



## Parent/Caregiver Adult Info Meeting

August 27, 2023

### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Brief Survey
  - Bible Study opportunities
  - Hang Time?
- Go over WILD Info Packet
- Important and Upcoming Dates
  - Confirmation
  - Fundraisers
  - Social Events
  - Volunteering
    - KP Café
    - Family Ministry
    - First Impressions
    - Youth Band
- Connecting with your student/s
- Any questions?



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**Take the parent/caregiver/student interest survey here...**



# 2023-2024 INFORMATION PACKET



## GRADES 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>

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Stay connected:

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## Guidelines

At Kaw Prairie Community Church, we are a family.  
Families show respect.

1. Respect God.
2. Respect each other.
3. Respect yourself.

**STUDENTS****REGISTRATION / MEDICAL RELEASE / PERMISSION FORM  
2023-2024**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Receive SMS? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Updates: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Student Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL

Allergies / Medical Conditions / Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ By checking this line, **I refuse permission** for this student to be photographed or video recorded for church publications and promotions, on the church website, and on church-managed social media accounts. (No last names are used in any of these publications.)

**PARENT / GUARDIAN AND INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: (other than parent/s listed above) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we, the undersigned have legal custody of the student named above, a minor, and give our consent for him/her to attend events being organized by Kaw Prairie Community Church (the Church). I/we understand that there are inherent risks involved in any ministry or athletic event and I/we hereby release the Church, its pastors, employees, agents, and volunteer workers from any and all liability for any injury, illness, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of his/her involvement.

In the event that he/she is injured and/or becomes ill and required the attention of a doctor, I/we consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. In the event treatment is required from a physician and/or hospital personnel designated by the Church, I/we agree to hold such person free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits for damages arising from giving of such consent. I/we also acknowledge that we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider. Further, I/we affirm that the health insurance information provided above is accurate at this date and will, to the best of my/our knowledge, still be in force for the student named above.

I/we also agree to bring my/our student home at my/our own expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by the Church staff.

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



## WILD Student Questionnaire

Circle what school level you attend:

Middle School

High School

What do you like most about Sunday mornings in WILD? (Examples may include: seeing friends, reading the Bible, learning about/listening about the topic for the day/month, being in the Wild room, etc.)

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What do you wish (if anything) Sunday mornings had more of? (Examples may include: games, social time, food, Bible study, video-based learning, etc.)

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Do you prefer to be in a small or large group to learn/talk? (Circle one)

Small

Large

What do you like most about weekly hang times? (Examples may include: games, sports equipment, seeing friends, devotional, food, etc.)

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What do you wish (if anything) weekly hang times did differently or had more of? (Examples may include: Bible study, games, Café, length of time, etc.)

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If you don't attend weekly hang times, why not?


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If you could add one thing to the Wild Student Ministry program, what would it be?

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# STUDENTS

## FAQs

### **What Annual Trips does WILD take?**

Each year WILD takes 2-3 summer trips and has the potential for other trips as well.

- **Middle School Rainbow Trail – typically in mid June**
  - Students in grades completed 6<sup>th</sup>-completed 8<sup>th</sup> spend a week in Colorado at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp where they experience high ropes, white water rafting, mountain climbing, and more. And, in the midst of all the fun, they grow closer to each other and God.
  - Registration may vary from year to year, but typically costs around \$600 per student. That number includes registration, rafting, and an estimate for meals on the way out and back and any souvenirs purchased at camp. Transportation is fundraised.
- **High School Mission Trip – typically in late June**
  - Students in grades completed 9<sup>th</sup>-completed 12<sup>th</sup> can attend this weeklong trip. Over the course of seven days, they serve alongside amazing organizations and learn about the unique challenges found in more-diverse communities.
  - Registration may vary from year to year, but typically costs around \$625 per student. That number includes registration, travel lodging, and an estimate for meals on the way out and back and any souvenirs purchased on the trip. Transportation and excursions are fundraised.
- **High School Rainbow Trail – typically in late July**
  - Students in grades completed 9<sup>th</sup>-completed 11<sup>th</sup> spend a week in Colorado at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp where they experience high ropes, white water rafting, mountain climbing, and more. And, in the midst of all the fun, they grow closer to each other and God.
  - Registration may vary from year to year, but typically costs around \$625 per student. That number includes registration, rafting, and an estimate for meals on the way out and back and any souvenirs purchased at camp. Transportation is fundraised.
- **ELCA Youth Gathering – typically mid-July every 3 years**
  - Students in completed 9<sup>th</sup>-completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade spend a week in the city chosen for the gathering. In 2024, it is in New Orleans, LA. Students will attend mass gatherings with 30,000+ other students from around the country and will hear speakers, bands, participate in service events, etc.
  - Registration may vary from year to year, but typically costs around \$375, but does increase as the deadlines pass. That number includes registration, however, extra money will be needed for lodging, meals and any souvenirs purchased by the student. Transportation is fundraised.

### **What is Confirmation?**

As a church, we want to give our students a deep understanding of the Bible and their faith. Confirmation is one year long — starting at the end of summer and finishing at the end of spring.

- **Confirmation is open to any student in middle school (odd years) or high school (even years).** Students will be expected to attend weekly, memorize the Lord's Prayer and Apostle's Creed (not as scary as it sounds), and write a one-page faith statement (also not as scary as it sounds).
- Confirmation will meet weekly (mostly) on Sundays, starting in mid-September from 11:15am-1pm. Confirmation Sunday ends the culmination of the year-long study and is typically in mid-May.
- **Confirmation Retreat – varies from year to year**
  - Confirmation students will attend 1-2 overnight, weekend retreats over the course of the school-year-long study.
  - They will grow in community with each other and in their faith journey.

- Registration may vary from year to year, but typically costs around \$50-100 per student. That number includes registration, food, and any materials needed. Transportation is fundraised.

### **What do Sunday mornings look like?**

**Each week ages Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> grade begin in worship for songs and Communion. After Communion they are dismissed to their age-appropriate classrooms for relevant lesson, discussions, and teaching.**

- WILD begins their time with a game or activity that involves all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Then, the main speaker for the day will introduce the lesson topic.
- After that, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will divide up into small groups for discussion.
- For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, students are released to find their parents at the conclusion of worship.

### **Does WILD have weekday Bible studies?**

**Yes! The day/time, content, and age level varies from season to season.**

**Stay connected on the Family Ministry calendar and kawprairie.info for the most updated study offerings.**

### **What does the SALT (Student and Adult Leadership Team) do?**

**Mission Statement: The mission of SALT is to build up students to become leaders for Christ by equipping them with the tools necessary to change lives with His love. SALT is the Student and Adult Leadership Team of Kaw Prairie. This team will collaborate to plan for and support the WILD Student Ministry program.**

**Students will learn and practice event planning, presentation skills, and more as they partner together with staff and an adult mentor of their choice.**

- Anyone (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) are invited to be part of SALT. There is an online registration form, however.
- The Student Leadership Team will be tasked with choosing and planning WILD Student Ministry social and serve events as well as having a part in growing the community of WILD.
- **Student Leadership Team Retreat – varies from year to year**
  - The Student Leadership Team may have 1-2 overnight or daytime weekend retreats over the course of the school-year-long term.
  - They will grow in community and focus on growing their leadership skills and sharing their faith story.
  - Registration may vary from year to year, but typically costs around \$50-100 per student. That number includes registration, food, and any materials needed. Transportation is fundraised.

### **What is Collective?**

Collective exists to merge opportunities for students at various church congregations and beyond! Our tagline, "Youth Groups Collaborating" expresses that the more students who can get together and celebrate friendship, fellowship, and faith, the better!!

- Collective will have several events on our calendar throughout the school year for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- The leaders from the various youth group involved in Collective are the ones who lead Collective.

**Any questions or for further discussion on the above items or others,  
please reach out to Family and Student Ministries Director:  
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