

# Confirmation Guide

## Head to Heart

***“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?”

### **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.

### **Wednesday Evening Sessions - 4-5 pm**

Pastor Craig and Amanda McGowan lead these sessions.

### **Guidelines**

These guidelines are in place for safety and to ensure the best experience possible for all those involved.

## **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

## **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**

### **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.

### **Acolyte:** Lighting the candles

Students are asked to acolyte. Acolyting is an important way for students to participate in Sunday services.

### **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.

**Church Life Participation:** volunteering at the church.

### **Scripture reader**

**Usher** (we will add you to an usher team)

**Helper for Christmas Program or Sunday School (This might not be possible this year)**

## THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE

**2020 – 2021** Wednesday Evening Session  
Leaders Pastor Craig & Amanda McGowan

### **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 and Key Words from Confirmation 4-5 pm**

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.**