

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS IS UNDERWAY

We are so glad to welcome **Andrew Arthur, Jackson "JJ" Bergin, Addie Chandler, Elaina Perez, and Maile Thompson** to this year's class! The program began with an orientation gathering on September 12 and the kids had their first official class session on September 19.

The class meets several times each month; a class session on a variety of theological topics, a Mission Experience putting "faith into action", and then a worship experience as they help lead Family Sunday worship during the 10:00 service. Plus, they help with serving the church by helping in the Nursery on Sunday mornings and take part in several special services during the year like Christmas Eve and during Holy Week. We hope that this "praxis" (the combination of practice, reflection, and learning) will help each of our Confirmands feel good about affirming their Baptismal vows and joining our congregation as adult members by the end of the program year. This month the confirmands will be headed to Daycholah Center on Green Lake for a day of service and during their class session they will finish up a conversation about some of the major stories of the Old Testament and begin discussion on God, the first "person" of the Trinity. The congregation will have a chance to meet this year's confirmands when they help lead worship as part of our Family Sunday service on October 23.



LOOKING AHEAD - NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 6 *All Saints Sunday* and *Church Potluck Lunch*

Join us for a special Communion Worship as we remember and give thanks to God for the lives of our family and friends who have passed away in the past 12 months. Stay after the 10:00 service for a Church Potluck Lunch. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass, or simply bring your appetite, as we gather for lunch and fellowship.

November 13 *Fall Congregational Meeting*

After the 10:00 a.m. worship we will gather for this seasonal meeting of the whole church. At this Congregational meeting the 2023 Proposed Church Budget is presented. The congregation will be asked to vote on the budget at the Winter Congregational Meeting near the end of January.

November 22 Tuesday Evening *Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service*

The wider Port Washington and Saukville faith communities are invited to join together in thanksgiving at this annual prayer service. Pastor Scott will be joining with clergy from other churches in leading reflection and prayers on the theme of "Kinship". This year's service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Throughout November *Awareness Campaign Meetings* will continue at various times and in various places. The hope is that everyone will have an opportunity to attend in order to grow in awareness of our members and friend's fond memories; hopes and dreams for our present and future; and needed projects on the horizon around the church building.