

THE GOAL OF CONFIRMATION:

“To establish, encourage and strengthen a life-style of discipleship in the Lord, Jesus Christ, among our young people.”

A life-style of discipleship is characterized by:

Involvement and regular attendance at worship.
An active prayer life.
Familiarization with the Bible and Lutheran traditions.
The ability and willingness to talk about one's faith.
Involvement in service to others.
Active fellowship with peers and adults in the congregation.
The ability to make decisions based on Christian values.

Confirmation prepares each student to honestly answer the following question for themselves during their Affirmation Service where they will take on the Baptismal promise for themselves:

“Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: To live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”

2019 – 2020 Wednesday Evening Session
Leaders Pastor Craig & Amanda McGowan

BLOCK 1

October: The Apostles' Creed 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Oct. 2nd
Oct. 9th
Oct. 16th
Oct. 23rd

BLOCK 2

January: The Story of Jesus by Mark 4-5 pm start time

Jan. 8th
Jan. 15th
Jan. 22nd
Jan. 29th

BLOCK 3

April-May: Reflecting on my Faith Journey 4-5 pm

April 22nd
April 29th
May 6th
May 13th
May 20 Dinner with Parents/Church Council 6pm

Church Life Participation: volunteering at the church.

- ◆ What does it take to run a church?
- ◆ How can I possibly help at church?
- ◆ What kind of activities does the church do?

Church Life participation is designed to answer these questions and introduce students to the different aspects of church life. When you Affirm your Faith, you agree to be a part of a community of believers. This means that you are involved and participate. To help each student become more aware of the opportunities at Faith they will receive training to assist in the life of the church.

Examples:

Greeter at worship on Sunday Morning (good activity for 2 people)

Scripture reader

Usher (we will add you to an usher team)

Helper for Christmas Program or Sunday School



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I bring a friend to Confirmation?

Friends are welcome! If you have a friend who would like to learn more about God invite them to Confirmation. If they plan to attend more than one time they will need to register.

What happens if I don't complete my expectations?

If you do not complete them during 7th or 8th grade school year you will need to discuss the reason and create a plan with pastor for completing your projects.

Head to Heart Confirmation Outline

Faith Alive Confirmation is focused on deepening faith and experiencing all the church has to offer for a life of discipleship. Students will experience these things through completing the expectations and attending the Wednesday Evening session with Pastor Craig and Amanda McGowan, and the Sunday School Sessions with Pastor Craig and Judith Connick.

Wednesday Evening Sessions - 4-5 pm

Pastor Craig and Amanda McGowan lead these sessions based on Luther's Small Catechism.

Guidelines

These guidelines are in place for safety and to ensure the best experience possible for all those involved. Students will sign a Student Expectation portion on the Confirmation Registration form. By signing it they are agreeing to the following guidelines throughout the Confirmation Program.

Have a positive attitude Respect God, People & Property

- ◆ Do not distract others during prayer, worship or teaching
- ◆ Bullying, unkind or destructive behavior is not tolerated
- ◆ Listen to and respect all teachers and guides
- ◆ Do not damage the building

Focus on building healthy Christian Relationships

- ◆ No inappropriate public displays of affection

We value personal safety, modesty, and no distractions.

The following items are not allowed during Confirmation:

- Cell phones - MP3, all electronic and media devices
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or illegal items

Any items deemed unacceptable by leadership will be taken away during the class time. Depending on the item, they will be returned to students or parents at the end of the program.

Student Expectations

(All expectations are required and must be completed)

Attendance:

Attendance is expected by all confirmands. Attendance will be recorded at each session. It is important that students attend regularly to strengthen the relationship of the group and the discussion by being present for every week's theme. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up a make-up lesson from pastor.

Students are allowed 2 absences for unexpected occurrences.

Acolyte: Lighting the candles

Students are asked to acolyte. Acolyting is an important way for students to participate in Sunday services. Every fall there will be training for new students. A schedule will be created. If a student is scheduled for a Sunday that they can not acolyte it is their responsibility to contact the church office so we can find a replacement.

Sermon Notes (15):

Sermon Notes Sheets are in the narthex. A minimum of 15 notes are to be completed each year. The notes should be filled out during worship and returned to pastor after the service. If you will be attending another church while out of town please use a Sermon Note and attach a copy of the bulletin used. Sermon notes may be taken during Lent.

2020 – 2021 Wednesday Evening Session
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BLOCK 1

October: The Commandments 4-5 pm

Oct. 7th
Oct. 14th
Oct. 21st
Oct. 28th

BLOCK 2

January: The Lord's Prayer 4-5 pm

Jan. 6th
Jan. 13th
Jan. 20th
Jan. 27th

BLOCK 3

April: Reflecting on my Faith Journey 4-5 pm

April 7th
April 14th
April 21st
April 28th
May 19th Dinner with Parents/Church Council 6pm

Confirmation Sunday for 2021 (8th graders) is set for May 23rd.



Confirmation Handbook

Head to Heart 2019-2021

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