

2021-
2022

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 food items weekly which are given to local food pantries. 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 12 - Rally Day

Families welcome!

September 19

September 26 - Giving of Bibles

October 3

October 10

October 17

October 24 - NO Church School

October 31

November 7

Daylight Saving Time ends!

November 14 - NO Church School

November 21

November 28 - NO Church School

December 5

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 12

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 19

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Christmas Program - 11am

December 26 - NO Church School

January 2 - NO Church School

January 9

January 16

January 23

January 30

February 6

February 13

February 20 - NO Church School

February 27

March 6

March 13

Daylight Saving Time begins!

March 20

March 27

April 3

April 10 - Palm Sunday

Scavenger Hunt @ 12pm

April 17 - Easter;

NO Church School

April 24

May 1 - Confirmation Sunday

May 8

May 15

May 22 - Last Day

Teacher Appreciation

Wednesday Church School Schedule

6:00 pm

September 8 - Rally Day

Families welcome!

September 15

September 22 - Giving of Bibles

September 29

October 6

October 13

October 20 - NO Church School

October 27

November 3

November 10 - NO Church School

November 17

November 24 - NO Church School

December 1

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 8

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 15

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Christmas Program at 7pm

December 22 - NO Church School

December 29 - NO Church School

January 5

January 12

January 19

January 26

February 2

February 9

February 16 - NO Church School

February 23

March 2 - Ash Wednesday

March 9

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6

April 13 - Holy Week

NO Church School

April 20

April 27 - Confirmation Wednesday

May 4

May 11

May 18 - Last Day

Teacher Appreciation




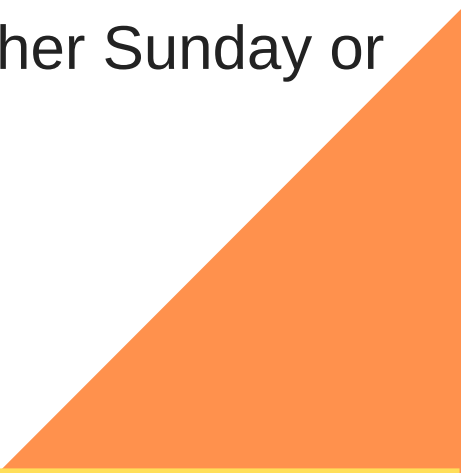
Parent- Student Classes

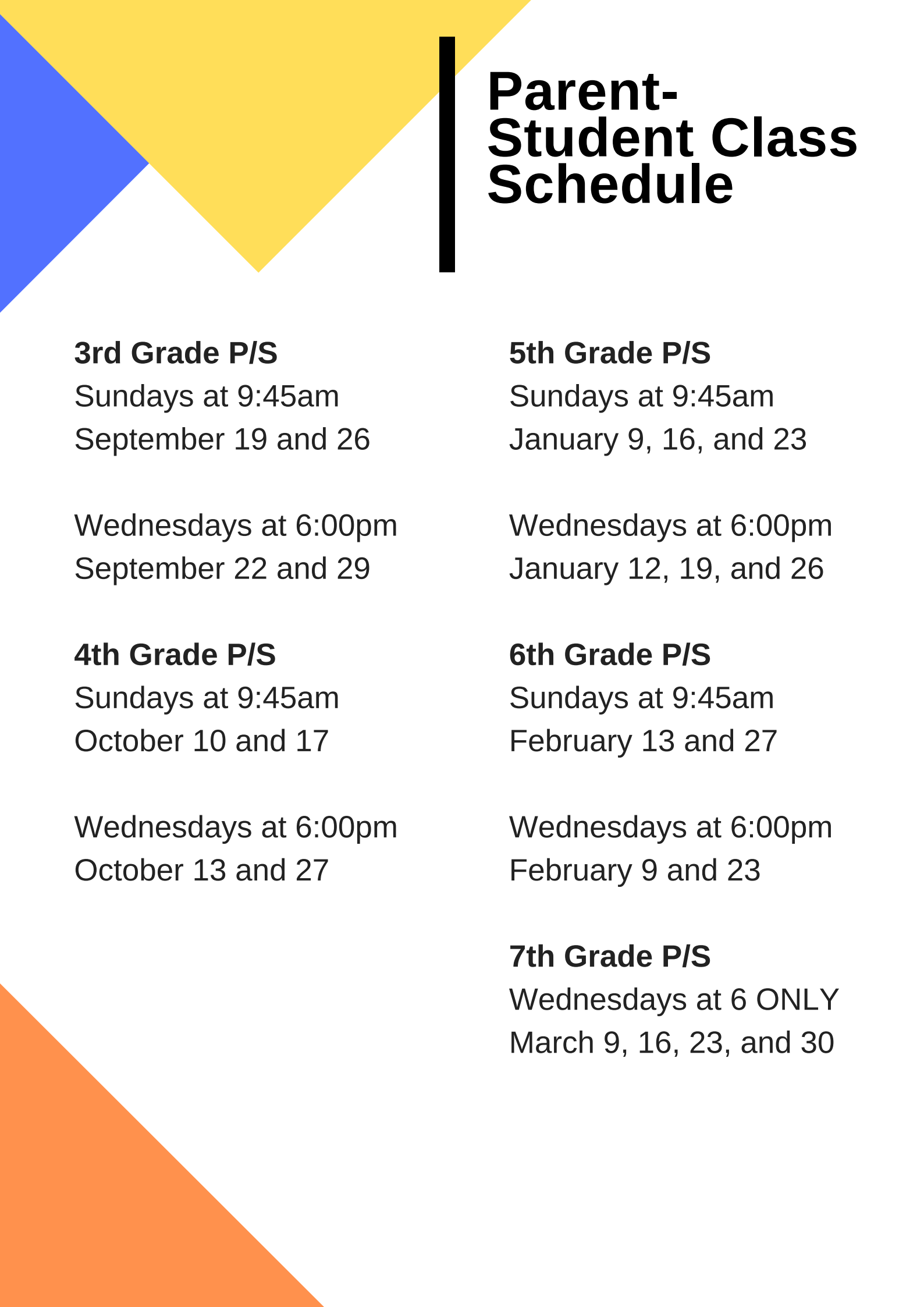


As part of our confirmation program, students in grades 3-7 take classes a few times each year with their parents on different topics such as the Bible, Stewardship, Communion, and Prayer.

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 19 and 26

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
September 22 and 29

4th Grade P/S

Sundays at 9:45am
October 10 and 17

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
October 13 and 27

5th Grade P/S

Sundays at 9:45am
January 9, 16, and 23

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
January 12, 19, and 26

6th Grade P/S

Sundays at 9:45am
February 13 and 27

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
February 9 and 23

7th Grade P/S

Wednesdays at 6 ONLY
March 9, 16, 23, and 30

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 12 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 15; October 6

November 3; December 1

January 5; February 2

March 2; April 6

Other Important Dates and REQUIRED EVENTS

Confirmation Opening: Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6pm

Synod LYO Event: October 21-23

7th Grade Retreat: TBD

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

Confirmation Banquet: Sunday, April 24

Confirmation: Wednesday, April 27 & Sunday, May 1st

8th Grade Retreat in Medora: May 31 - June 2

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!

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

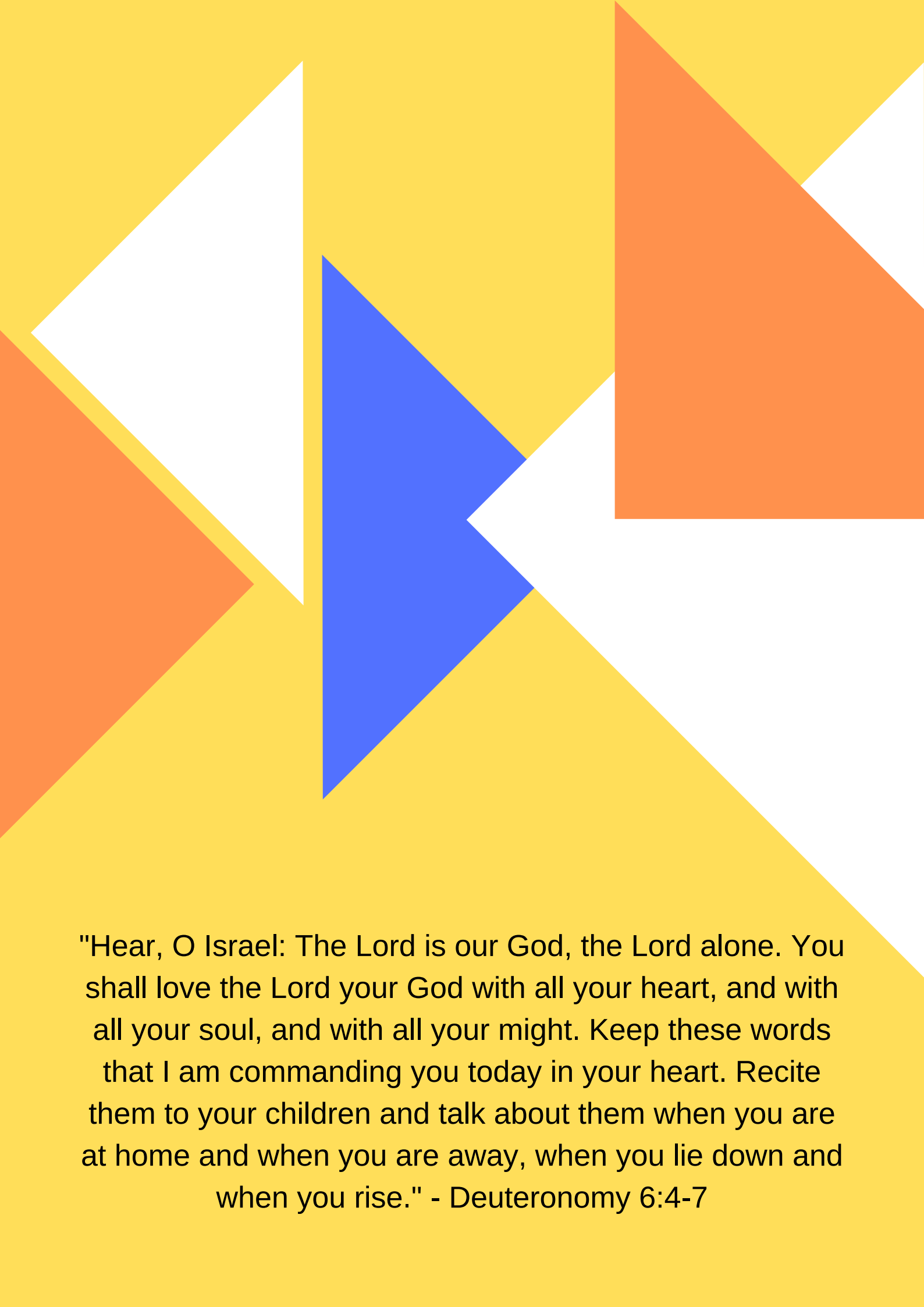
Often, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8:00pm

Or, at the discretion of the group

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.



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"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