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Element has been created specifically for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders in our churches! Element is a joining of Confirmation and Fusion Youth: the best of both worlds. Learning the elements of your faith in a fun and engaging space! This has been a collaboration between the pastors of Faith Lutheran, First Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Federated and St. Johns/Kongsvinger of Donnelly, Heather Black (Fusion Youth Ministry Director) and with the blessing of the various church councils!

Our goal is to teach the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn and experience the elements of a Christian life. To believe, know and experience God, connect with others, serve others in love and live out our faith daily! In 2022-23 we will be using the curriculum by LeaderTreks specifically written for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders called GEAR UP!! Gear Up looks at common struggles of junior high students and addresses how to view those things through a biblical lens. By studying various themes and books of the Bible, students will see that their faith impacts the way they live, even now in junior high. Gear Up is designed to help students build a foundation of faith, equipping them to follow Jesus. Help students learn what it means to pursue Jesus and commit to a life with him.

## Here are the details!

**WED NIGHT SCHEDULE:** 6pm-7:30 on Wednesday evenings @First Lutheran (may be at an alternate location as well)

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY MODEL:

We will meet in as a large group, but will mostly spend time in smaller groups. Christianity is a relational faith. We have a relationship with God and with each other. These small groups help to foster that relationship with God and each other. This will be based on grade and gender this year.

#### Small Group leaders are:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys: Pastor Chris & Pastor Dan

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys: Pastor Matt & Tony Feuchtenberger

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys: David Black & Mike Odello

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls: Heather Black & Kendra Goulet

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls: Katie Hassle & Haley Ourada

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls: Amy Swanson & Pastor Emmy

### COMMUNICATION: Remind app

Heather will send information about meeting times, events, parent info letters, and family devotionals and all around general info so please keep an eye out for those through the Remind app. Please see the attached pages and sign up!

Heather Black's information:

✉ [heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com](mailto:heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com)

☎ 320-349-0103 (feel free to text or call)

Social Media : Facebook@fusion56267 or Instagram@fusion56267

Website: [www.fusion-ministry.com](http://www.fusion-ministry.com)

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Pastors will send you information about your specific church information and requirements.

## **RETREATS, TRIPS, SERVICE PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES:**

Please fill out the attached permission slip that will grant permission for your youth to go on the retreats, trips, service projects and activities that Element will be providing as we go along this year. Makes it easier for us all and keeps paperwork to a minimum! 😊 Most to all of the sign ups for retreat, trip and other off campus activities will be through our website!

## **MINISTRY TO MORRIS:**

Each small group will be picking a ministry or non-profit in Morris to minister to this year. Through a service project, through prayer and through learning more about it. Some examples are: Nursing homes, food shelf, Options for Women, Someplace Safe, etc..

## **Who we are:**

### **Staff:**

Heather Black: Fusion Youth Ministry Director  
Pastor Chris Richards: Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus  
Pastor Emmy: Faith Lutheran Church Of Morris  
Pastor Dan Belgum: First Lutheran Church of Morris  
Pastor Matt Orendorff: Federated Church  
Pastor Rochelle Anderson: St. John's/Kongsvinger of Donnelly

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## September:

- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Parent's mtg @6pm
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Follow His Footsteps
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Live Differently

## October:

- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Beginnings Matter
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Packing Light
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> No Element (Fall Break)
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Recalculating

## November: Thankfulness

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer Walk – We will meet at Federated Church this night.
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Reggie Dabbs in town this week! (more information to come)
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> No Element
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Thankfulness Starts Here
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> No Element (Thanksgiving Break)
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Plan and Prep for Christmas Service Projects

## December: Christmas

- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Christmas Service Projects
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Element Christmas Party// Nativity Escape Room
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Adult Leadership Christmas Party (details TBA)
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – No Element

## January:

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Stay Strong
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Adult Leadership Recharge Conference
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Drop your backpack
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Your people, my people
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Plugged In
- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Winter Retreat @Luther Crest

## February:

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: God so Loved
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: You're a masterpiece
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Reflections – What is Lent & Ash Wednesday
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> No Element: Ash Wednesday Services

Please sign up on the Remind App to receive reminders about upcoming events and meetings. (see attached)

Also, check out our website for up to date information and subscribe to our google calendar. [www.fusion-ministry.com](http://www.fusion-ministry.com)

All dates are subject to change and I will do my best to keep you updated if any changes occur.

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## March:

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Lent Services  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Lent Services  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Lent Services  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Lent Services  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Lent Services

## April:

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Last Supper Meal @Faith Lutheran Church  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: What if I'm anxious?  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: What if I'm afraid?  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: Staying Connected

## May:

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Element 6-7:30pm: End of the school year Party

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## Sign-Up to Help out Element

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Pray and Encourage your son/daughter and their leaders/pastors.

Bring snack and/or drinks during the school year. (sign up will be a google doc)

Be willing to be a chaperone or driver for a retreat or a trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chaperone for the Winter Retreat at Luther Crest Jan 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Chaperone on the Mission Trip to Duluth (Dates TBA)

Be a helper/driver during a service project.

Serve as a substitute small group leader if a leader cannot make it or is sick.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will need a female leader for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls Jan – Feb (Haley is having a baby!!)

Help Heather with some administrative duties.

Other things you would be willing to share.

(Examples: bonfire at your house, host a superbowl party, beach day at your cabin in the summer, hayride, you get the idea!)

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Questions, comments, feedback, concerns, or encouragements:

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*For those who are returning – feel free to fill only what is new this year! (age, grade, t-shirt size, etc....)*

**\*\*\*Are you interested in sending your youth on a mission trip to Duluth in June? Y / N**

## Registration/Medical Information & Release/Photo Release Form

Church currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student T-Shirt size: XS S M L XL 2XL (adult sizes)

Is it ok to use student cell and email for communication purposes? Y/N

Activities in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Hobbies or interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver phone numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #1: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #2: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email (the one regularly checked): \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages/grades of siblings:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Student Medical Information:

(REQUIRED, Please list someone other than parent / guardian(s))

Emergency Contact (other than parent) \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to the student \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE (S) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any medical conditions or allergies that we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Initial below and sign.

\_\_\_\_ I authorize Fusion Youth Ministry (Element Jr High Ministry) and their staff to use photographs, video images, or other likenesses of myself and/or my child for the purposes of our website, and social media sites and/or other ministry material.

\_\_\_\_ I also grant permission, in case of emergency, for medical attention to be sought by leaders of my student's group and/or the persons in charge, if I am unable to be contacted. I understand that I will be notified immediately of any such happenings.

\_\_\_\_ I expressly assume any and all risks of injury arising from or relating to the activities I have given my child permission to participate with Fusion Youth Ministry (Element Jr. High Ministry) and waive and release any and all suits or demands of any kind or nature whatsoever against Fusion Youth Ministry, staff, volunteers, or representatives arising from or relating in any way to the participant's voluntary participation in said activities.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that my youth will behave in a manner that is appropriate. If my youth's behavior is deemed inappropriate, violent or breaks the covenant that was signed by my youth, that I will be asked to come and take my youth home – or they will be sent home at my expense.

\_\_\_\_ I have read, understood, and agreed to the information I have signed to on this form.

Parent/Caregiver signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fusion Youth Ministry Standards of Behavior

Fusion provides a Christian community within a safe environment that promotes spiritual and social growth for students. We encourage youth to participate in activities to the best of their ability and to treat one another and the staff with respect. The following guidelines are presented for participants. **Parents are encouraged to review these guidelines with their child.**

### All Fusion Participants are to...

1. Use language that is appropriate within a Christian community.
2. Refrain from bullying.
3. Respect adult leaders, pastors and participants.
4. Respect the property of the churches where we gather and anywhere we visit.
5. Refrain from engaging or threatening to engage in acts of physical, sexual, or verbal abuse.
6. Refrain from the usage of or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal substance and/or paraphernalia.
7. Refrain from possession or usage of weapons.

## Consequences of Misbehavior

The Fusion staff and board of directors will attempt to be fair in assessing consequences for student behavior. When appropriate, consequences shall be given in a progressive order in relation to the severity and/or frequency of the infraction(s). The specific disciplinary action and severity of punishment for inappropriate student behavior will be handled by the executive board and staff. The Fusion board has the right to dismiss student immediately based on the severity of the offense.

When offense occurs, it will be documented by staff and/or group leader. This will be communicated with student and parent/guardian. After two offenses, a meeting will take place with staff, board representative, pastor, and parent/guardian to find a mentor that will attend Fusion with the student to ensure behavior expectations are met. If this arrangement is not agreed upon or behavior expectations are still not met after mentor is in place, Element will provide programming resources to parent/guardian to provide one-on-one lessons at home to fulfill confirmation requirements.

## Admission Agreement

In signing this section, I acknowledge that I have read through the above Behavior Agreement with my child. I am aware that my child is expected to abide by all regulations governing personal conduct and use of church property. If my child does not cooperate, or becomes a hindrance to the program, I understand the series of consequences.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In signing this section, I acknowledge that I have read through the above Behavior Agreement. I am aware that I am expected to abide by all regulations governing personal conduct and use of church property. If I do not cooperate, or become a hindrance to the program, I understand the series of consequences.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this agreement signed by both parent/guardian and student.  
Thank you.**

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