

GIFT Expectations of Leaders, Participants, and Parents

For leaders, participants, and parents, we expect participation in worship, devotion, and service

Faith in Worship -

to gather with the body of Christ, to hear the Word, to receive the sacrament, and be equipped for holy life in the world.

Faith in Devotion -

to nurture one's faith and growth in relationship with God

Faith in Action -

responding to God's love and promises for us by serving God and helping our neighbors in need

Leaders

Faith in Worship

- Participation in worship

Faith in Devotion

- Engagement during Family Faith Nights - expectation to be present to ourselves, to one another, and to God
- Outside of GIFT, investment in your own spiritual life (i.e.: personal devotional activity, participation in adult formation groups and/or Bible studies)

Faith in Action

- Participation in Service Nights
- Actively seeking out ways to live in service to others *outside* of structured events

Participants

Faith in Worship

- Participation in worship
- 10 Worship notes - complete during worship throughout the year. Submit to your home pastor
- Assist in worship throughout the year - acolyte, usher, reader, musician, special drama, do artwork that can be projected on the slides, children's sermon, etc. Anything that gives you a role/responsibility during worship. Talk with your Pastor to determine what this could look like!

Faith in Devotion

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Faith in Action

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Parents

Faith in Worship

- Participation in worship

Faith in Devotion

- Investment in your own spiritual life (i.e.: personal devotional activity, participation in adult formation groups and/or Bible studies). Feel free to join the Big Questions adult group hosted during Family Faith Nights!
- Intentional conversation with your youth about what they are learning about in GIFT and how they are growing in faith

Faith in Action

- All adults are invited to participate in Service Nights, even if you do not regularly attend. Contact 833-495-3939 if you intend to participate for planning purposes.
- Actively seeking out ways to live in service to others *outside* of structured events

Other Opportunities for Participation

Summer Camp at EWALU

Each summer, EWALU (Strawberry Point, IA) hosts camp June - August with a variety of programs. Contact your home pastor if you are interested in attending (either on your own or with a group)

Dirty Feet Fall Retreat at EWALU - Friday, October 20 - Sunday, October 22, 2023

Calling all junior high students: Enjoy two nights of lodging in cabins, relevant Bible studies, quality meals & snacks, energetic camp counselors, active praise music, the High Ropes Course, campfires and much more! This special weekend at Ewalu will help you grow in faith and meet new friends.

- **WHO:** Grades 6-9 youth
- **WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, through 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22
- **COST:** \$90/youth, \$65/chaperone
- All lodging (bunk bed style), activities and meals included!



Contact your home pastor if you are interested in attending for registration details.

Created to Be: Good Neighbors - October 14, 5-8pm

For 8th graders and up *only*
Held in Ankeny
Total time commitment about 2-10:30pm

Contact your home pastor if you are interested in attending for registration details.

