

Happening in Youth and Family Ministries

By Pastor Tom Stadem



March and April were active months for Youth and Family ministry, as 9th graders and parents gathered to learn the key tenants of our faith and prepare their own faith statements. This is one of our 9th graders' final requirements on their road to confirmation this fall.

March also included a big important milestone for fifth graders who received their first communion on Maundy Thursday evening in worship. We'd like to extend a special thank you to the workshop men who turned out a variety of chalices for our fifth graders from which to choose. Each of the 14 youth decorated their chalice with the symbols of this blessed sacrament, then used them during their First Communion.

For Easter Sunday, our Youth and Family Board put together sack bags that tell the Easter Story. We handed these out to children after each Easter worship service. It was also fantastic to see about 50 children come forward for the 9 a.m. children's sermon on Easter Sunday! Thank you for making sure our kids make it to worship!

On Sunday, April 14, kindergarteners will celebrate the learning of the Ten Commandments along with a kid-friendly understanding of their meanings.

April will also be a big planning month for the Youth and Family staff along with the board, as we look at planning our August through May

2025 programs, worship, and event activities.

As we look into May, we want to highlight our May 5 Senior Recognition Sunday in worship.

May 15 is the last day of Confirmation, Wednesday School, and Youth Group until

the fall, but we

will have events

and bonfires this

summer! We have

an all-day Valley

Fair trip scheduled

for Thursday, May

30, for middle and high school youth. We hope

to take a bus full of kids ready to enjoy the park!

Get registered now in the Church Center app or

on the FLC website.

Save the date for VBS, June 3-5, 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. This summer we learn about the “Kingdom

of God” through the Bible, songs, lessons,

snacks, and games. VBS is for children in preK-

5th grade. You can register now in the Church

Center app or on our website.

We continue to make it our mission to walk alongside parents and grandparents as they strive

to keep those life-giving baptismal vows! God

Bless you and yours. He IS Risen! Amen.





Back, left to right: Devin Kruger, Carsten Jensen, Joseph Fink, Isla VanRuler, Owen Zeeb, Annika Kimber, Katie Ohling, Kielan Kaiser

Front, left to right: Burke Walter, Peyton Beatch, Athena Callahan, Benjamin Reilly, Taryn McElroy, Brinley Visker



Students prep the bread for Maundy Thursday communion.



"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



**5th Graders Receive
First Communion,
Maundy Thursday**



*"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you
drink it, in remembrance of me."*

