



2022-
2023

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Church School &
Confirmation
Handbook**

Welcome!

As children are baptized, parents promise to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to worship in God's house, provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, place the Bible in their hands, and nurture them in faith and prayer.

The whole Christian community promises to help parents live out these commitments. We here at Faith Lutheran Church are blessed to help you fulfill your baptismal promises!

Schedule

Church School (age 3 - grade 6)

Sundays 9:45 am

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Confirmation

7th - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

8th and 9th - 1st Wed. at 4:30pm

Worship

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Contact Info

Kenny Opsal, Director of Education

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Important Information

Worship as Part of Church School

Attending worship together is a central part of the life of faith. It is where we hear the word of God, receive the sacraments of baptism and communion, and are nourished for daily living. We encourage families to make regular worship attendance a priority as you grow together in faith.

Offerings and Stewardship at Church School

Generosity and stewardship are important parts of the life of faith, and we encourage students to practice generosity by bringing offering to church school each week.

One third of church school offerings are given to a global mission project, one third to a local mission project, and one third to a project within our congregation.

We also promote bringing items for the monthly mission focus, which you can find on the back counter in Noah's Ark. Please join us weekly in these efforts.

Discipline and Safety at Church School

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all our church school students. Teachers, staff, and volunteers go through background checks and receive training at the beginning of each year.

Any form of corporal punishment or inappropriate physical contact is never tolerated. Our full church school discipline policy is available for review. Contact Education Director Kenny Opsal.

Filling out the yearly online registration for church school and confirmation helps ensure that we have the most-up-to-date information on your child's dietary, allergy, and medical needs.

Sunday Church School Schedule

9:45 am

September 11 - Rally Day

Families welcome!

September 18 - Giving of Bibles for 3 year olds and 3rd graders in worship

September 25

October 2

October 9

October 16

October 23 - NO Church School

October 30

November 6

Daylight Saving Time ends!

November 13 - NO Church School

November 20

November 27 - NO Church School

December 4

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 11

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 18

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Christmas Program - 11am

December 25 - Christmas Day

NO Church School

January 2 - New Year's Day

NO Church School

January 8

January 15

January 22

January 29

February 5

February 12

February 19 - NO Church School

February 26

March 5

March 12

Daylight Saving Time begins!

March 19

March 26

April 2 - Palm Sunday

Scavenger Hunt @ 12pm

April 9 - Easter

NO Church School

April 16

April 23

April 30

May 7 - Confirmation Sunday

May 14

May 21 - Last Day

Teacher Appreciation

Wednesday Church School Schedule

6:00 pm

September 7 - Rally Day

Families welcome!

September 14 - Giving of Bibles for 3
year olds and 3rd graders in worship

September 21

September 28

October 5

October 12

October 19 - NO Church School

October 26

November 2

November 9 - NO Church School

November 16

November 23 - NO Church School

November 30

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 7

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 14

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Christmas Program at 7pm

December 21 - NO Church School

December 28 - NO Church School

January 4

January 11

January 18

January 25

February 1

February 8

February 15 - NO Church School

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29

April 5 - Holy Week

NO Church School

April 12

April 19

April 26

May 3 - Confirmation Wednesday

May 10

May 17 - Last Day

Teacher Appreciation



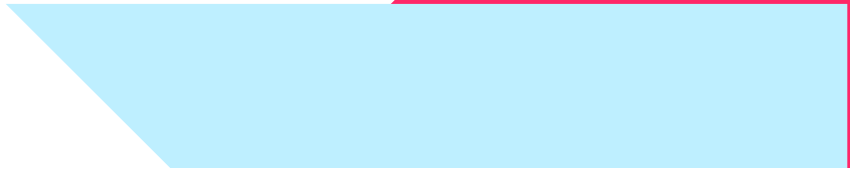
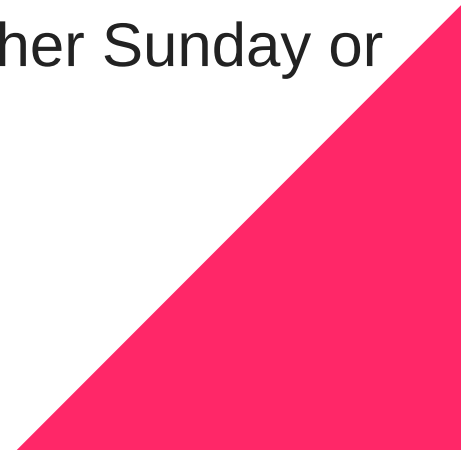
Parent- Student Classes

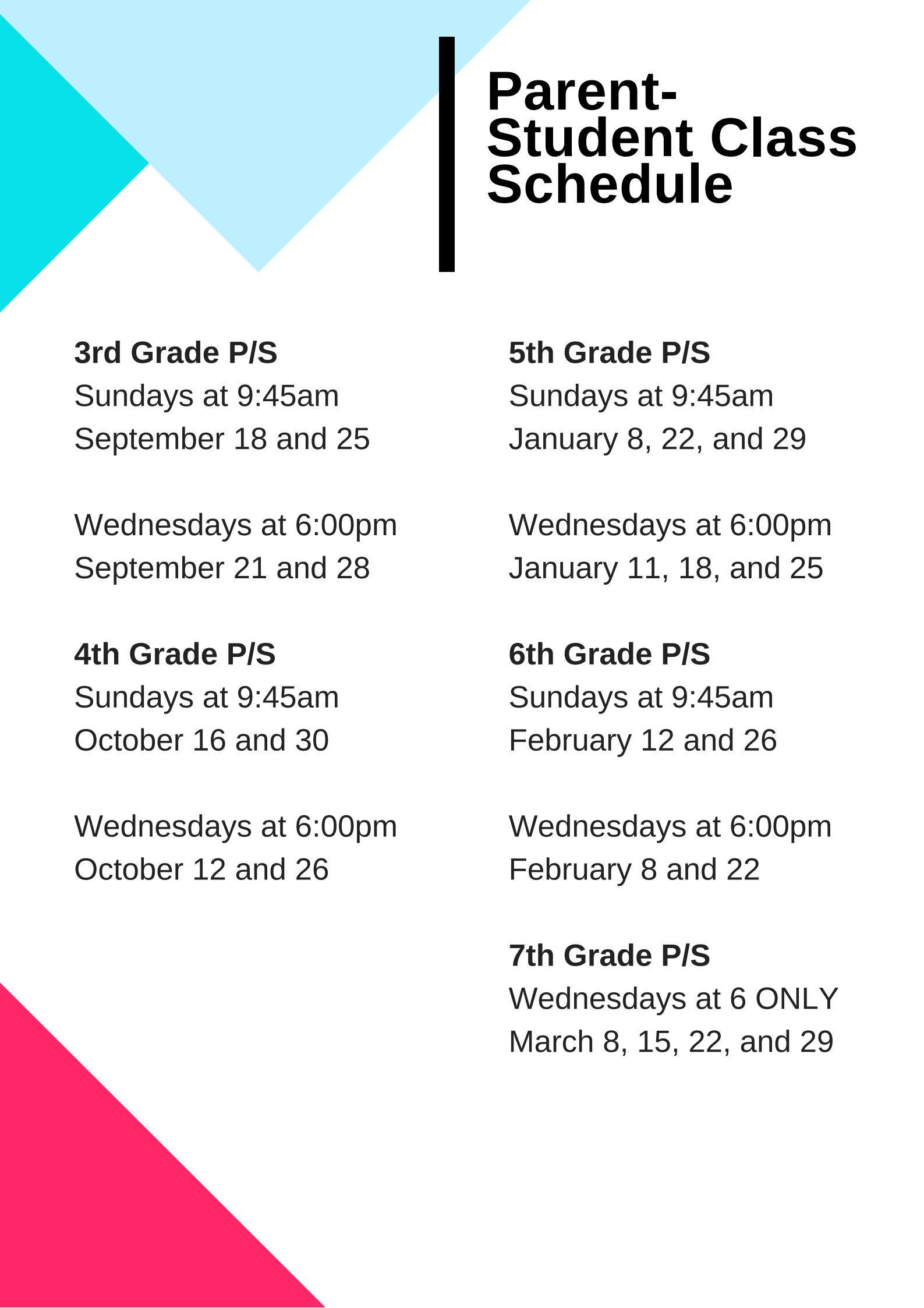


As part of our confirmation program, students in grades 3-7 take classes a few times each year with their parents on different topics such as the Bible, Stewardship, Communion, and Prayer.

This is an important component of the confirmation program, and families are expected to make every effort to attend. Absences must be made up with one of the pastors or with Kenny.

Each class is offered on Sunday and Wednesday during church school, except where otherwise noted. Parents and students may attend either Sunday or Wednesday sessions.





Parent- Student Class Schedule

3rd Grade P/S

Sundays at 9:45am
September 18 and 25

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
September 21 and 28

4th Grade P/S

Sundays at 9:45am
October 16 and 30

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
October 12 and 26

5th Grade P/S

Sundays at 9:45am
January 8, 22, and 29

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
January 11, 18, and 25

6th Grade P/S

Sundays at 9:45am
February 12 and 26

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
February 8 and 22

7th Grade P/S

Wednesdays at 6 ONLY
March 8, 15, 22, and 29

Confirmation Information

Confirmation at Faith Lutheran Church is a three-year process of faith formation, with the aim of deepening faith such that those who go through it are willing and able to make an affirmation of their baptism in front of the congregation at the end of their three years.

All confirmation students are expected to:

Attend class and other required activities

Attend worship regularly

Actively participate in class discussions and activities

Respect the class leader, other students, and the classroom space

Complete all requirements in a timely manner

Requirements include:

Attending class sessions

Serving as an acolyte or communion assistant for worship services

Completing 10 worship notes per year

Attending REQUIRED retreats and special events

Confirmation Schedule

7th Grade Confirmation

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm (see Church School Schedule and/or schedule provided by teacher Brooke Sundvor)

8th and 9th Grade Confirmation

1st Wednesday of the month from 4:30-6:00pm

September 14; October 5

November 2; December 7

January 4; February 1

March 1; April 12

Other Important Dates/REQUIRED EVENTS

Confirmation Opening: Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6pm

Synod LYO Event: October 20-21

9th Grade Retreat: Saturday, April 1 (9am-2pm)

Confirmation Luncheon: Sunday, April 30

Confirmation: Wednesday, May 3 & Sunday, May 7

7th AND 8th Grade Retreat in Medora:

May 30 - June 1

Note: This is a change. For this year only, both outgoing 7th AND 8th graders will be required to attend this retreat. In future years, outgoing 7th graders will attend.

How do I stay informed?

There are several ways to stay up-to-date on all the news related to church school and confirmation here at Faith Lutheran:

1. Fill out the online registration for church school and/or confirmation each year. This keeps our records up-to-date so we can contact you with important information.

2. Make sure you are getting the text alerts. If you are not, contact Kenny Opsal.

2. Follow us on social media! Find us on Facebook: @faithlutheranbismarck and @faithlutheranyouthbismarck. You can also follow us on Instagram: @faithlutheranbismarck.

3. Check out our website: faithbismarck.com for registration links, forms, and schedules.

Questions?

Contact Kenny Opsal or Pastor Sylvia at the church office, or Education Committee Chair Amy Steiner.

Youth Groups

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in our youth groups for additional fellowship.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8):

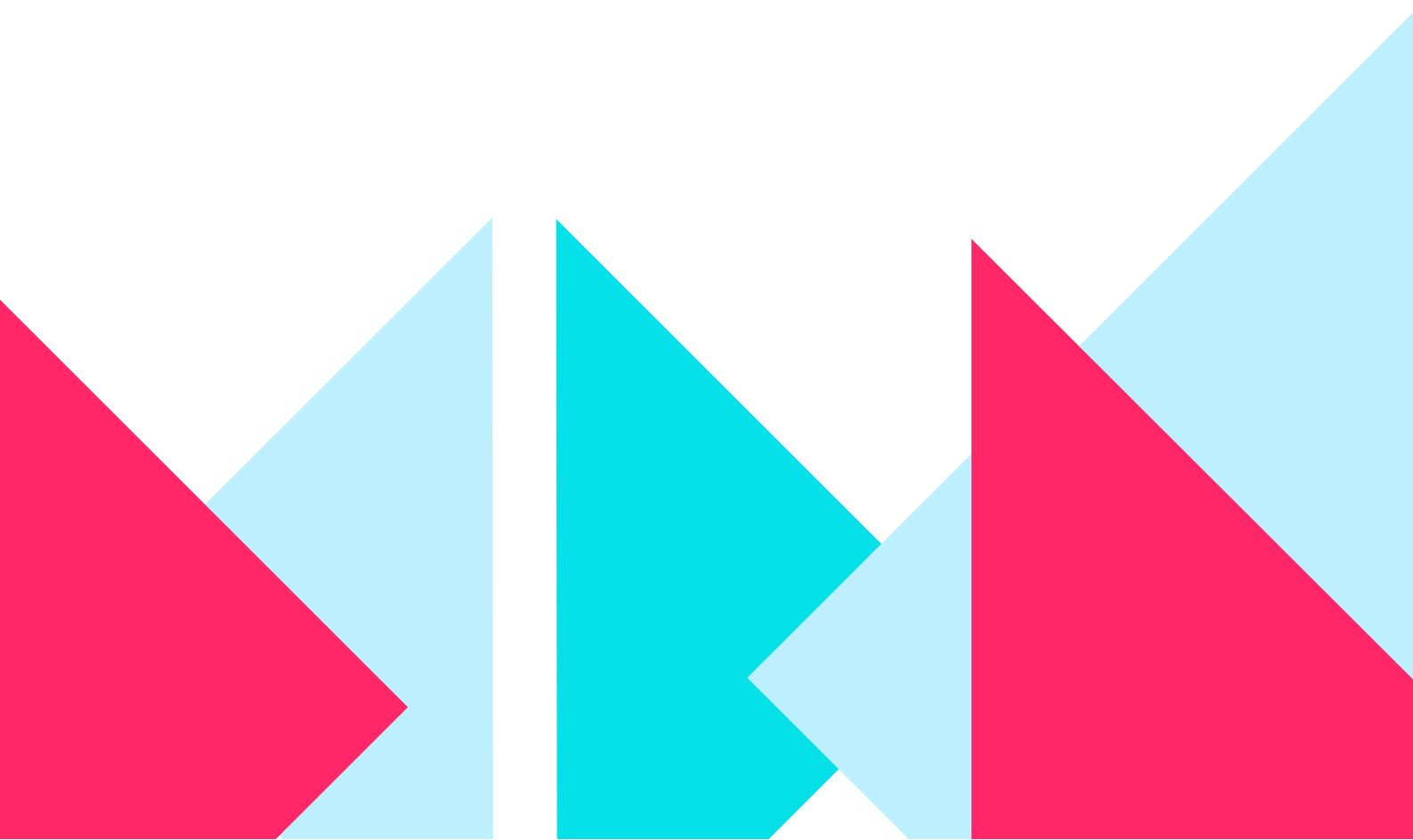
Stay tuned for special events coming up throughout the year!

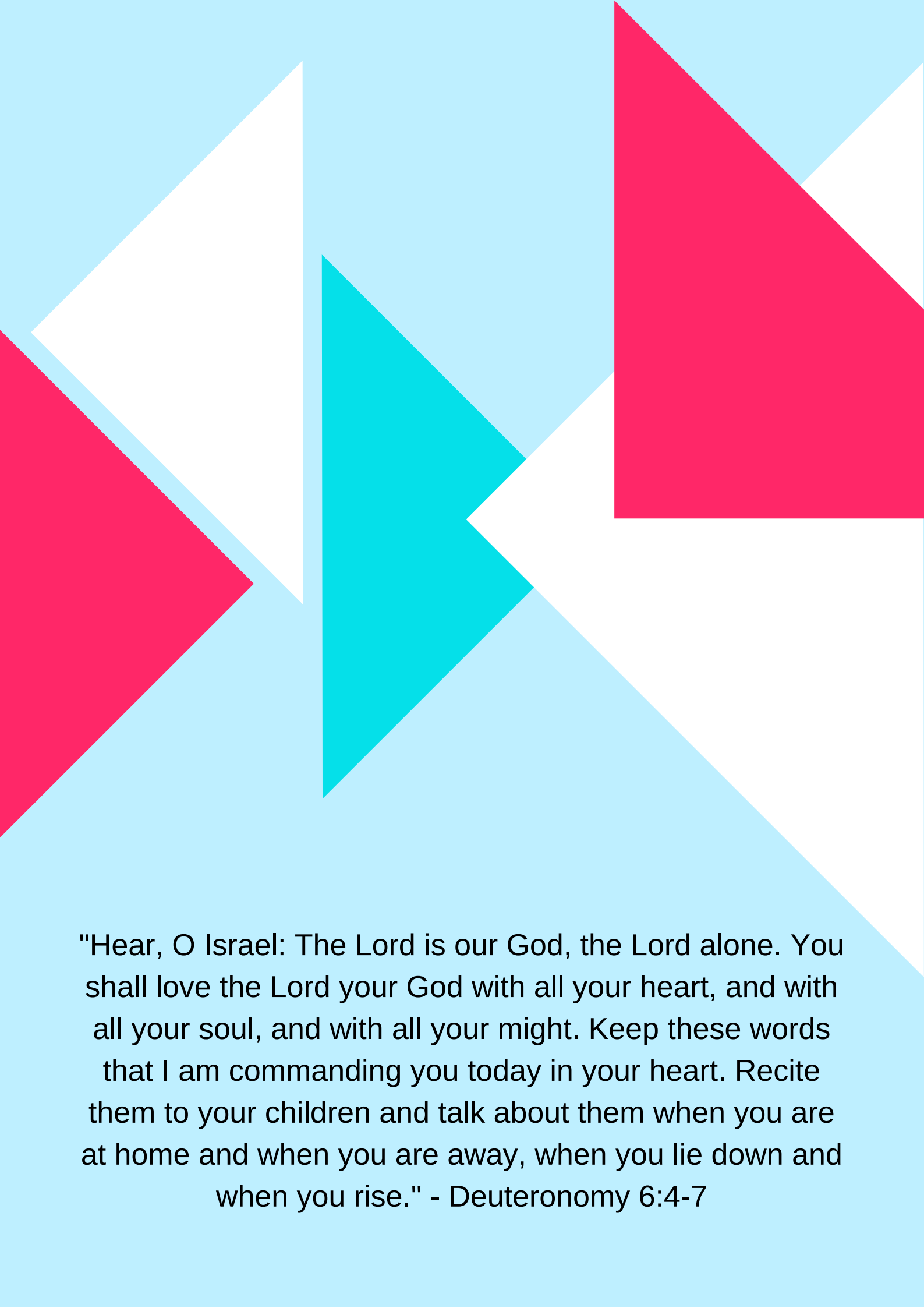
4:12 High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

We are building this group and getting it going, so tune in for more updates soon!

Make sure to text to the youth phone to get updates for the location of youth group each week!

To be included on the group text reminders for youth group, text the youth phone (701-390-9072) with your name and grade level.





"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." - Deuteronomy 6:4-7