



Youth Ministry

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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ELCA Youth Core Leadership Team

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Candletime Online (Invite youth to get a candle to light during the prayers)

Share your name and a high and a low.

Share your name and the name of a friend you have missed seeing face to face at school because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Read the poem written by © Angelica N. Brissett published in 2007

<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/poem-about-friends-for-life>

Friends For Life

We are friends.
I've got your back,
And you have mine.
I'll help you out
Anytime!
To see you hurt,
To see you cry,
Makes me weep
And wanna die.
If you agree
To never fight,
It wouldn't matter
Who's wrong or right.
If a broken heart
Needs a mend,
I'll be right there
Till the end.
If your cheeks are wet
From drops of tears,
Don't worry,
Let go of your fears.
Hand in hand
Love is sent.
We'll be friends
Till the end!

Read the Bible Verses: John 15:12-17

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servant any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Talk about the Bible reading and how it relates to your friendships.

Light a candle as a symbol that Christ's light shines around you and hears your prayers.

Take a moment to **pause** in silence. Feel God's presence with you.

Ask What prayers do you have for God? Who is on your heart to pray for?

Pray Ask everyone to pray for their friend they named above and for any other petitions.

Bless one another by marking the sign of the cross on your hand and raising it towards your camera.

May the grace of God uphold you,
the peace of God surround you,
the love of God flow from you
and the strength of God protect
and bring you safely through this day.

Send a text or call the friend you named above and let them know how thankful you are to have them in your life.

