

Confirmation Year 2

What is Confirmation? It is the process during which a person goes from being “just one of the kids” at church to being a maturing and knowledgeable member of our Lutheran congregation. It is a time for the youth to investigate, ask questions, consider answers, and struggle with all the complexities that come with the Christian faith. Now certainly when one graduates (and gets confirmed) they don’t know everything about God or Christianity, but the purpose of those Confirmation years is that they will know all the basics of the Christian faith as correctly understood by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. But more than simply head knowledge, the Confirmation years are to be a time for the youth to grow spiritually through spending time in worship, prayer, God’s Word, and conversation with other Christians; and after all that, to emerge a stronger Christian, having struggled to learn and accept the basic truths of the Lutheran faith for themselves, and to be bold enough to declare that faith publicly.

Teacher: Pastor Josh Moldenhauer

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- Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Date & Time: Class will meet on Wednesdays from **6:30 – 7:30 pm**.

- During Advent and Lent classes will meet on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.
- If school is canceled due to snow/ice/cold, we won’t meet for class that day either.

Textbooks:

- The Bible.
- Luther’s Small Catechism (the new black and maroon 2017 version).
- Blue Enduring Faith 60-Lesson Catechism Study workbook.

Expectations for the Students:

- Come to class on time and be prepared (with your Bible, catechism, and workbook).
- Treat the teacher and other classmates with Christian love and respect.
- Be ready for all memory work, quizzes, and tests.
- Be open to learning, growing, discussing, and asking questions.

Sermon Reports:

- **2 Sermon Reports** sheets are due every month of Confirmation Year 2 (16 reports total). These can be done every week, without having to wait for the next month. If you fall behind, there are extra services during Lent and Advent – or you can watch online sermons.
- Blank sermon note sheets will be handed out the first day of class. Extras will be available in the Trinity church mailbox labeled “**Sermon Reports**.”
- Once completed the forms can be turned in to Pastor at the beginning of any class, or in the Trinity church mailbox labeled “**Confirmation**.”

Acolyte:

Part of becoming an adult member of the church means increased activity in the worship service. In an effort to foster greater familiarity with worship, the Confirmation students will be acolyting at their church on a regular basis. They may also be encouraged to serve as lay readers or ushers.

Parental Guidance:

As you have learned in the 4th Commandment, God gives us parents as a great gift and resource. He gives to our parents the primary responsibility of teaching us the Christian faith and life. In order to foster that parental guidance, roughly once a month you will receive a short reading and writing assignment which will deliberately require the assistance of a parent.

Assignments:

- There will be five **Writing Assignments**, to be written after discussion with a parent. These should be 1 page long, handwritten or typed (in a normal size font).
- There will be a **memory quiz** at the beginning of class every day – unless there is a test. See **Confirmation Year 2 Schedule** for details. Most of them are selections from the small catechism. Some are Bible verses – see second handout. Memory work can be recited to Pastor (by memory) before the beginning of class or written out completely by memory at the beginning of class. Memory work will take some effort and preparation.
- There will be three **Tests**. The tests are cumulative.

Attendance:

- You are expected to be at every class. If, however, during the year situations arise where you can't make it to class I would appreciate knowing ahead of time if possible.
- If you miss a class, you will be expected to make it up. This will normally involve a one-on-one session with the pastor at a mutually agreeable time.

Confirmation Sunday:

- Before being confirmed, you will need to pass the final Test and complete all assignments.
- Afterwards there will be a **Public Examination** of your faith and knowledge, which will allow you the opportunity to demonstrate your faith publicly before your congregation. This will be handled separately at your home church.
- Confirmation concludes with an opportunity for you to publicly confess that you know the basics of the Lutheran faith, you believe in them, and then you are **officially confirmed** into communicant membership of the Church. This special worship service is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19, 2024** at your home church.