

Community + Faith Development ▼ Commissioning

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Affirmation of Baptism
Discipleship Process

WAY Student Ministries
2011-2012

*“For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.”
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

*“{Jesus said,} `You search the scriptures
because you think that in them you have eternal life;
and it is they that testify on my behalf.”
(John 5:39)*

*“I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work among you
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”
(Philippians 1:6)*

*“Do your best to present yourself to God
as one approved by him,
a worker who has no need to be ashamed,
rightly explaining the word of truth.”
(II Timothy 2:15)*

*“As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.
Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?”
("Holy Baptism", Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 228)*

March 2012

4	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
5	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
7	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
11	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
12	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
14	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
16-18	(Gold Bar)	8th Grade Retreat at Camp Huston
18	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
19	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
21	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
25	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
26	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
28	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM

April 2012

1	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
2	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	NO ZOE tonight
4	(Pointe of Grace)	NO The Pointe tonight
8	(JC)	No NET tonight
9	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
11	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
15	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
16	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
18	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
22	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
23	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
25	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
29	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
30	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM (last night)

May 2012

6	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
2	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
13	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
9	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
20	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
16	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
23	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
27	(JC)	NO NET tonight
30	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM

June 2012

3	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
6	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
13	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM (last night)
10	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM (last night)

July 2012

15-21	(Idaho)	Summer Camp for those entering 7th grade
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December 2011

4	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
5	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
7	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
11	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
12	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
14	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
18	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
19	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	NO ZOE tonight
21	(Pointe of Grace)	NO The Pointe tonight
25	(JC)	NO NET tonight
26	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	NO ZOE tonight
28	(Pointe of Grace)	NO The Pointe tonight

January 2012

1	(JC)	NO NET tonight
2	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	NO ZOE tonight
4	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
8	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
9	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
11	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
15	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
16	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
18	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
22	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6PM
23	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
25	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
27-29	(Bellingham)	High School Winter Retreat at Camp Brotherhood
29	(JC)	NO NET tonight
30	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM

February 2012

1	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
5	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
6	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
8	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
12	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
13	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
15	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
19	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
20	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	NO ZOE tonight
22	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
26	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
27	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
29	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND ITS PURPOSE

Preparation for affirming baptism is a time, in keeping with our Lutheran tradition, when we help young people experience the Christian faith through worship, teaching, and building relationships with the faith community, the local church. This often begins in the 7th grade. The culmination of this time of intentional community and faith formation is the service of Affirmation of Baptism and commissioning into adult membership and ministry. Each young person affirms his or her faith in Jesus Christ and their intent for continued service.

Our program is designed to involve youth in exciting and challenging interaction with each other and adults, by speaking to issues that are relevant to their lives while assuring that biblical, distinctively Lutheran, concepts and doctrines are learned.

In order to make this faith forming [discipling] process both an enjoyable and worthwhile experience, we will seek to:

- ✠ Encourage young people to be in a “head-and-heart” relationship with Jesus Christ, which invites them to affirm their faith
- ✠ Develop relationships that will help
 - Nurture the student’s faith
 - Involve parents and build relationships among the students by using small groups involving adults, high school mentors, and their peers
- ✠ Balance a healthy emphasis on relationships and experiential learning through community, while applying age-appropriate biblical, catechetical and life application content

Everything in our program, in terms of requirements, recommendations, and curriculum, has been carefully chosen with these goals in mind.

2011 - 2012 MONTHLY YEAR CALENDAR

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY YEAR

7th Grade

- Attend Weekly ZOE middle school youth nights (75% attendance minimum):
Monday evenings 7-8:30 PM at Trinity-Lynnwood
- Attend the Fall Retreat (October 7-9, 2011)
- Attend week-long Summer Camp (July 15-21, 2012)
- Do 25 hours of service

8th Grade

- Attend Weekly ZOE middle school youth nights (75% attendance minimum):
Monday evenings 7-8:30 PM at Trinity-Lynnwood
- Attend the Culture and Faith Retreat (March 16-18, 2012)
- Do 25 hours of service

9th Grade

- Attend a small group with one of the pastors three times during the year.
- These will be formed at the orientation meeting
- Attend the NET on Sundays or the Pointe on Wednesdays a minimum of 75% of the time
- Complete the final 25 hours of service (for a total of 75 hours)
- Attend the 9th grade Gifted for Service Retreat (November 18-20, 2011)
- Attend the high school Winter Retreat (January 27-29, 2012)

10th Grade or when completed

- Final Interview Small Group with a pastor
- Fulfill all service hours
- Fulfill all attendance requirements

September 2011

11	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
14	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
18	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
19	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	7th Grade Orientation, 7 PM
20	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	8th & 9th Grade Orientation, 7 PM
21	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
25	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
26	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE begins, 7-8:30 PM
28	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM

October 2011

2	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
3	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
5	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
7-9	(Gold Bar)	7th Grade Retreat at Camp Huston
9	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
10	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
12	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
16	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
17	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
19	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
23	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
24	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
26	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
30	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
31	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM

November 2011

2	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
6	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
7	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
9	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
13	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
14	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
16	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM
18-20	(Stanwood)	9th grade Retreat at Warm Beach Camp
20	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
21	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
23	(Pointe of Grace)	NO The Pointe tonight
27	(JC)	Sunday evening NET, 6 PM
28	(Trinity-Lynnwood)	Monday evening ZOE, 7-8:30 PM
30	(Pointe of Grace)	Wednesday evening The Pointe, 6 PM

2011 - 2012 YEAR CALENDAR

Orientation

- September 19: 7th Grade Orientation for parents & students at Trinity-Lynnwood at 7 PM
- September 20: 8th & 9th Grade Orientation for parents & students at Trinity-Lynnwood at 7 PM

Retreats & Camps

- October 7-9: 7th Grade Retreat at Camp Huston
- November 18-20: 9th Grade Retreat
- January 27-29: High School Retreat at Camp Brotherhood
- March 16-18: 8th Grade Retreat at Camp Huston
- July 15-21: Summer Camp at Lutherhaven (Those completing 7th Grade)

ZOE for middle school students, Monday Evenings, 7-8:30 PM at Trinity-Lynnwood

- September 26
- October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- November 7, 14, 21, 28
- December 5, 12
- January 9, 16, 23, 30
- February 6, 13, 27
- March 5, 12, 19, 26
- April 9, 16, 23, 30

NO ZOE on: December 19, 26 January 2 February 20 April 2
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NET for high school students, Sunday evenings, 6 PM at the Jeremiah Center

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| September 11, 18, 25 | February 5, 12, 19, 26 |
| October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | March 4, 11, 18, 25 |
| November 6, 13, 20, 27 | April 1, 15, 22, 29 |
| December 4, 11, 18 | May 6, 13, 20 |
| January 8, 15, 22 | June 3, 10 |

NO NET on: December 25 January 1, 29 April 8 May 27

The Pointe for high school students, Wednesday evenings, 6 PM at Pointe of Grace, Mukilteo

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| September 14, 21, 28 | February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 |
| October 5, 12, 19, 26 | March 7, 14, 21, 28 |
| November 2, 9, 16, 30 | April 11, 18, 25 |
| December 7, 14 | May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 |
| January 4, 11, 18, 25 | June 6, 13 |

NO The Pointe on: November 23 December 21, 28 April 4
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INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT

Over the three-year program, students will:

- ✚ Receive basic instruction in Luther's Small Catechism
- ✚ Receive a Bible overview, and
- ✚ Wrestle with questions of faith and how to live out their faith in daily living

The Core Curriculum will be taught in **7th and 8th grades** through the middle school youth night, called ZOE. A minimum of 75% attendance is required.

In **9th grade** the teaching will happen by having students involved in one of the weekly high school youth nights, "The Pointe" on Wednesdays at Pointe of Grace or "The NET" on Sundays at the Jeremiah Center. Both nights run 6-8 PM.

In **9th grade** and the fall of **10th grade**, students will meet in small groups with one of the pastors four times for questions and sharing of faith journeys, as they prepare for Affirmation of Baptism.

THE NET

This is the Sunday evening high school ministry where students grow in faith through fun, small groups and biblical teaching. The teaching is mostly topical, dealing with issues in the teens' lives and how faith impacts those issues. The NET meets weekly from 6-8 PM. Ninth grade discipleship students are asked to attend a minimum of 75% of the Sunday evenings. Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

THE POINTE

This is the Wednesday evening high school youth night held at Pointe of Grace. Students grow in faith through fun, small groups and biblical teaching. The teaching is mostly topical, dealing with issues in the teens' lives and how faith impacts those issues. The Pointe meets weekly from 6-8 PM. Ninth grade discipleship students are asked to attend a minimum of 75% of the Wednesday evenings. Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

NINTH GRADE GOALS

- ✚ Integrate the incoming high school freshmen into the high school ministry, building relationships among the freshmen and the rest of the high school students
- ✚ Expand students' view of faith through small groups with pastors
- ✚ Give students new opportunities for faith maturity through service and ministry

RETREATS & SUMMER CAMP

Retreats and camps are a vital aspect of the discipleship process, providing youth with the chance to grow spiritually and relationally and helping them apply what they are learning. The following retreats and camps are planned for the 2011-2012 year:

7th Grade Retreat – Topics: *The Church as Community* and *The Sacraments* (October 7-9, 2011 at Camp Huston)

8th Grade Retreat – Topic: *Culture and Faith* (March 16-18, 2012 at Camp Huston)

9th Grade Retreat – Topic: *Gifted for Service* (November 18-20, 2011 at Warm Beach Camp)

High School Winter Retreat – 9th Grade Students are asked to attend as part of the discipleship process (January 27-29, 2012 at Camp Brotherhood)

Middle School Summer Bible Camp (July 15-21, 2012 at Camp Lutherhaven in Idaho)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Worship is central to the life of Christians. We encourage students to attend their congregation's worship services with their families each Sunday.

We know that Sundays have many competing attentions, but we believe that worshiping with friends, family, and strangers is an integral part of faith formation. We also encourage you to consider doing some of your service hours through involvement in worship and related areas.

ALTERNATIVE TO THREE-YEAR PROCESS

Students that are not ready to affirm their faith, or that would rather explore their faith in a different way than our three-year middle school/early high school program, can do an alternative. As sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school they can do a one year program and study that will prepare them to affirm their faith. Contact David Greenlee for more details. This is open to 11th and 12th grade students.

SERVICE HOURS

During each of the three years, discipleship students need to do 25 hours of service (75 hours to complete the process). The purpose of service hours is to encourage students to apply their faith in ways that serve the church and others in the community.

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for service. There will be specially planned service events that students (and often their parents, too) can do. The monthly online Youth Newsletter will usually contain details of those events (www.parishthethought.org). The following list includes specific and general types of service that can be done to earn service hours:

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| - Be an acolyte, usher, nursery attendant, etc. | - 1 hour per worship service |
| - Help with Vacation Bible School | - Maximum of 15 hours |
| - Assist with Sunday Morning Children's Ministry | - Maximum of 15 hours |
| - Minister at a nursing home | - per hour basis |
| - Participate in a church workday | - per hour basis |
| - Participate in a community service | - per hour basis |
| - Go on a Mission trip (9 th graders only) | - Maximum of 15 hours |

Students may also create their own service project, but **must** get approval from David or Jamie, prior to the event. **No more than 15 hours** of a student's yearly hours can be done doing any one type of service.

Hours can not be counted when a student does a project that **pays**, earns a **badge** or provides more than the satisfaction of the experience. Hours cannot be given for coaching or assisting with a sports program unless it is ministry-based or working with under-privileged children. Hours do not count for service within one's family. Extra hours earned in one year may be carried over to the next year.

To get credit for service hours, each student will report their service hours on their yearly process form. Forms can be found online. Forms for year-long service (i.e. Sunday Morning Children's Ministry assisting, etc.) need only be filled out at the end of the year, indicating how they served and how many times. Parents are encouraged to be involved in as many of the hours of service with their student as possible. This is the best modeling, and makes service a family affair.