

January 2009

- 7-Learning Event Sexuality I**
14-Group Building
- 21-Learning Event Sexuality II**
28-Guide Huddle/Thrive Off!

February

- 4-Learning Event Sexuality III**
11-Group Building
- 18-Learning Event Sexuality IV**
25-Thrive Off! *Ash Wed. Service*

March

- 4-Learning Event 80's Movie Mania I**
Lenten Service (Family)
*** 8th Graders @ CHAOS (senior high) ***
11-Special Event
Lenten Service (Family)
*** 8th Graders Orientation ***
- 18-Learning Event 80's Movie Mania II**
Lenten Service (Family)
- 25-Thrive Off!** Spring Break
Lenten Service (Family)

April

- 1-Learning Event 80's Movie Mania III**
Lenten Service (Family)
8-Group Building
- 15-Learning Event Lutheran I**
22-Guide Huddle/Thrive Off!
- 29-Thrive Off!**

May

- 6-Learning Event Lutheran II**
13-Closing Evening!
Fellowship Event

Purpose of Thrive

Small Groups =
Building Christian Relationships

Fellowship: a time when students are known, cared for, and nurtured.

In the early church, fellowship was more relational than recreational.

- Encourages accountable relationships
- Nurturing students in small groups
- Helps students become verbal
- Relationships, Relationships, Relationships
- Allows students to personalize their faith

Nurturing means faithfully helping youth to grow in their relationship with God.

Large group turns into discipline instead of discipling.

Core Themes

All grades explore themes at the same time.

2008-2009

Friends, Sexuality

2009-2010

School, My Activities, Dangers

2010-2011

Family, Self Image, Martin Luther

Catechism and scripture are included throughout all Learning Events.

THRIVE

6-8TH GRADE SMALL GROUP CATECHISM

Inviting and
Connecting
Jr. High Youth and
Their Families To
Christ.



CONNECT
PRAISE
GROW
SERVE

Jr. High Ministry
St. John's Lutheran Church
Bloomington, IL
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August 2008

24-Guide Training
27-Thrive Begins 6:45pm-8:00pm

September

3-Learning Event Friends I
10-Group Building
17-Learning Event Friends II
24-Guide Huddle/Thrive Off!

October

1-Learning Event Friends III
8-Group Building
15-Learning Event Friends IV
22-Guide Huddle/Thrive Off!
29-Thrive Off!

November

5-Learning Event Friends V
12-Group Building
19-Learning Event Friends VI
26-Thrive Off! Thanksgiving Break

December

3-Learning Event High Def Faith
Advent Service (Family)
10-High Def Faith Faith-In-Life
Advent Service (Family)
17-Learning Event High Def Faith
Advent Service (Family)
24-Thrive Off! Christmas Break
31-Thrive Off! Christmas Break



To Register:

Please call Cheryl at 827-6121

Wednesday Night Schedule

**5:30pm
DinnerTime**

Optional,
Reservation Re-
quired
\$25 per semester
5:30-6:30pm
Parish Life Center
(All-Ages)

**6:30pm
Setup for Evening**
6:30-6:45pm
Preparations

**6:45-8:30pm
Groups Meet**
Parish Life Center

Intro
Songs, Games, Intro
Theme/Presenter

**Presenter &
Interruptions**
Presentation of
Nightly Theme
Small Group Interrup-
tions

Small Groups
Meet In Various
Rooms

**8:30pm
HEAD FOR HOME**

**1st WED
Learning
Event**
PLC
6:45-8:30pm

**2nd WED
Group-
Building
Fellowship,
Servant or
other Team
-building**
Small Group
and Parents
Start at Church
6:45-8:30pm

**3rd WED
Learning
Event**
PLC
6:45-8:30pm

**4th WED
Guide Huddle
Meeting**
Students
Do not meet
- Guides Meet

**5th WED
Thrive Off**

**Requirements vs
Encouragement**

*I'm doing it
because I have to.*
**I'm doing it because
someone is helping
me to.**

*I'm doing it because the
church makes me.*
**I'm doing them because
I'm learning they are im-
portant to my family.**

*I'm doing it
so I can be confirmed.*
**"Confirmation" is not
something the pastors,
staff, parents or friends
does "to" you. Instead,
the Rite of Confirmation
is a time of new begin-
nings - for the student to
grab hold of their faith
and promise to grow.**

Burden - A blessing

*Little motivation to con-
tinue the "task."*
**Encouragement to
continue to grow**

*I'm doing it for
the wrong reasons.*
**Better chance I'm do-
ing it for the right rea-
sons.**

*Time, and money are
wasted.*

**Time and money are
better invested.**

**The major-
ity** of youth
who affirm
their baptism
historically
never contin-
ue in their
faith into
their high
school
years.
**Traditional
confirmation**
leads
families to
believe that
you **earn** the
right to "be
confirmed."
**Required
tasks** have
not been
proven to be
effective.

Worship
Attendance

Worship
Summaries

Bible Study
Prayer

Service Work

Family
Devotions

Camps/
Retreats

Faith-In-Life
Projects