



At First Lutheran, our Family Ministry walks with you from baptism to graduation and beyond. Rooted in ELCA theology, we believe that faith is formed through relationships and everyday moments. That's why we partner with parents to live out the promises made at baptism: to nurture faith, teach prayer, and walk together in love and service.

Through age-based ministries (Spark, Ignite, Blaze, and Bonfire), worship, service opportunities, and milestone moments, we equip families to grow in faith at every stage—celebrating the joys, navigating the challenges, and shining God's light together.



Spark (Birth - Pre-K)

Sparks of Joy, Curiosity, and Wonder

Infants and toddlers are full of wiggles, giggles, and curiosity—they are truly sparks of energy and new life. In Spark, we celebrate the sacredness of early development, laying the foundation of faith through love, consistency, and sensory experiences. With music, stories, movement, and prayer, we introduce God's abundant grace through the rhythm of daily life. Rooted in ELCA theology, we affirm that these little ones belong fully to the body of Christ and experience God's love through the care of family, congregation, and creation. At this stage, we nurture belonging, security, and wonder—fostering a joyful spark that ignites lifelong faith.



Ignite (K - 5TH Grade)

Igniting Curiosity, Compassion, and Community

Children in this stage are eager learners and imaginative thinkers, asking big questions with honest hearts. Ignite embraces their energy and creativity, helping them explore the Bible, learn foundational stories of faith, and discover how God is at work in their lives and the world. Through interactive learning, play, worship, and service, kids begin to recognize their unique gifts and the joy of Christian community. ELCA theology guides us to teach grace, justice, and inclusion, shaping children to know they are loved and called by God. At this stage, faith becomes active and relational, igniting the light of Christ in them and through them.



Ablaze (6th – 9th Grade) - Confirmation Ministry

Blazing Trails of Identity, Questions, and Calling

Middle schoolers are discovering who they are, wrestling with big questions, and seeking where they belong. Ablaze creates space for these students to explore identity through the lens of faith, Scripture, and service. We walk alongside them through confirmation, helping them claim their baptismal promises and wrestle honestly with doubts. Ablaze fuels deeper connections—with peers, mentors, and God—through meaningful conversations, learning, and community engagement. In ELCA tradition, we affirm doubt as part of faith, and encourage students to find their voice and vocation as followers of Christ. Ablaze is all about lighting up your faith—and having a whole lot of fun doing it.



Bonfire (10th – 12th Grade)

Big Faith, Real Talk, and a Place to Belong

Bonfire is where high schoolers come to be real, get deep, and have fun. Like a bonfire on a cool night, it's a place to gather with friends, laugh loud, ask bold questions, and feel the warmth of a community that gets you. Students bring their whole selves—doubts, dreams, and everything in between—and we explore how faith fits into real life. We share stories, eat snacks, serve others, and grow into who God is calling us to be. With the ELCA's foundation of grace, justice, and community, we empower teens to live with purpose, speak up for what matters, and keep their faith burning bright—wherever they go next. Bonfire is more than a program—it's your people, your spark, your space to shine.



This Little Light Choir (2nd-5th Grade)

Let your light—and your voice—shine!

This Little Light is our children's choir for kids in grades 2nd through 5th. With joyful songs, big smiles, and simple faith-filled lyrics, kids learn to worship through music while building confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging. Whether it's singing in worship, learning new songs, or simply praising God with their voices, This Little Light is a fun and meaningful way for kids to share their faith and shine in our church community.

CYF SPACES



SPARK NURSERY

The Spark Nursery is a safe, nurturing space for our youngest children (birth–3 years old) to rest, play, and begin their journey of faith. Like a small spark that will one day grow into a bright flame, we care for little ones with love, patience, and joy—helping them feel God's presence from their earliest days.



SPARK PLAYSPACE

Located in Bell Tower Area

The Spark PlaySpace is an engaging, hands-on area where preschoolers can explore, imagine, and grow. Through creative play and interactive learning, children discover that faith is active, joyful, and filled with wonder. Every spark of curiosity is welcomed here!



THE LANTERN

Located in the closet off of Kim's Office. Open on the Wednesdays we have programming.

The Lantern is a quiet, calming space designed for students who need a moment to recharge. Like a lantern shining softly in the dark, this sensory-friendly room offers peace, comfort, and safety for those who feel overwhelmed in large or small groups. Here, students can take a break, breathe, and reset—so they can return feeling refreshed and ready to engage.



THE FIREPIT

Located in Room 2A

The Firepit is a youth space where faith and friendship come alive! It's the ultimate hangout for middle and high school students—a place where sparks turn to flames as conversations, games, and faith grow together.