

Dear Parents of 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Graders,

Welcome to ***The Crossing*** (formerly known as D.O.G.s) confirmation program at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Thank you for supporting your child as he or she develops and strengthens his or her personal relationship with Jesus.

Mandatory parent orientation will be held on **Wednesday, August 23rd from 6:30 – 7:30 pm** in the MMC. This will be an opportunity for all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents to turn in registration forms and pay fees if they haven't already done so online (using the link below). Opportunities for parent helpers and student service hours will be available online through Planning Center. This will not go live until after the parent orientation. Important information regarding the upcoming year will also be shared. You are strongly encouraged to attend parent orientation.

The fees for the year are listed on the online payment form. Every child will be given the opportunity to attend ***The Crossing*** program. If the fees present a hardship, please contact Pastor Chad or Pastor Steve. Please notify my and contact Debbie Hunter if you plan on using your Scrip funds to cover the cost of the program.

The first night of ***The Crossing*** for all students is **Wednesday, August 30th, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Dinner and small group fellowship begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. After dinner, students will attend large group. The night will conclude with small group. Please pick up your child promptly at 8:00 p.m. On the first night of ***The Crossing***, please make sure your child brings his/her Bible, as well as Luther's Small Catechism. If your child is in fifth grade, he/she will receive the Catechism on the first night.

Dinner time allows your child an opportunity to have fellowship with his or her shepherd and small group. However, it is not mandatory that you purchase the meals. If you do not purchase the meals, your child is welcome to bring his or her own sack lunch/dinner, so he or she can still participate with the group. The following meals will be rotated throughout the year: pizza, pulled pork, hot dogs, nachos, and pulled chicken. There may be additions to the menu throughout the year. A meal schedule will be available at parent orientation night.

Please register your child(ren) and pay online through the link below or bring payment to parent orientation night. Once an indication of payment occurs (you can choose online or in-person), you will receive a separate email to provide important medical info for each child you registered. This **MUST** be completed for your child's registration to be complete. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at Ness0517@gmail.com.

<https://shepherdhills.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1754168>

In His Name,

Jenn Ness, ***The Crossing*** Administrator