

Congratulations on making your Confirmation! I hope that your day was special and that you had the opportunity to celebrate with your family and friends.

I remember my Confirmation day as a celebration of the end of CCD classes (which I didn't really enjoy). But, I came to realize shortly after that, that it wasn't the end of my faith journey but really the start. Having the gift of the Holy Spirit gives you the power to do great things.

So, my question is... ***What are you going to do now? How will you share your gift?***

I can help you with that answer if you don't already have a plan. ***This letter is also an invitation.*** If you haven't gotten involved with the God Squad, now is a great time in your life to do it. The God Squad provides opportunities for you to serve others, to help, care and make a difference in our church and our community.

Our group is open to new members and all are welcome. You don't need to be a member of St. Luke's to join. You can even bring a friend from another school or town.

Life is a challenge, filled with obstacles and difficulties. Some of us struggle with illnesses of family or friends. Some of us are exposed to addiction or abuse; alcohol, physical, drug or emotional. You may be dealing with the challenges of relationships with friends or family, financial struggles, school or sport expectations and parental expectations too. You are not alone. In Youth Ministry we talk about these topics and we relate to each other and support one another, we also use our faith to give us hope and guide us through the tough times and celebrate the good times together! Most of the time we use games, jokes, prayer, service and just plain old fun to help us focus on the positive things that we do have!

I hope that you will join us in some way. Maybe you will decide to come just to help others or maybe you feel like you could use a little help yourself. Whatever the reason, you will be a welcomed addition to our God Squad.

I have included the schedule for the upcoming school year on the back of this letter. But we have a special event that we host over the summer that you are welcome to join us with as well.

We run a Vacation Bible Camp at the church that takes about 35 young adults to make successful. Although our focus is to teach about Jesus to kids ages 5-12 through games, crafts and stories, we end up learning a lot ourselves. By sharing our gifts, it seems that we are always gifted with new friendships and great memories from all 35 of us working together to make it all happen!

These are the details. If you are around any of the days and times just email me at nina@stlukelv.org to let me know you can come help out. You don't need to be here every day to participate. But ***I am looking for Site Directors & Volunteers for 8/7-8/11. It looks great on your college resume too!***

Vacation Bible School Details

August 7th-8th Make Decorations 9am-6pm

August 9th -10th Set Up Decorations 9am-4pm

August 11th 10am-3pm Training/Practice Meeting - Volunteer Assignments – Room Set Up

August 13th -17th Vacation Bible School 8:15 am-12:15pm

August 17th 12-1pm – Clean Up ***Sunday August 19th*** Volunteers will be recognized at the 11:15am Mass.

If I don't see you for VBS, I hope to see you at one or some of our events listed on the back of this page and

Please DON'T MISS out our ANTIOCH RETREAT September 28th-Septemeber 30th!

2018-2019 GOD SQUAD CALENDER OF EVENTS

Activity	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time
KICKOFF MEETING!!	9/12/2018	Wednesday	6:30	8:30
Car Wash*	9/16/2018	Sunday	7:00	12:30
MEETING	9/26/2018	Wednesday	6:30	8:30
Antioch Retreat	9/28-9/30	Fri-Sun	7:00 Fri	4:15 Sun
MEETING	10/10/2018	Wednesday	6:30	8:30
Crop Walk for Hunger*	10/14/2018	Sunday	1:30	3:30
Pancake Breakfast *	10/21/2018	Sunday	7:00	12:30
Outdoor Movie Night	10/24/2018	Wednesday	6:00	9:00
Halloween Party at the Orphanage*	10/28/2018	Sunday	2:00	6:00
MEETING	11/14/2018	Wednesday	6:30	8:30
Paragon*	11/25/2018	Sunday	1:30	3:30
MEETING	11/28/2018	Wednesday	6:30	8:30
Christmas Party	12/14/2018	Friday	7:00	10:00
Christmas Shopping @ Rockaway Mall	12/17/2018	Monday	4:00	7:30
Reconciliation Service	12/17/2018	Monday	8:00	9:00
MEETING	1/9/2019	Wednesday	6:30	8:30
Freshman Retreat (snow date 1/19/2019)	1/12/2019	Saturday	1:00	6:00
EVA's Kitchen – Soup Kitchen* (limited)	1/21/19	Monday	9:30	1:30
MEETING	1/23/2019	Wednesday	6:30	8:00
Paragon Village Trip *	2/10/2019	Sunday	1:00	3:00
Pancake Breakfast *	2/17/2019	Sunday	7:00	12:30
MEETING	2/27/2019	Thursday	6:30	8:00
Antioch	2/22-2/24	Fri-Sun	7:00 Fri	4:15 Sun
Fun Night Out – (God Squad will decide where)	3/1/2019	Friday	4:00	6:30
Soup Supper & Ash Wednesday*	3/6/2019	Wednesday	5:00	6:00
Pancake Breakfast *	3/17/2019	Sunday	7:00	12:30
MEETING	3/20/2019	Thursday	6:30	8:00
MEETING* - Easter Eggs for Kids Shelter	4/10/2019	Wednesday	6:30	8:00
Hike Cataract Park	4/13/2019	Sunday	11:00	2:00
Celebration of the Lord's Supper	4/18/2019	Thursday	8:00	9:15
MEETING	4/24/2019	Thursday	6:30	8:30
VACATION BIBLE CAMP MEETING*	4/29/2019	Wednesday	6:30	8:00
MEETING	5/1/2019	Wednesday	6:30	8:00
Pancake Breakfast *	5/19/2019	Sunday	7:00	12:30
End of Year Celebration	5/23/2019	Thursday	6:00	9:00
Confirmation	TBA	Thursday	6:00	8:30
Confirmation	TBA	Saturday	9:00	11:30
Summer Mission Trip (5 days)	TBA		All Day/Night	All Day/Night
Vacation Bible Camp Set up*	7/30-7/31, 8/2-8/3		10:00am	6:00pm
Vacation Bible Camp *	8/5 -8/9		9:00	12:00

* Service Hours - This Schedule is subject to change. Updates will be posted on the Website!

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High School Students
You are Invited to Join
St. Luke's



2018-2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The God Squad serves our community and those in need, so
that others can see God through us!
We are on a mission to make a difference.

*Like us on Facebook at
Long Valley God Squad Community Programs
to stay current with our Community Events.*



Go to <http://stlukeparishlv.com/> for our updated calendar of
events and additional information or email nina@stlukelv.org
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