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## 2019-2020 WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

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## Faith Lutheran Church Marion, Iowa

## Wednesday Night Live and You

Have you ever thought about the people who made a difference in your life when you were a child? Who was it that modeled faith for you? How did you learn the stories of faith?

Whether you were blessed by experiences like these or not, you need to know that Faith Lutheran Church offers a program called Wednesday Night Live and through this program your children will learn the stories of faith and experience the unconditional caring and nurturing of volunteers and pastors who invite young people to explore the intersection of God’s amazing love and daily life.

**So, who’s Wednesday Night Live for?** All children and youth in grades 2 through 12 are welcome to join us each week. Specific schedules will follow in this booklet.

**What happens at Wednesday Night Live?** An evening of adventure! Learning, sharing stories, talking about what God’s Word and love mean for us, fun fellowship, hanging out together, sharing a meal, praying and laughing and worshipping together.

Our goal is to share in caring conversations, empower children and youth to lead lives of practical discipleship by learning how to talk about God and about the story of God’s people and His love, and to create an environment that includes and values all. We hope you will join us for the journey.

In Christ,

Danny Stone

## 2019-2020 WNL Administrative Board

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## Three R'S for honoring God

### Respect God's House

God's house is a special place. This building we are in is called God's house. The thing that makes God's house so special is not that God is here, because we know God is everywhere. *It is what we do in this place that sets it apart from other places.* We worship God here. We make others feel welcome here because we want them to know God, too. It is our job to take care of God's house so that it will continue to be a welcoming place.

This means:

- We walk inside the building unless it is recreation time and running is part of the game.
- We remove our hats at meal time and when we enter the sanctuary.
- We remember that the sanctuary is a holy place. We use quiet voices when we enter and show reverence during worship.
- We pick up our trash and other trash when we see it.
- We are careful not to destroy property, and we tell an adult if something gets broken.

### Respect God's Word

God's Word is the heart of the WNL program. When God's Word is being read, studied or spoken, we should always listen quietly and try to understand what God wants to teach us.

### Respect God's People

We are all God's people. God loves every one of us and God wants us to love each other also. We should share, help one another, and never use unkind words or do something to another person that would hurt their feelings or their body. We listen to adults and others who are in authority.

## WNL Programs

### Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Recreation Time .....	5:00-5:30
Bible/Worship Class .....	5:30-6:30
Family Time .....	6:30-7:00
Worship .....	7:00-7:30

### Confirmation: Grades 7 and 8

Recreation Time .....	5:00 - 5:30
Confirmation Instruction .....	5:30 - 6:30
Family Time .....	6:30 - 7:00
*Worship .....	7:00 - 7:30

### High School: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Family Time / Meal .....	6:30 - 7:00
Large/Small Groups.....	7:00 - 8:30

## WNL Worship

On designated Wednesdays throughout the year, the WNL Youth will lead a worship service from 7:00 - 7:30. All are welcome to worship with WNL.

October 9

November 20

January 15

March 4

April 29 — End of Year Celebration honoring graduating Seniors

## Activities

### **Recreation Time.....Grades 2-8**

WNL provides an opportunity for children and young people to learn about themselves and each other as they play together. During recreation time there will be a variety of activities, both athletic and creative.

### **Bible Class.....Grades 2-6**

WNL offers a creative, relevant and interactive Bible study for each grade level. Bible study is the heart of the program because it is designed to help young people develop into intelligent, committed, and concerned Christian individuals. Students will study the Gospel from the up coming Sunday worship.

### **Worship Class.....Grades 2-6**

We believe that worship is for God's children of all ages and that the faith of young people will be strengthened and nurtured through active participation in worship. During Worship Class we will learn about the parts of worship, learn how to read the bulletin, learn about the sanctuary, and other parts of the worship service that will enhance their worship experience.

### **Family Time.....Grades 2-12**

A shared meal together is an essential aspect of the WNL experience. During dinner time a unique sense of the family of God develops as children, young people and adult table parents eat and share together week after week. The meals are served family style, giving everyone the opportunity to practice using table manners, common courtesy, sharing and serving others.

### **Worship.....Grades 2-12**

Every WNL youth will be part of planning and participating in worship services held during the WNL program. Worship activities might include: singing, performing skits, reading lessons, making banners/bulletins, and sharing personal testimonials.

### **Confirmation.....Grades 7-8**

See Pastor John for more information

### **HS Large/Small Groups.....Grades 9-12**

High School youth gather in the Youth Room for lively faith discussions, fun with friends, games, snacks, homework, Bible Study and Mime prep.

In the event that a student does not behave with respect, kindness, patience and love expected, the following four-step discipline plan will be applied:

1. **WARNING ABOUT BEHAVIOR:** When someone breaks the rules of WNL, there is an opportunity to explain why a particular action does not show respect or kindness to others. Any adult that identifies misbehavior should address it promptly and individually.
2. **REMOVAL FROM CLASSROOM OR ACTIVITY:** A child can choose to remove him/herself from a class or activity by continuing to exhibit inappropriate disrespectful behaviors towards others.
3. **PARENT(S) CONTACTED:** If a child is removed from a class or activity more than once, the parent(s) will be contacted so that we can work more closely together to solve the problem. Parents may be asked to sit in on class activities to help maintain order.
4. **CONFERENCE WITH YOUTH DIRECTOR, PASTOR, WNL COORDINATOR, PARENT(S) & CHILD:** If necessary, a conference will be set up to further encourage communication and problem solving for the child's benefit and for the benefit of the entire program.

If you have any questions about discipline at WNL, please contact the WNL Coordinator or Faith's Director of Youth & Family Ministries, Danny Stone, at 319.743.5990 or [youth@faithlutheran.org](mailto:youth@faithlutheran.org).

## Discipline & Behavior

The one rule at WNL is that **everyone** treats **everyone else** as a child of God. **No one** has the right to treat **anyone** else as if he or she does not matter. As a child of God, each person is of infinite worth and deserves to be treated with respect, kindness, patience, and with all other aspects of love. Built into this rule is the goal that each young person will understand that he/she is of value and that each young person learns to treat all other people in this way.

### GENERAL RULES:

1. All youth need to be in the designated areas and will be redirected, if needed, to ensure their safety and to reduce the disruption of scheduled activities.
2. Appropriate language is expected at all times.
3. No personal music devices or cell phones are allowed during scheduled WNL unless specifically required for the activity.

## Registration and Fees

**Registration:** Registration consists of the following:

- Filling out Consent/Medical Records form for each student.
- Filling out Volunteer Form and signing up for a volunteer position
- Paying Tuition and Meal Fees.

**Tuition Fees:** Because WNL is a self-sustaining program at Faith, a tuition fee is charged for each student participating in the WNL program. This includes Confirmation and High School, regardless of meal participation. The fee covers meals, Bible study materials, music and activity supplies.

\$75	1 Child
\$135	2 Children
\$185	3 or more Children

Fees must be paid in full by the first WNL evening. Checks should be made out to *Faith Lutheran WNL*. If the full payment causes difficulty, please contact the WNL Secretary/Treasurer to arrange a suitable payment plan. **No youth shall be denied participation because of financial hardship.** If the cost is prohibitive, please contact Faith's Youth Director or Pastors. Scholarships are available.

**Meal Fees:** Anyone not registered as a student of WNL is required to pay for meals.

**Adults and Visiting Students**, including Table Parents, Cook Teams and any other volunteers or visitors

\$4 per meal

\$60 for the year

**Pre-WNL** - 1st grade or younger

\$3 per meal

\$30 for the year

**Meals for guests and friends who attend WNL are \$4 per person per meal.** This can be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer or left in the collection can.

## Parent Participation

Through WNL, Faith Lutheran Church strives to help children and young people have the best life possible now and as they grow into adulthood. In addition to caring about children, we care about you - the parent(s) — and the extremely important relationships that you have with your children. At Baptism, each of us (church and parents) became responsible to God and to our children for the quality of relationships that we provide for our children. Fulfilling the WNL Parental Covenant enables parents to honor a portion of the basic vows required of them when they presented their children for Christian Baptism. The WNL time each week provides the opportunity for quality relationships to develop through God's love, with the commitment of many caring parents and other adults. Without this commitment from parents and adults, the quality of relationships that *ALL* children and young people deserve would not be possible. Therefore, everyone who works with WNL agrees to:

Love God, because we realize that it is God's love that enables us to love others.

- Love children, always seeking the best for them.
- Give of our talents and time faithfully, supporting our children in their participation in worship activities (i.e. - acolytes, choir, etc.).

## We Need You!

You, the parent, are challenged to participate actively in this process. Carefully and prayerfully consider the specific opportunities available to you in the WNL ministry. Since this is a shared ministry, at least one parent **MUST** volunteer. Many parents take on several volunteer roles.

## Communications

The WNL Secretary/Treasurer will send an email each week listing the responsible teams, themes and other details for the coming week's program. To receive these notices, please ensure the Secretary/Treasurer has your correct email. WNL weekly information is also listed in *The Seed*, the Sunday bulletin and on the church website at: [www.faithlutheran.org](http://www.faithlutheran.org)

## Visitor Policy

### **Visitors are welcome at WNL!**

WNL Youth are encouraged to invite friends or adult guests to come with them on Wednesdays. **Please contact Danny Stone, Director of Youth & Family Ministries at 319.743.5990 or [youth@faithlutheran.org](mailto:youth@faithlutheran.org) by 5:00 p.m. Monday to make reservations for visitors.**

School age guests are expected to stay with their host while at WNL and follow all WNL procedures and rules. As a courtesy, the host is asked to introduce their guest to their teachers, classmates and the Family Time Director. Guests are expected to pay \$4.00 for each meal. In addition, twice during the year WNL will have special Bring-a-Friend nights.

Once a school-age guest has attended WNL twice, they will be encouraged to register, thereby becoming full participants, paying the registration fee, and fulfilling the parent participation requirement.

**7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitor Policy**—Due to our commitment to confirmation instruction, guests of confirmation students will be welcome to attend Recreation Time (5-5:30 p.m.), Family Time (6:30-7 p.m.), and Worship (7-7:30 p.m.) only.

## Cell Phones

Cell phones are permitted during WNL; however, we request that phones be turned to silent and not be used during lessons and activities. In case of emergency, please call students at 319-377-9700.



## Attendance Policy

The WNL Board and Program take seriously our commitment to helping you raise your son/daughter in Christian faith. We strongly encourage the best attendance possible to help with this belief. Students in grades 2 through 6 should meet with the Rec Time director in the designated rec place by 5:00 p.m. If you are here during rec time, students are expected to participate in rec; no loitering is allowed. Students in grades 7 and 8 must be at Confirmation Instruction by 5:30 p.m. High School youth need to be in their respective area by 7:00 p.m. and will be ready to leave by 8:45 p.m. **If it becomes necessary for your child to leave WNL early, please contact the church office or WNL Coordinator, or send a note stating that it is okay for your child to leave before their usual time.** Your child's safety is important to us!

## Weather Watch

**Cancellation:** Because Faith Lutheran Church is located in the Linn-Mar School District, we have chosen to follow the Linn-Mar school cancellation policy for after-school activities. If Linn-Mar schools have been cancelled or dismissed early due to bad weather, the WNL program will also be cancelled. If Linn-Mar schools cancel evening activities, the WNL program will be cancelled. If you have doubts, please call the church office at 377-9700. If you feel conditions are unsafe, please call and let us know your son/daughter will not be attending because of the weather.

**Changing Weather:** If, due to deteriorating weather conditions or the possibility of such conditions, WNL is cancelled or dismissed earlier than normal, every effort will be made to have this notification on the local radio and television stations as early as possible. We will make every effort to contact you by phone or e-mail in these situations.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Set Up Team** - Set tables every week; report to Family Time Director.

**Cook Team** - Cook every third week; report to Family Time Director.

**Clean-Up Team** - Clean up kitchen every week; report to Family Time Director

**Table Parents** - Supervise a table of seven or fewer students who share dinner on a weekly basis; report to Family Time Director.

**Bible Class Teachers** - Share God's message with children; report to Bible Class Director.

**Worship Class Teachers** - Teach children about Worship Services, Sanctuary

**Worship Assistants** - Work with Worship Class Director to provide music, drama, bulletins for worship; help plan worship services. Report to Worship Class Director.

**Nursery Staff** - Provide childcare between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., every week for pre-WNL aged children of parents while parents are volunteering; report to **Volunteer Coordinator**.

**WNL Board** - If you are interested in serving on the board, contact the Coordinator or the **Volunteer Coordinator**.

Volunteers are responsible for finding a substitute if they have a conflict. For those parents working closely with the children (table parents, teachers, etc.), church attendance on a consistent basis is essential.

## 2019-2020 Wednesday Night Live Schedule

		Recreation Time	Lesson Time		Lesson Time		Family Time	Worship	Confirmation	High School
Date	Event	5:00-5:25	5:30-6:00	6:00-6:25	5:30-6:00	6:00-6:25	6:25-7:00	7:00 - 7:30	5:30-6:30	7:00-8:45
		Grades 2-6	Grades 2-3		Grades 4-6		Cook Team		Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
September 4, 2019	6:00 PM -- WNL Team Dinner & Training									
September 11, 2019	WNL Kickoff		Assembly	Bible Class	Assembly	Bible Class	High School		Includes 9th grade	
September 18, 2019			Bible Class		Bible Class		Women's Team		Includes 9th grade	
September 25, 2019	Bring a Friend		Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		Men's Team		Includes 9th grade	
October 2, 2019	2nd grade parent visitation		Bible Class		Bible Class	Worship Prep	High School		Includes 9th grade	
October 9, 2019	3rd grade parent visitation		Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class	Worship Prep	Women's Team	Worship-7:00 PM	Includes 9th grade	
October 16, 2019	4th grade parent visitation		Bible Class		Bible Class		Men's Team		Includes 9th grade	
October 23, 2019	5th grade parent visitation		Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		High School			
October 30, 2019	6th grade parent visitation		Bible Class		Bible Class		Women's Team			
November 6, 2019			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		Men's Team			
November 13, 2019			Bible Class		Bible Class	Worship Prep	High School			
November 20, 2019			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class	Worship Prep	Women's Team	Worship-7:00 PM		
November 27, 2019	NO WNL -- Thanksgiving Break									
December 4, 2019			Bible Class		Bible Class		Men's Team			
December 11, 2019			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		High School			
December 18, 2019		Cookie Decorating	Bible Class		Bible Class		Women's Team			
December 25, 2019	NO WNL -- Christmas Break									
January 1, 2020	NO WNL -- Christmas Break									
January 8, 2020			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class	Worship Prep	Men's Team			Mime Practice
January 15, 2020			Bible Class		Bible Class	Worship Prep	High School	Worship-7:00 PM		Mime Practice
January 22, 2020			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		Women's Team			Mime Practice
January 29, 2020			Bible Class		Bible Class		Men's Team			Mime Practice
February 5, 2020			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		High School			Mime Practice
February 12, 2020		Valentine's Card Decorating	Bible Class		Bible Class		Women's Team			Mime Practice
February 19, 2020	Bring a Friend for Pancakes		Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class	Worship Prep	Boy Scouts			Mime Practice
February 26, 2020	NO WNL -- Ash Wednesday									
March 4, 2020			Bible Class		Bible Class	Worship Prep	Men's Team	Worship-7:00 PM		Mime Practice
March 11, 2020			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		High School			Mime Practice
March 18, 2020	NO WNL -- Spring Break									
March 25, 2020			Bible Class		Bible Class		Women's Team			Mime Practice
April 1, 2020			Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class		Men's Team			Mime Practice
April 8, 2020	Sr. High Easter Mime at 7:30 PM -- Holy Week -- NO WNL									
April 15, 2020			Bible Class		Bible Class		High School			Mime Cast Party
April 22, 2020	1st Grade Visitation		Bible Class	Worship Class	Bible Class	Worship Prep	Women's Team			
April 29, 2020	Year-end Celebration		Bible Class		Bible Class	Worship Prep	HS Team	Worship-7:00 PM		8th Grade Welcome