

CONFIRMATION FAITH JOURNEY 2020-2021

Each Confirmation student must achieve 15 points.

Any student who exceeds the requirements will receive a Recognition of Service Fall 2021.

Please return to Church Office when completed.

One Point (Required)

Attend/watch at minimum 15 worship services and complete 15 sermon notes.

1) Date _____ 2) Date _____ 3) Date _____

4) Date _____ 5) Date _____ 6) Date _____

7) Date _____ 8) Date _____ 9) Date _____

10) Date _____ 11) Date _____ 12) Date _____

13) Date _____ 14) Date _____ 15) Date _____

16) Date _____ 17) Date _____ 18) Date _____

Category Total _____

Three Points

Service Project (Must be approved by Confirmation teacher)

Date _____ Date _____ Date _____

Category Total _____

Ten Points

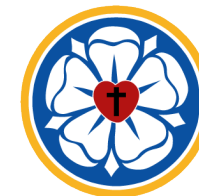
Week-long Shetek Lutheran Ministry Bible Camp Experience

Dates _____

Category Total _____

Cumulative Total _____

CONFIRMATION GUIDEBOOK 2020-2021



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WHY CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation instruction is the place and time where we explore the 5 Gifts of Discipleship as promised in Baptism and Affirmed by the student in 9th grade.

The Faith Practices Initiative of the ELCA urges members of this church to “put their faith into practice” by living out the promises contained in the liturgy for the Affirmation of Baptism. In that promise, we pledge as members of the body of Christ through baptism to:

- **Live among God’s faithful people**
- **Hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper**
- **Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed**
- **Serve all people following the example of Jesus**
- **Strive for justice and peace in all the earth**

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)

These Five Gifts of Discipleship are faith practices-five gifts to be unwrapped, discovered and re-discovered. The Holy Spirit uses these gifts to teach discipleship, stir the embers of faith, create bold leaders, and transform congregations to be communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world.

MENTORS

Goals

- To help young people relate their faith to everyday life
- To know an adult Christian in whom they see faith being lived out
- To provide an opportunity for each young person to share their faith with an adult on a personal basis
- To encourage the student to remain active in the life of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

Mentor Requirements

- Mentor must be 21 years+ and Christian
- Mentor must be someone other than the student’s parent or relative
- Mentor must be the same gender as the student
- Member cannot be an OSLC staff member
- Mentor should only be a mentor to one student
- Mentor must be willing to meet 5-8 times for 30-60 minutes

Mentors are encouraged to:

- Pray together and for each other. Prayer is powerful
- Foster knowledge and understanding of God’s word
- Grow in their ability to share their faith story

Mentor Meeting Guidelines

- 1) You will be given a Mentor Booklet. These booklets are used as a tool to help in guiding the mentor/mentee conversation only.
- 2) It is understood that mentors and students commit to meeting 5-8 times. Please remember your discussion are confidential except for discussions that lead to concerns about the well-being of the student. If there are concerns please contact the local authorities.
- 3) Remember church staff is available to help.
- 4) You must meet in a public place.
- 5) Encourage your student to work on their Confirmation coursework and Faith Journey.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION BEHAVIOR POLICY

Our goal is to have an atmosphere where all children and youth learn to become Disciples of Christ. Discipline will occur if a child interferes or prohibits the learning process of the class or is disrespectful.

Classroom Behavior Rules

- 1) I will respect God and the church
- 2) I will respect the adults
- 3) I will respect all other children and youth
- 4) I will participate and listen

Resolving Behavior Issues

- 1) Once another child's learning has been compromised the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry (DCYFM) will be notified. The child will be removed from the classroom or be accompanied for the remainder of the day.
- 2) A second incident will result in a conversation between the caregiver and DCYFM and a plan to change behavior will be put in place.
- 3) If the behavior continues, or a new behavior arises, the caregivers will be asked to attend a meeting with the child, DCYFM, and Pastor(s).
- 4) If the behavior is not changed, the caregiver may be asked to attend all future children/youth ministry events with the child or other alternatives as discussed with the DCYFM and Pastor(s). If the actions continue, the child may be removed from the program.

The leadership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church is fully committed to take the time to contact caregivers and mediate any issues.

HOW ARE THESE GIFTS USED?

Confirmation doesn't happen only on the day you stand before your congregation and affirm your faith. It doesn't start in sixth grade when you begin classes. Confirmation starts at baptism with your parent's promises to help you live out your faith using the 5 Gifts of Discipleship.

Baptism-By grace, God saves you and makes you a member of Christ's body and receives you into God's Kingdom

Home and Classroom Instruction-Your parents and others begin to teach you the Good News that you are a child of God

Grade Five (for most children)-You begin to receive Holy Communion after a preparation class

Grade Six-You begin your confirmation instruction by studying to understand how God revealed himself in the Old Testament

Grade Seven-You continue confirmation instruction by studying the New Testament as the primary source for understanding the Christian life

Grade Eight-You finish your confirmation instruction by learning more about our Lutheran heritage, the Bible and the Small Catechism. There is a Confirmation Retreat in the summer after 8th grade where you will prepare and begin to write your Faith Statement

Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation)-This is not an end but a beginning in your Christian walk. We equip you to begin living the Christian life where you are responsible for continuing to nurture your Christian Faith. You have a life-long calling to continue as a faithful follower of Jesus and a faithful member of the church.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

Due to COVID-19 each grade will meet one time per month. Our schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Students are expected to be at every Wednesday class as scheduled. Any absences will be made up.

SIXTH GRADE INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

2:45-3:45 PM ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS:

September 16, October 7, November 4, December 2,
January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5

SEVENTH GRADE INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

2:45-3:45 PM ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS:

September 23, October 21, November 11, December 9,
January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12

EIGHTH GRADE INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

2:45-3:45 PM ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS:

September 30, October 28, November 18, December 16,
January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19

Until further notice, the following are required to make our gatherings safer:

- 1) Please do not attend if: you are ill or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms; you have been in contact with someone who is experiencing symptoms or recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- 2) A face mask or covering must be worn during instruction at all times.
- 3) No gathering in the concourse before class. Any visiting must be done outside.
- 4) Please eat any snacks outside before class.
- 5) Each student must bring their own materials.
- 6) Seating will be assigned.

ADVENT & LENT

Students are required to attend or watch midweek Advent & Lent worship services.

ADVENT 2020

Worship at 5:30 PM

December 2, 9, 16

LENT 2021

Worship at 5:30 PM

February 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24

FAITH JOURNEY

Students are encouraged to get involved with church life and explore the Five Gifts of Discipleship. Each student must complete a minimum of 15 sermon notes. Other church & community opportunities are listed on the worksheet.

****Due to COVID-19 and the adjustments in worship and community life, Faith Journey requirements will be 15 points for the 2020-2021 program year. If a student goes above and beyond 15 points, they will be recognized in Fall 2021.***