

# ***The Affirmation of Baptism Ministry***

## ***McFarland Lutheran Church***

*19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV)

### **The Basis**

The *Affirmation of Baptism Ministry* is intended to help our young people realize the promises of God made to them in Holy Baptism; *the forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and the everlasting salvation to all who believe.*

### **The Challenge**

The challenge of the *Affirmation of Baptism Ministry* is for us to invite our young people to grow deeper into Jesus and the community that bears his name. At McFarland Lutheran we want to provide opportunities and experiences that will lead our young people to lifelong ministry as a member of the body of Christ.

### **Why do we have an *Affirmation of Baptism Ministry*?**

The *Affirmation of Baptism Ministry* is a necessary ministry here at McFarland Lutheran Church. It is the way this congregation seeks to fulfill its promises made to those who have been baptized. Likewise, it provides an opportunity to work with parents seeking to fulfill the promises they made at their child's baptism. Our goal is to invite and encourage young people to take responsibility for their own faith journey.

### **The Vision**

We have put together a number of opportunities and experiences that we believe are necessary to build a broad and healthy foundation for a growing life of faith. Our vision is to have a flexible, practical, and faith growing ministry.

### **Suggested Offering**

We invite you to prayerfully consider an offering towards this ministry. A suggested offering of \$50.00 would help cover the costs of this important ministry.

# **Faith and Experience Opportunities for those desiring to affirm their baptism.**

**Parents ~ Walking Together in Faith: Room 113**

**Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**

October 14, 21, 28

**Completed Worship Reflections (sermon notes)**

**52 ~ Weekend/Wednesday worship experiences**

(These do not include Advent/Lent midweek services)

These worship experiences include:

Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm

Wednesday evening PRAISE at 6:30 pm

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am

Students may also turn in worship reflections from other churches they visit.

**14 ~ Advent/Lent Midweek worship experiences**

Wednesday Advent Midweek Services at 6:30 pm:

December 2, 9, 16

Wednesday Lenten Midweek Services at 6:30 pm:

February 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Maundy Thursday: April 1

Good Friday: April 2

Good Friday Evening: April 2

(Prayer around the Cross)

Easter Vigil - Saturday night: April 3

(St. Stephen's Church in Monona - this will count as 2 services)

**16 ~ Sunday School Topical Bible Studies at 10:30 am in Room 109**

October 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 22

*December - no classes*

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** ~ 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**\*\*Three six week sessions**

**The Apostles Creed**

Room 109

**The Lord's Prayer**

Room 122

**10 Commandments**

Room 125

**Who Is Jesus ~ Video & Study**

Room 105

**Walking With Jesus ~ A Call to Discipleship**

Room 101

**Fall Session ~ 6 weeks: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

October 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11

November 18 only 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Winter Session ~ 6 weeks: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

December 2, 9, 16

*Christmas Break - December 23, 30*

January 6, 13, 20

**Spring Session ~ 6 weeks: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

January 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3

## One Day Sessions

### **Proclaiming the Gospel through Art ~ ½ day field trip**

Teacher: Terry Peterson      Time: 9:00 to 1:00 pm

- November 21
- February 20

\*Please bring lunch money

### **Walking in the Word Seminar (Overview of the Old Testament):**

Time: 10:00 am to Noon      Room 105

- Monday, November 9 (In-service day)
- Tuesday, December 29

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Time: 10:00 am to Noon      Room 105

- Saturday, January 16
- Monday, January 18 (in-service day)

## Mentoring ~ 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

Contact person: Bonnie Duerst ~ Youth Coordinator

### **Dates:**

October 10      8:00 am to noon (Mini Global Mission Event at MLC)

November 18    6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Confirmation Extravaganza at MLC)

December 30    7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Three more sessions will be 2010 ~ dates to be announced

The mentoring program is part of the Affirmation of Baptism experience. This has always been a favorite experience for many of our students.

Students are sent a letter during their second year in the program asking them to send their top three choices for a mentor. We have several adults in our congregation willing to be a mentor to those students that would rather we chose someone for them.

Mentors should be the following:

- An adult member (over 30 years old)
- Regularly worships at McFarland Lutheran Church
- The same gender as the student
- A non-family member
- An adult you would like to discuss issues of faith, worship, service, etc.

**Ministry Opportunities** ~ students will need to complete 2 Ministry Opportunities in each of the following 3 areas listed below. Each Ministry Experience category must have a 4 hour minimum time commitment. Students will need to participate in two different experiences in each category.

Students can complete the Ministry Experience in one four hour time slot or divide it up between more than one activity to meet the 4 hour minimum.

For example: Ministry to the Local Community ~ 4 hours

- 1 hour helping an elderly neighbor
- 2 hours working at Youth Service Day
- 1 hour collecting donations for the local food pantry

Please submit a blue *Ministry Experience Proposal* for each of these experiences for approval to Bonnie Duerst, Youth Ministry Coordinator. *Ministry Experience Proposals* and the basket for completed forms are located on the ushers table in the Narthex.

### **1. Ministry to the Congregation ~ 2 experiences**

Examples:

- Bulletin Board helper
- Greeter
- Nursery (need parent helper)
- Sunday school helpers
- Church property care
- Shut-in needs
- Church office work projects

### **2. Ministry to the Community/Country ~ 2 experiences**

Examples:

- Adopt-a Highway
- Community Food Pantry
- Send cards to the MLC Servicemen/women
- Make a meal/bake something for someone or a family in crisis
- Earn the money and shop for a Christmas gift to be given to one of the young people living at Trinity Place (teenage homeless shelter in NYC)
- Collect hats, mittens, scarves for Trinity Place
- Harmony Assisted Living- visiting & recreation with non-family members

### **3. Ministry to the World ~ 2 experiences**

Examples:

- Host an international seminary student in your home for a weekend
- Lutheran World Relief loading of box car
- Collect neck scarves to be given to disadvantaged women in Uganda through the Hope4kids program.

## **HOME STUDY**

**Martin Luther** ~ Watch Martin Luther Video or read book on Martin Luther.

Write 2 page summary on Martin Luther and his spiritual journey.

(See Bonnie to check out video and/or book)

### **7 Personal Bible Studies**

“Spiritual Calisthenics ~ Exercises to Help Us Grow” will be taught during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade mentoring sessions. Students will use the information learned to do their own personal Bible study with any 7 Bible verses of their choice. Please put completed work in the “Worship Reflections” basket located on the ushers table in the Narthex.

### **7 Lenten Devotional Readings ~ McFarland Lutheran Devotional Booklet 2010**

The daily devotions in this booklet are written by members, church council and staff of McFarland Lutheran Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about and from people in our congregation as they share personal reflections relating to different Bible verses. MLC Devotional Booklets will be handed out in February. Parents will be asked to read and discuss at least 7 of the devotions with their child. There will be an attached sheet for parents to sign and return.

## **SUMMER** - 1 experience

**Participate in Summer Festival Camp**

or

**Participate in the ELCA Global Mission Event**

## **INTERVIEW**

**Personal Interview:** to be scheduled with Bonnie Duerst when you have completed all of these necessary experiences.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED EXPERIENCES**

Old Testament and New Testament Review: Read *Chosen The Story of God and His Peo*  
Write 1 full-page outline of main points for each chapter

The Apostles Creed: Read *Free To Be*  
Write 1 full-page outline of the main points of each chapter

The Lord's Prayer-: Read *Free To Be*.  
Write 1 full-page outline of the main points of each chapter

10 Commandments Read: *Free To Be*  
Write 1 full page outline of the main points of each chapter

BY SPECIAL PERMISSION OF PASTORS ONLY - date to be determined

Summer Intensive Makeup

Walking With Jesus-*A Call to Discipleship*

Who Is Jesus? – *Video & Study*

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