth ministry to stay connected, get the word out, and celebrate what we've been doing together through photos and comments. I encourage you (parents and kids!) to get signed up and join our group page: CLC Youth! If you have questions or concerns, please talk with me!

Confirmation Sunday for this year's 8th graders is **May 23rd, 2010!** The Confirmation Pren All-Day-Retreat date is still to be set

EAT DINNER WITH US! THE WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME! The cost is only \$50/child/term or \$4 per meal. Adults can also eat for \$4 per meal so please consider eating with your child and meeting other parents and youth. It is a great way to build community! Watch for menus in the monthly Fridge Door Newsletter.

PARENTS! We need you to help make this dinner program work! Please sign up to volunteer in the kitchen a few times throughout the year, especially if your child eats dinner with us!!!

CONFIRMATION REWARDS PROGRAM: *We've got a great party and prizes arranged for Confirmation students who are willing to put in a little extra mental effort. 1) Basic Prize level for those who memorize the books of the New Testament in order and the Beatitudes 2) Advanced Prize level for those who memorize the above plus Philippians 2:5-11, and 3) the Honors Prize level for those who memorize all of the above plus 1 Corinthians 13 (the whole chapter).*

* **Rewards Party**—at Roaring Rapids Pizza on May 18th.

PARENTAL SUPPORT:

Parents Group!!! Tuesdays 6:45-8:00pm Oct 6-Nov 24 we'll be offering "Love for a Lifetime", a curriculum to help promote more loving, lasting marriage and family relationships, Facilitated by Linnea & Dave Embleton. But we encourage other spontaneous groups to form when this group ends—perhaps an informal "Middler Parents" dinner group once a month on a Tuesday night? If you'd be willing to help get a group started, please talk with Pastor Robyn and she'll help you out!

50 Below—Sunday Small Group for Adults under 50. Beginning October 11th, Pastor Robyn and someone yet to agree will co-facilitate this small discussion group while our children are in Sunday School. We meet in the Gathering Room and will discuss topics of faith pertaining to families.

Watch for other Parent-Student Activities during the year!

They'll be marked with this icon:



Want more time with your kiddo? Volunteer to help at an event!

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUN DAYS

Fall Retreat at Camp Lutherwood—Friday, Oct 2 6:00- Sunday Oct 4 9:00am. Head out to our favorite camp for a weekend of games, rock wall, campfires, hotub, friendships, and thinking about how God is up to something new.

Epiphany Dinner and Party—Tuesday, January 5th 6:45-8:00 Let's celebrate the arrival of the 3 wise-men to visit Jesus instead of have class! Christmas is hectic enough, so we'll have our gift exchange and holiday dinner together after the break.

Family Snow Day at Willamette Pass, February 20th We'll

head out for a day of skiing, boarding and tubing on Presidents Day. For those who don't ski or board, you're welcome to come too, there will be lots to do for fun that doesn't involve strapping planks to your feet! Parents! You're welcome to join us!



Spring Lutherwood Retreat: Lutherwood is still in the planning stages for the spring, but it'll either be the Just Girls and Boys Only retreats or the Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization Middler Rally. Either will be awesome!



Dunes Day at Honeyman State Park, June 18th Kick off the summer with a super sandy time playing in the Sand dunes (and weather permitting, in the lake, too).

SUMMER EVENTS: DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED:

- * **Confirmation Camp at Lutherwood**—date TBA. We encourage all confirmation students to go out to this camp at least once during the 3 year confirmation program. But it's so great, we know you'll want to go every year!
- * **River Rafting on the McKenzie**
- * **Mini-golf & Pizza at Camp Putt**
- * **Perhaps a pool party, picnic or BBQ, too!**

SERVANT EVENTS

"And the righteous ones will ask, "Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you a drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?" and the King will tell them, "I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you were doing it for me." Matthew 25:37-40. For many people, the best way to experience God is to serve God. Compassionate service and learning about justice issues is an important part of Christian faith, so that Service Projects are a crucial part of this youth ministry!

Trick or Treat for Canned Food—Halloween, Saturday, October 31st 6:00-9:00pm. Join us as we go in teams into the community, and see which team can get the most food! Items collected will be donated to Food For Lane County. (Don't worry, you'll get candy, too!)

Caroling to Shut-ins—Sunday, December 13th, 3:00-5:30. This is an intergenerational event through and through, and a wonderful gift that we can give to people who suffer illnesses and loneliness. Plus it's just plain fun to go and sing to people! Parents are welcome too!

Food for Lane County "Community Garden"—Saturday, May 8th. We'll go out to the Community Garden and get our hands dirty, helping with the Spring harvest and getting things ready for new plantings. This fresh food helps feed the needy in our area! Includes a garden fresh lunch, too! Parents are welcome too!

Springfield Clothing Exchange—help sort clothes for this clothing bank that helps needy families in our area. Date is TBA, but will be some time in June or early July.

