

CLUB HANDBOOK

Confirming Lutheran
Understanding and Beliefs

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Mankato, Minnesota



This Handbook

*The CLUB Program described in this handbook
is offered by Christ the King Lutheran Church
to help us all better Affirm our Baptism.*

MORE ABOUT CLUB...

COST

The \$100 annual fee includes admission to the warm-up event, Bibles, and retreats for CLUB 78 and CLUB 9. Please see Pastor Patrick if this fee in any way prevents your child from participating in CLUB.

RETREATS - the Get Aways

► CLUB 78/9

This age appropriate retreat seeks to deal with the tough issues teens face today.

Where: Camp Omega, Waterville
 When: 7th Graders **October 24-25, 2009** (Sat-Sun)
 8th Graders **November 7-8, 2009** (Sat- Sun)
 9th Graders **February 20-21, 2010** (Sat-Sun)

OTHER FEATURES...

Summer Bible Camp

A week of Bible Camp can be a life-changing experience. CTK reserves a week in June at Green Lake Bible Camp. All 7th and 8th graders will go at least once during their CLUB years.

Winter Warm-up

November 18th, 2009—“The Chalk Guy”

Small Group Guides

(CLUB 78 & CLUB 9)

Adult Small Group Guides

- > Work with group of about 6 youth
- > Commitment mostly involves Wednesday evenings
- > Training offered
- > Guide must have a heart for kids & a desire to serve Christ

Pathfinders

- > Same expectations & qualifications as Adult Guides
- > High School Junior or Senior
- > Assist Adult Guide in working with group

CLUB Journey

The goal of the CLUB journey is to help youth discover and grow in their faith and enable them to connect faith with their daily lives. The program is family centered so that families may share in the growth experience. The process will prepare students to affirm their baptism:

- To live among God’s faithful people
- To hear God’s Word and share in the Lord’s Prayer
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of our LORD Jesus
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

The Affirmation of Baptism ritual, which will take place in the spring of the 9th grade year will mark the student’s ordination into the mission of Christ the King which is a “caring community committed to empower all to know Christ and make Christ known.”

Parents of CLUB students, with the support of the entire congregation will work to fulfill their baptismal promises:

- To live with them among God’s faithful people;
- To bring them to the Word of God and the holy supper;
- To teach him or her the LORD’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments;
- Place in their hands the Holy Scriptures;
- Nurture them in faith and prayer

A CTK STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE

Fulfilling goals and growing together as a caring community committed to empowering all people to know Christ and make Christ known.



CLUB Program Description

CLUB stands for:

“Confirming Lutheran Understanding & Beliefs”

CLUB 78 is for 7th and 8th graders, and CLUB 9 is for 9th graders.

The program has several components:

- **Curriculum:** Faith Inkubators “Head to the Heart”... www.faithink.com
- **Hospitality:** Small groups, their leaders and parents will help serve the Wednesday night meals.
- **Worship:** A worship service on Wednesday evenings with significant youth involvement follows the meal. Youth and families will sit together with their small group families. The service will last 30 minutes.
- **Large Group:** A large group segment of Christian education follows worship in the sanctuary. A theme of the week will be set through song, images, analogies, drama, art, game shows and other multiple-intelligence methods.
- **Small Group:** Small group time follows when guides and youth share Highs & Lows, discuss the Bible-based theme and reflect on how the theme intersects with their lives.
- **Home Huddles:** The youth will be provided with a “Home Huddle” guide each week. This guide will help parents engage in a nightly ritual where the family shares Highs & Lows, a Scripture verse, some reflection on how the two relate, and closes with prayers and a blessing. The entire week will build off of the theme that was established in large group.
- **Pneuma Nudgings:** These replace worship notes. Pneuma is the Greek term for *spirit* or *wind*. As a way to help build awareness of the activity of the Holy Spirit during worship, youth will be encouraged to complete and submit a “Pneuma Nudging” each week. This could be in the form of a statement, drawing, poem, song or any other way to express how the Spirit “nudged” them during worship. Youth will drop it in a collection box after worship. Some Pneuma Nudgings will be highlighted each week in large group and one will be drawn and awarded a prize.

7. **Tech Teams** – Teams are being formed to run technology for worship at CTK. Interested youth should contact Al or Chris Lee.
- **Worship Bands** - Senior high youth with musical talents are encouraged to join one of the new worship bands that Pastor Steve is organizing. They will have opportunities to perform at Wednesday night and weekend worship services.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 5:00-6:00 pm Community Supper
- 6:00-6:30 pm Worship Service (**year-round** worship service for the entire community)
- 6:35-7:00 pm CLUB 78/CLUB 9 Large Group
- 7:00-7:30 pm CLUB 78/CLUB 9 Small Group

Also on Wednesday nights...

- 6:30-7:30 pm Adult Christian Education—CLUB ADULT
- 6:30-7:30 pm Kids Klub - Age 3—Grade 6



Youth Expectations

- Actively Participate on Wednesday nights
- Attend worship – Pneuma Nudgings
- Nightly Home Huddles with family
- Nursery Duty
- Attend Bible Camp at least once
- Participate in annual retreats
- Select a Mentor and meet with him/her
- Choose a CLUB Faith Verse
- Make a Stole

Parent Expectations

- Support & encourage youth participation
- Model faithful living
- Home Huddles with family
- Volunteer Participation (especially helping with community supper when small group is scheduled)
- Feedback to team... What's working? What's not working?
- How would you make it better?

Because Christ the King is a “caring community committed to empower all people to know Christ and make Christ known,” friends are always welcome at CLUB!

Senior High Opportunities for Participation in the Congregation

Senior High students will have several opportunities to continue in ministry...

- **Wednesday Senior High Club**— led by Sean Sletten (West High teacher & coach) and Pastor Steve—for all senior high (grades 10-12) youth to come together mid-week for just 55 minutes following the 6pm worship service. We'll discuss difficult questions arising from current affairs, to pray, to share, to act.
- **Sunday Morning Breakfast Club**—led by Ryan and Natalie Casper. This is for Senior High youth grades 9-12. Meet in the Youth Room from 9:30-10:30 each Sunday morning—breakfast will be served. Come for some good faith discussion!
- **Pathfinders**- Senior high guides for CLUB 78 and CLUB 9 small groups. Pathfinders act as important teachers and role models in Christian Ministry.

- **Family Night:** These evenings start with community supper and worship, then the family can do something together: play a board game, go to the pool, catch a movie... there is no CLUB Adult or Kids Klub on those nights.
- **Servant/Fellowship:** On these weeks following the community supper and worship, CLUB 78 and CLUB 9 small groups will engage in either a servant or a fellowship event they have planned. Kids Klub and CLUB Adult is as scheduled.
- **Retreat Ministry:** Retreats for CLUB 78 and CLUB 9 are opportunities for delving into faith issues that effect the lives of youth, as well as a time for fellowship and community building. These dates are listed on the calendar listed in this booklet.

Bible, “Connecting Faith and Life”

Each student new to CTK's CLUB program is given a new Bible. Students will learn how to use their new Bibles... learn how the Bible came to be, its basic story line, and it's authority in the lives of Christians. Students are expected to bring this Bible and use it each week!

CLUB 9- The 9th Grade Year

Because 9th grade is a time of great transition, the CLUB program will be a bridging process between junior and senior high ministry. The 9th grade youth will start the fall in the same format as CLUB 78. Following the Christmas break, CLUB 9 youth will start to meet separately in a structure that is more like the senior high ministry FIATs- **F**aith **I**n **A**ction **T**eams. The promises of the affirmation of the baptism ritual will be the theological focus. CLUB 9 youth will also be encouraged to begin meeting in 18:20 groups with their guide as well.

Affirmation of Baptism Ritual

This will take place in the spring at a service scheduled apart from regular worship services. This year's service for CLUB 9 youth will take place on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

