Year 3 – God and Daily Life?

Affirm - Grades 6 - 8

Content: Year three of Affirm is to dive into God and Daily Life by connecting and building relationships around the campfire, talking about ordinary things like the school lunchroom and conversation, and using storybooks from our childhood to dig deep into faith.

**Schedule:** Please pay attention to the calendar for dates and times.

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| Date | Theme | Style |
| September 16 | 6:00 PM Worship – FAITH5  6:30-7:15 pm Affirm | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  FAITH5 – Matthew 5:13-16 |
| September 23 | 6:00 PM Worship – FAITH5  6:30-7:15 pm Affirm | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  FAITH5 – Isaiah 43:18-20 |
| September 30 | 6:00 PM Worship – FAITH5  6:30-7:15 pm Affirm | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  FAITH5 – Matthew 5:3-12 |
| October 7 | 6:00 PM Worship – FAITH5  6:30-7:15 pm Affirm | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  FAITH5 – Philippians 1:3-11 |
| October 14 | 6:00 PM Worship – FAITH5  6:30-7:15 pm Affirm | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  FAITH5 – Matthew 28:19-20 |
| October 21 | Cafeteria Confirmation  Resilient Faith - Breath | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 PM |
| October 28 | Cafeteria Confirmation  Resilient Faith - Need | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 PM |
| November 4 | Cafeteria Confirmation  Resilient Faith - Love | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 PM |
| November 11 | Cafeteria Confirmation  Resilient Faith - Connect | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 PM |
| November 18 | Cafeteria Confirmation  Resilient Faith - Abide | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 PM |
| November 25 | Thanksgiving Break | Thanksgiving Eve Service Online |
| December 2 | Service Project  6th Grade | Christmas Caroling Outside with Masks  Place/ Time - TBD |
| December 9 | Service Project  7th Grade | Christmas Caroling Outside with Masks  Place/ Time - TBD |
| December 16 | Service Project  8th Grade | Christmas Caroling Outside with Masks  Place/ Time - TBD |
| December 23 | No Affirm | Winter Break |
| December 30 | No Affirm | Winter Break |
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| January 6 | Book Study: The Runaway Bunny & Luke 15:3-7 | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 pm |
| January 13 | Book Study: The Very Hungry Caterpillar & John 11 | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 pm |
| January 20 | Book Study: The Giving Tree & 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 pm |
| January 27 | Book Study: There’s A Wocket in My Pocket & Ephesians 4 | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 pm |
| February 3 | Book Study: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day & Matthew 6:25-34 | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 pm |
| February 10 | Book Study: Where the Wild Things Are & Genesis 1 | Zoom Online  6:30-7:15 pm |
| February 17 | Ash Wednesday  To Go Ashes | Drive thru Ashes (if not in building)  6:30 – 7:15 pm |
| February 23 | Lenten Mentors | Lenten Services  7 pm |
| March 3 | Lenten Mentors | Lenten Services  7 pm |
| March 10 | Lenten Mentors | Lenten Services  7 pm |
| March 17 | Lenten Mentors | Lenten Services  7 pm |
| March 24 | Lenten Mentors | Lenten Services  7 pm |
| March 31 | Holy Week Break | No Affirm |
| April 7 | Service Project  6th Grade | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  6:30-7:15 pm |
| April 14 | Service Project  7th Grade | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  6:30-7:15 pm |
| April 21 | Service Project  8th Grade | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  6:30-7:15 pm |
| April 28 | Faith Statements  9th Grade (No Affirm for 6-8) | Bonfire and Outdoor Classroom  6:30-7:15 pm |
| May 1 | Affirmation Service at 11 am | 9th Graders and Their Families |

**Expectations:**

1. **Wednesday Night Attendance**: As pastors and youth directors, we understand that things come up. But thank you for making Wednesday nights a priority.
2. **Worship:** You can’t get to worship in the sanctuary right now due to COVID, but we have several ways you can participate - either online, at the 9 am parking lot service, or at the 5 week Wednesday services at 6 pm. If anything, don’t skip worship. In the long run, worship and being connected to a community, is what creates sticky faith.
3. **Worship Photograms:** Each student needs to complete 12 worship photograms during the school year. Basic instructions include to take a photo during worship whether they watch it online or at the 9 am parking lot service or for the first 5 weeks at the Wednesday 6 pm service, and answer why that photo, what you heard, and why it is important. Photos can be taken with student or parent’s phone or Ipod. If no phone or Ipod is available, an email works as well. Students can send photos or notes to [pastorheather@sjlcl.org](mailto:pastorheather@sjlcl.org).
4. **Service:** We will be doing two services projects as noted in the calendar. Students are encouraged to participate in both. Details coming soon.