



Four Big Transitions

1. Increasing diversity in U.S.
2. Impact of new digital technologies on life
3. Increasing diversity in the religious beliefs, practices, and affiliation
4. Decline in religious transmission from generation to generation

Agenda for the Future

1. Become more intergenerational in our faith communities
2. Equip families to become centers of faith formation
3. Form the faith of all ages & generations
4. Develop missional outreach
5. Use the resources & tools of the digital age








WHOEVER YOU ARE
WHEREVER YOU ARE

You only have to
know one thing:

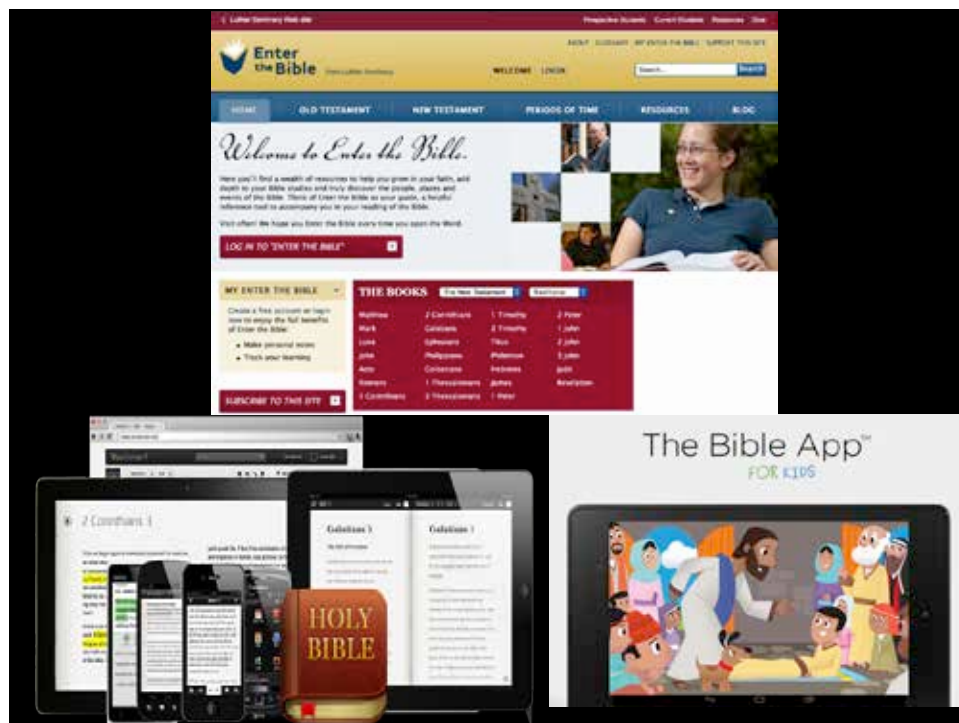
#YouCanLearnAnything



KHANACADEMY

Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation

1. Engage people with a wide variety of faith forming content – anytime – any place
2. Extend church events into people's daily lives with online content and experiences
3. Connect faith formation at church with faith formation in online settings
4. Offer online faith formation content, experiences, and courses



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Explosion of Meaning

Summer Time Faith Time

Summer brings lots of opportunities to discover God's presence all around us.

- Deck!** - What's in your hot air balloon? This Bible story activity encourages your family to call out to Jesus for healing. About time you and your family be well. (Young Families)
- Walking With** - It's summer—time for spending time in the water at the pool, the beach, the lake, the shoreline, or the bathtub. Take some time to remember your baptism when you are playing in the water. (Young Families)
- Blessings for Summer Occasions** - Here is a collection of blessings to realize and make note of the special occasions and activities that often take place during the summer months. (Teen Families)
- Meaningful Family Time** - A single, yet moment that is spending family time together. How can you make family time more meaningful? To these ideas. (Teen Families)

For Church Leaders

#FAITHFULNESS

Thank You

Because we connect with so many of ministry leaders as well as other ministry service providers, we often get across great new resources for you to use or share. Please Dr. Nancy Gough recent blog post.

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YOU ARE ONE
Totally Sunday
Prayer/Prayer

GRACE WIND
A Pentecost Sermon/sermon

WELCOME HOME
To those who never belonged, welcome home.

A WINDY CALL
A hymn call to the people of the Cross from AMN, Warkent.

UP TO THE GEONIX
MLK Liturgy Piece

I AM YOU ARE, WE ARE
A responsive reading to be.

WITNESS TO THE THIRTY
Come, all you who are thirty

SETTING OUT ONCE AGAIN
This reflection/psalm is inspired by the text from Easter Day.

WHERE THE LIGHT ENDS
This reflection/psalm is inspired by the text from Good Friday in the church assembly.

SCATTERED PALMS
A reflection inspired by the Liturgy of the Palm and the Liturgy of the Passion.

WASHING DRY HORN
This reflection/psalm is inspired by the text from the 10th week in Lent.

LEAVING SPARKLES AT THE ALTAR
This reflection/psalm is inspired by the text from the fourth week in Lent.


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**Holy Trinity Adult Faith Formation
Winter-Spring 2015 Season of Programming**

Welcome to Holy Trinity's adult faith formation center designed specifically for adults in their 40s through 70s who seek a faith community that...



- engages them in meaningful spiritual growth and faith enrichment
- provides exciting worship services

**Lent 2015 Scripture Enrichment
"The Death and Resurrection of Jesus"**

Deepen your understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels as we prepare Holy Week 2015.

The passion and resurrection of Christ are at the core of Christian faith and form the capstone of each of the four gospels. This Lent we will explore the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to discover the special insights each presents into Jesus' death and resurrection. Examining the passion and resurrection will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living.

1. Participate in a Four-Session Presentation Series at Church
2. Watch the Four Video Presentations on Your Own or with a Small Group
3. Participate in a Six-Week Small Group Scripture Study
4. Study the Death and Resurrection of Jesus on Your Own

Faith Formation @ First Church of Simsbury

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Welcome to Faith Formation @ First Church of Simsbury

Our website provides interactive resources that your family can use to engage in faith building activities at home. And look on the left page our families enjoy a variety of faith and community building activities here at First Church.

Important Church Related Announcements

Share Information about our seasonal programs

Changing Lives at First Church

The students collected school supplies for South Sudan in New Britain. The staff at South School appreciated the supplies and the smiles they received on May 6 for teacher appreciation day.

Church School Registration 2015-16

Please register your children for the 2015-16 church school year. Registration form.

Play & Praise to Church and Beyond

On Sunday, April 12th the students played Easter for the hundreds at South School.

Students played 12 egg hunts for the South School Easter Appreciation Day!

Prayers for Preschool Children

Prayer is talking to God. It is never too early to start with your children. The children's story (ps. 22) has many verses all around that you can read to your kids. Four things to remember about prayer: 1) Prayer is talking to God; you can talk about anything. 2) This is not a magic spell to give you what you want. 3) You can pray anywhere at anytime. 4) God is always listening.

Prayer is Talking to God along to print and read to children. Prayer is Talking to God along to print, assemble, and read to children.


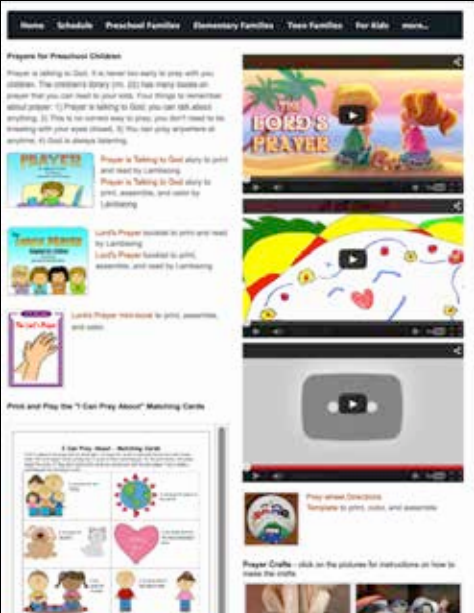
Lord's Prayer available to print and read to children. Lord's Prayer available to print, assemble, and read to children.


Jesus' Prayer Jesus' Prayer available to print, assemble, and read.

Print and Play the "I Can Pray About" Matching Cards

I Can Pray About - Matching Cards

Prayer Craft click on the pictures for instructions on how to make the crafts.



The Third Sunday in Easter: April 19, 2015


Key Bible Verses:



While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, Jesus said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. (Luke 24:41-42 NRSV)

Devotions for the Week

[For Adults](#) [For Youth](#) [For Families](#) [Pray in Color Easter](#)

For Fun



FAMILY GOD TIME

Brief moments of holy time for busy families.

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What is Family God Time?

My family and I have made the commitment to set aside one day per week for family Sabbath time. This means we spend time together as a family, for leisure, and for God. Part of each family Sabbath day is about 20 minutes of "God Time." It includes a Bible story, a song, a prayer, and an activity that is age-appropriate for our 4 1/2 year old and 20 month old twins. Have fun joining us on our adventure!

Fishes on Thurs. 3B, 5B in shorts/pajamas! - Lotsa a prayer!

**The Ten Commandments.
Exodus 20**

In my parish, this week will be Confirmation Sunday for our 8th grade youth. Part of what they had to learn as a part of confirmation class was the Ten Commandments, because it is the first section of Luther's Small Catechism. Even if your children are younger than eighth grade, it never hurts to learn the rules. Enjoy learning and growing together!

Supplies: God Time pillows, candle and holder (see "Gathering" below), My First Hands (or Bible (or other children's or family Bible).

Song: The Ten Commandment Song Here is a song that I wrote and would love to share with you. When my kids were still learning this, they sang the "I am the Lord Your God" verses, and I sang the Commandments. We added one every few times until we could match parts.




Activities: My older daughter is working on learning to write out numbers, so we traced the Ten Commandments letters onto card stock and let her cut them out and number them. Our younger daughters decorated them. We put them on the shelf next to the television in the living room so that we would remember to work on learning the commandments. Here is a picture of the finished products.



Prayer: This can do this all together, or as a "repeat after me" prayer. (depending on hearing ability) Dear God, we thank you helping us to know the rules. Help us to follow them, and forgive us

Dwelling in the Word Together

Peace! Be Still!



Mark 4:35-41 (New Revised Standard Version)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Book of Faith Devotional Questions:

1. What scares, confuses, or challenges me in this text?
2. What delights me in this text?
3. What stories or memories does this text stir up in me?


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Mission Center of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to St. Paul's

On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the early church, and which continues to move in our midst to bring grace and renewal to our world. Let us give thanks for that Spirit, which blows where it wills and creates new opportunities for us to encounter God and serve the world God has made.




Come, Holy Spirit!

Interactive Lectio Divina Daily Readings

The Narrative Lectio Divina focuses our congregation on one Scripture reading each Sunday. Below are some suggested readings to make connections between the past Sunday's and next Sunday's texts or to examine related stories in Scripture (from the free files at www.dpr.org/lectio). Further resources for reflection can be found in the inserts in Sunday's Bulletin (Lutheran Ministers.)

Sunday, May 24 (Day of Pentecost) - Sending of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-13)
Monday, May 25 - Healing Can Be Done in (Romans 8:18-25)
Tuesday, May 26 - Do Not Judge Another (Matthew 7:1-5)



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Write something...

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 24 at 10:22am

Sunday's Readings: Complementary Text: Matthew 6:24 Preaching Text: Romans 8:1-14 As chapter six of Paul's letter to the Romans begins, the apostle has made some sweeping claims about the problems that face humanity and the solution to those problems that was revealed in Jesus. In chapter three, he lays out the stark truth for the community at Rome: All people - without exception - have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. [1032 more words]

St Mark's Daily Devotion

Vacation Bible School Sunday: June 7, 2015

The children and youth of our parish have spent the last week learning to much about the power of God! Below, find images, Bible verses, videos

Day One: The Ravens Feed Eliza

Day Two: God Speaks to Elijah (1 Kings 19)

Day Three: God Heals Naamu

Day Four: Jesus Dies and Comes Back to life (Luke 22-24)

Day Five: Jesus Promises Us an Eternal Home (John 14:1-3)

Key Bible Verse:
He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Key Bible Verse:
You are a God of forgiveness. (Nehemiah 9:17)

See the story for yourself:
Watch the youtube video!

Key Bible Verse:
Everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. (John 3:15)

Learn how you can help Nepal:
[Lutheran World Relief](#)



Holy Trinity Families

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Just For Parents - Winter-Spring 2015

The 2015 "Just for Parents" programming offers a variety of ways for you to enhance and enrich your knowledge and skills for parenting children and teens. Take a look at our offerings:

1. Participate in the "First Wednesdays" Webinar Series - without leaving your home!
2. Learn More About... Resources for you!
3. Participate in a Small Group Study with the best selling book *The Secrets of Happy Families* by Bruce Taylor
4. View an Online Webinar "Parenting for the Long haul"





"First Wednesdays" Parent Webinar Series

We bring the program to you!
9-10 pm Monthly

January 7 - Establishing Family Traditions & Routines
February 11 - Managing Time and Commitments
March 11 - Developing Values in Children and Teens
April 8 - Celebrating Family Milestones

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Learn More About . . .

<p>Children's Development</p>  <p>Every child is unique, and every family deals with different issues. There are some things, however, that many parents deal with around the same time. The way parents choose to deal with these issues has an important impact on how healthy and competent their children grow up to be. Just click on the age of your children to learn about the significant characteristics at that stage of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 0-2 • Ages 3-5 • Ages 6-8 	<p>Adolescent Development</p>  <p>Every child is unique, and every family deals with different issues. There are some things, however, that many parents deal with around the same time. The way parents choose to deal with these issues has an important impact on how healthy and competent their children grow up to be. Just click on the age of your teenager to learn about the significant characteristics at that stage of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 10-14 • Ages 15-18 	<p>Developing Positive Values</p>  <p>How do you raise a child with character? By teaching positive values. Values are like an integrated compass that helps guide the way to thinking and acting appropriately. Search for more information on positive values that are central to healthy development, using, dignity and social justice, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and respect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to identify these six positive values. 	<p>Family Communication</p>  <p>Today's families have to deal with many lesson-hour schedules, new technologies, and ever-changing day-to-day challenges are just a few of the things that you, as a parent, have to address. Fortunately, many of the issues you face can be made easier with open communication. By intentionally building good communication practices, you can ensure that your family remains strong, even when things get tough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn skills and tips for effective communication.
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BE the change You want to see!

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PLEASE NOTE...

Your next in-person session is
Sunday, April 19th 11:30 - 1:30
You must be ready to present your project to the class. (You don't have to bring all your pictures and/or power points, posters etc. but be ready to explain and answer questions.)

Please have ALL on-line Sessions (7) COMPLETED

Please comment using your NUMBER... DO NOT USE YOUR NAME (if you don't leave your # at the end of your comment, you won't get credit for the assignment... I won't know it's you!)

If you forget your number or did not get one yet, please [Contact Me](#) (see 'tab bar')


I look forward to reading your comments and seeing you soon.

Tutorial on how to complete an on-line session...


To watch a short video on how to complete a session [click here](#).

Please watch the video below...





One Spirit Many Gifts



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Gifts Are For Sharing

Did you realize that YOU are made in the image and likeness of God with special gifts and talents that make you ONE of a kind? So, do think God wants you to keep your gifts all to yourself? I think NOT!

One of the things that you are taught while preparing for Confirmation is that there are 7 "Gifts of the Holy Spirit". God gives you these gifts to help you live as a disciple.

Part (1) Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

[Click HERE](#) and read the article "Gifts of the Spirit"

(when you are finished reading the article...click on your 'back' arrow in the upper left corner on your computer to return to this page.)

Then...


(A) Comment on something that "spoke to you"
(something you agreed with, disagreed with, or maybe you didn't understand).

(B) Chose one of the "Gifts" and give an example of how someone you know used that gift. (Or an example of using it yourself)

Along with these Gifts, God has given you talents that He expects you to use. What are your talents?

What can YOU do?...

Are you artistic, a good learner, athletic, a "handyman", etc? Sometimes God puts desires in your heart...something He wants you to work on (helping someone, becoming a teacher, a mentor, maybe a priest or nun, mother, father, doctor, writer, or maybe an inventor...watch video below)



Remember you never know what you can do unless you GO FOR IT! It is better to have tried and failed than to never try at all... and maybe you will be a GREAT SUCCESS !!

Comments from St. Paul's, Fall City

We've seen people respond well to our expanded online ministry. The new website has generated much more traffic than our previous one - as much as 100x more each month - leading people to learn more about our congregation and increasing the number of first-time worshipers (and folks who have returned after extended absences).

Members and non-members alike have expressed their appreciation for the ability to access Sunday's sermons when they are unable to attend, for the daily text recommendations that connect them to Scripture between Sundays, and for seasonal devotional and informational items, particularly during Lent.

Comments from St. Paul's, Fall City

We haven't been as successful at facilitating conversation online as we'd like, and that will probably be the next growing edge developing this aspect of our ministry, along with getting more people involved in the day-to-day task of keeping content fresh and interesting.

We're excited about the possibilities, and looking forward to seeing where the Spirit leads us to go next.

Andrew Chavanak, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
Falls City, Nebraska

