

Confirmation Expectations

1. Parental Support

We are excited for your child to begin a new year of Confirmation classes! They will get a lot out of confirmation if you support them as they do it. If you pray with your child, they will learn to pray and if you talk about faith with your child, confirmation will simply be a catalyst to inspire a lifelong relationship with Jesus. On the other hand, if you *don't* come to church with your child on Sundays, *never* volunteer to help, *don't* make sure they attend confirmation classes and *don't* expect them to do their sermon notes, then *don't* expect confirmation class to change what you are already teaching them. This is an opportunity for you to make a lifelong impact on your child's faith. I pray that you will take full advantage of this important time in your child's life so that you make many wonderful memories together!

2. Come to Confirmation class on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00. A Bible is gifted at the beginning of your child's time in Confirmation. Please have them bring that Bible each week to class. Phones/air pods/apple watches will be turned in at the beginning of class each evening so that your child will be able to focus on the lessons.

- **Wednesday September 3rd Parent/Student Orientation and Acolyte training 6:30-8:00pm**
- **Wednesday September 10th Large Group-Small Group Lessons begin 6:30-8:00pm**

3. Be punctual

- Please come to Confirmation ON TIME. **If school is cancelled for weather or let out early for weather, Confirmation will be cancelled that night.**

4. Acolyting as scheduled

- **Acolyting counts as an automatic sermon note.** The schedule will be included in each month's newsletter. If you need to switch dates due to a conflict, please contact another Confirmation family. It is **not** Pastor Broers' or our office manager Kim's responsibility to find a replacement.

5. Sermon Notes

- Students are responsible for completing **16 sermon notes each year**. Both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship sermon notes count toward that number. Wednesday Worship lasts from 6:00-6:30pm. There are 35 Sundays and 30 Wednesday evenings that are opportunities to get your notes completed as well as additional services like Christmas Eve/Day and Holy Week services. In addition, services are streamed on Facebook and can be watched on YouTube.
 - i. Notes will be recorded and posted on the bulletin board beside the TV in the Narthex.
 - ii. Turn in your sermon note form to Pastor Broers after each service. Fill in the basic form even if you are acolyting or sitting at the Sound/Video Board.

6. Sound Board and Video volunteers may also count these activities as an automatic sermon note.

Please sign-up with Becky DeRuyter at becky.deruyter@gmail.com Training is provided! Parents are also encouraged to learn as it works great to schedule parent and child together.

7. Worship attendance required during Lent (February 18th - March 25th) Worship services will be from 6:00-6:30pm.

8. Wednesday Night Make-up Work

- If your student misses Confirmation class they will need to fill out a make-up sheet over the night's lesson which will be emailed to the email address on file. This will usually involve Bible reading and a worksheet showing comprehension.

9. Service Events

A few times throughout the year, we will be involved in service events outside of class time. **Please make sure that your student attends because this is one of the most important learning experiences we can give them!** If your student is unable to attend for some reason, they will be given make-up work to complete. **There will be a Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build on Sunday, October 26th from 1-3pm in Sioux City. Students will meet at church for pizza after the 10:30 service and leave from church.**

10. 3rd- Year Faith Statement

- At the end of the third year in Confirmation, confirmands will prepare a faith statement to give in front of their parents/prayer partners and others in the class. For those being confirmed in the Spring, faith statements will be shared on Wednesday, April 22nd starting at 6:30. This will also be the night prayer partners are revealed at a special celebration.

11. Rite of Confirmation

- 3rd year students will be confirmed at **2:00pm on Sunday, April 26th** at St. John's Lutheran Church.

12. Recharge Events at Ingham-Okoboji

Students are required to attend the Recharge Event at Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp over the weekend of November 14th- 16th. (If there are any conflicts with this weekend, please contact Pastor Broers) There is no cost to you for your child to attend. This is an excellent time for your child to learn more about God in a new environment and get to meet lots of other Christians their age. If your student is nervous about attending, please consider being a chaperone for the weekend. We will need drivers and having you present at the camp might help them feel more assured. Students stay in cabins with other campers and two college-aged counselors so you will **not** be responsible for childcare or teaching.

13. Service of Promise

Please attend one of the Sunday services on Sunday, September 7th. During each service, there will be a time where our congregation will pray for you, your family and your child as we begin the new year of Confirmation.

14. Nightly Food

Starting Wednesday, September 10th, there will be food provided for students and families as part of our new GROW program from 5:00-5:45pm before the Wednesday night service. In addition, the first Wednesday of each month, there will be a special night for Confirmation students in the Youth room with pizza and games just for them. We will need volunteers to chaperone at these events, so please consider signing up!