

Dear Confirmation student:

Confirmation is the journey toward the affirmation of the gift of faith, already given to you by God. It was given to you in the promise and sacrament of Holy Baptism. It is in God's sure promise that we are made Christians through God's love, by God's Spirit and God's strength alone, in Christ. Faith formation is a lifelong journey for all of us. Confirmation Day is the opportunity for you (and other Christians like you) to publicly declare your faith and trust in Christ Jesus. You do so by affirming the faith and hope expressed, sometimes by parents and / or sponsors on your behalf, at your baptism. Confirmation is not necessary to be a Christian; the gift of faith comes by the Holy Spirit alone. What this Confirmation program offers is an opportunity to seek to understand better what it means to be a Christian. Ultimately it is you, the student, who decides if she or he desires to affirm this faith we share, in the presence of the congregation. On the other hand, only the Holy Spirit can confirm or assure you that the faith you profess is real. May we together share that joy always – today and forever!

Pastor Mark

Goals for Confirmation

- ◆ to better understand what it means to be a Christian in today's pluralistic world
- ◆ to share the journey of faith with all others: family, peers, and adults
- ◆ to participate in Christian community with peers and people of all ages
- ◆ to better understand the Bible and its message for life today
- ◆ to learn the teachings & nuances of the Lutheran tradition
- ◆ to respond to God's grace through prayer, song, worship, praise, witness and service to others
- ◆ to develop healthy relationships with Christians of all ages
- ◆ to learn what it means to be a responsible member of the Church

A brief synopsis of the program for 2008-2009

- 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th Grade –
Fall/Winter Session: The Ten Commandments
Winter/Spring Session: The Sacraments
- 10th grade: Sundays, 7 pm Sept/Oct: The Lutheran Perspective; Faith Statements
- An optional supper starting at 6:00 p.m. for families and anyone who wants to come
- At 6:45 We gather, have a little fun, then worship close to 7:00 followed by the main presentation; break for small groups at 7:30 – ending at 8pm.
- Presenters: Pastor Mark Vinge, youth, adults, parents, members of the congregation
- Small Group ministry – 6-12 students per group
- 16 Wed. classes / 4 Service Projects / 4 Fellowship Weeks
- Sunday School classes 9:40 -10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services 8:30, 10:45am
- Confirmation Choir – Singing in worship once a month during the school year
- Advent Services (Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 6:30pm)
- Lenten Svcs, Holy Week (Feb. 25-Mar. 10 7pm)
- Worship Notes for Sundays and Wednesdays: Advent/Lent + Maundy Thursday & Good Friday
- Gospel in Action: Acolyting / other options: Confirmation Choir, Praise Choir, Bell Choir, assisting with worship: Contemporary Band, reading, greeting, ushering, or anything else!
- YouthWorks Junior High “Revamp” youth gathering (February 27-Mar 1 - \$79 by Jan 30, + food exp (\$99 after Jan 30)
- Confirmation Bible Camp – Camp Wapo
Registration begins in March, 2009
- Subsequent Years:
2009-2010 Overview of the Bible
Old Testament / New Testament
- 2010-2011 The Apostles' Creed and The Lord's Prayer

Resources for Students

- ◆ #1: Parents' own witness and sharing of faith
- ◆ Confirmation and Sunday School classes (as student or as a teacher or assistant)
- ◆ **Sunday morning worship**, Wednesday worship services during the seasons of Advent and Lent plus Thursday and Friday of Holy Week.
- ◆ Weekly meetings with your Small Group
- ◆ 4 service projects throughout the year with your Small Group: faith community in action together
- ◆ Gospel in Action; personal service to others
- ◆ Supper and fellowship together with others
- ◆ Share in leading music and singing on Wed.
- ◆ Serving as acolytes for worship services (7th-9th)
- ◆ Bible Camp (at least once) and a youth gathering
- ◆ A whole bunch of Youth Group activities including summer trips and events
- ◆ 10th Grade essay titled
“What Christian Faith Means to Me”

Objectives for Parents

- ◆ Support your child's participation. Bring them to worship with you each Sunday; it is perhaps the single most important thing you can do. Help them with any assignments, like worship notes – share your own ideas about the questions.
- ◆ Help out with Youth Group activities – prepare food, chaperone, help drive to or from an event, help with planning or organizing. It's a good way to get to know other families.
- ◆ Talk together as a family about our Christian faith and life today. Strive to follow the **4 Keys**: Caring Conversations, Family Rituals, Family Devotions, and Family Acts of Service. Please call if you have questions: Pr. Mark at church (763) 533-3341, at home – (952) 931-7959
- ◆ Be models of the Christian life - and be ready to share your own faith story and struggles. Be honest about your own questions.
- ◆ Consider adult education opportunities to teach by example that Confirmation is not the end of our learning, but rather a bold declaration of a lifelong desire to know and follow Christ!

HOH CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2008-2009

Wednesdays 6:00 Supper (for the whole family)
6:45 Gathering / Games / Worship
7:00 Presentations / Skits / Video
7:30 Small Groups (end at 8pm)

Luther's Small Catechism: God's Top Ten (The Ten Commandments)

September

10 7pm Orientation - 6th-9th grades
14 6:30pm 10th Grade Orientation with parents
7pm Confirmation (10th Gr. students) "Simul"
17 #1 "I Am Who I Am"
21 7pm Confirmation (10th Gr. students) "Theo"
24 #2 "The Lord's Name"
28 7pm Confirmation (10th Gr. students) "Grace"

October

1 #3 "Sabbath Day"
5 7pm Confirmation (10th Gr. students) "Vocation"
8 #4 "Father and Mother"
12 7pm Confirmation (10th Gr. students) "Service"
15 no supper - MEA break
22 10th Grade Confirmation Banquet 6:30pm
(Service Event 1)
26 Confirmation Sunday pictures at 9:45am,
worship at 10:45am
29 #5 "Safeguard Life"

November

5 no supper - Celebration of Confirmation
meet at 5:00- back by 9pm (Fellowship Event 1)
12 #6 "Remain Faithful"
19 #7 "Protect Property"
26 no supper - Feed My Starving Children outing
meet at 5:30- back by 8:30pm (Service Event 2)

December

3 #8 "Defend Truth"
10 #9 "Do Not Covet"
17 supper/worship (Fellowship Event 2/
Christmas Party!)
24 no supper - Christmas break
31 no supper - Christmas break

HOH CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2008-2009 (continued)

Luther's Small Catechism: God's Top Ten / The Sacraments

January

7 #10 "Commandments Conclusion"
14 supper/worship/drop-in (Service Event 3)
21 #1 "Purpose of Baptism"
28 supper/worship/drop-in (Fellowship Event 3)

February

4 #2 "Word and Water"
11 supper/worship/drop-in (Service Event 4)
18 #3 "Benefits of Baptism"
27-3/1 Confirmation Retreat Fri. - Sun, Mar 1, noon
Minneapolis
25 no supper - Ash Wednesday Worship

March

4 soup supper - Lenten Service Worship
11 soup supper - Lenten Service Worship
18 soup supper - Lenten Service Worship
25 soup supper - Lenten Service Worship
Spring Break (Robbinsdale, Brooklyn Center)

April

1 soup supper - Lenten Service Worship
Spring Break (Wayzata)
8 no supper - Holy Week (Spr. Brk Osseo)
9 Maundy Thursday Worship
10 Good Friday Worship
12 Easter Sunday Worship
15 #1 "History of Communion"
22 supper/worship/drop-in (Service Event 5)
29 #2 "Take and Eat"

May

6 #3 "Benefits of Communion"
13 End of the year Celebration (Fellowship Event 4)

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& Family Ministry section

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