

Confirmation

• What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is THE experience for Jr. High students on Sundays nights, from 4-5:30pm. We believe that every Jr. High student must wholeheartedly “Own the Faith” by the end of 8th grade. This means understanding some key, biblical truths. And, this means publicly stating their belief in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Six key classes* will be offered over the course of three years (nine quarters). The classes are The Bible 101, The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles' Creed, The Sacraments, and The Church. The goal is for every Jr. High student to finish every class. Students can begin in 6th or 7th grade and finish in 8th grade.

*There will be an exam in the final week of each class to test student's understanding.

• Who will lead/teach Confirmation?

Currently, Doug Culbertson is leading our Confirmation classes. Pastor Jason also teaches some of the classes. We are seeking to build our number of experienced leaders, teachers, and parents who not only love Jesus but enjoy teaching Jr. High students. If you'd be interested in teaching, let us know. Contact Doug at doug_culbertson@bcbsil.com. Contact Pastor Jason at jason@newsongchurch.net.

• What classes will be offered when?

Because Confirmation is six total classes, the process takes a student two school years to complete. But, we had the busy Aurora, IL student and family in mind when we designed the program! Each of the classes will be 9-10 weeks in length. Because we offer three quarters per year, the student has the opportunity to pick which classes they want and when they want them in order to finish by the end of the 8th grade year. Note: If you begin in 6th and attend each quarter, you'll be finished by the end of 7th grade.

2018-2019

Fall Quarter

*The Lord's Prayer

Winter Quarter

*The Apostles' Creed

Spring Quarter

*The Ten Commandments

2019-2020

Fall Quarter

*The Sacraments

Winter Quarter

*The Bible 101

Spring Quarter

*The Church

2020-2021

Fall Quarter

*The Apostles' Creed

Winter Quarter

*The Ten Commandments

Spring Quarter

*The Lord's Prayer

• When are the 2018-2019 quarters?

Fall Quarter 2018

The Lord's Prayer

Begins 09/09 and ends 11/11

Winter Quarter 2018

The Apostles' Creed

Begins 12/02 and ends 02/24

Spring Quarter 2019

The Ten Commandments

Begins 03/03 and ends 05/19

All classes honor the Oswego 308 school district schedule, holidays, breaks, etc.

• **What else do you need to know?**

1. Registration for Confirmation will be on the night of the first class each quarter.
2. Classes will meet at the church, start at 4pm, and end at 5:30pm each week.
3. Teaching lessons and homework assignments will be given out at class each week.
4. The study guide for the final test will be given to the student the week of Lesson 5.
5. Attendance is important. Only one unexcused absence is allowed from each class.
6. If a student is absent, a parent should contact the teacher before the class begins.
7. The homework given will be checked each week and requires a parent signature.
8. Students are expected to attend church, take sermon notes, and serve monthly.
9. Parents must help chaperone and provide snack for 1-2 classes each quarter.
10. Each student needs a Bible and Luther's Small Catechism (For sale for \$15).
11. 8th grade first year students can finish Confirmation in 9th grade if they so choose.
12. High School students can take Confirmation or Christianity 101 (adult membership).
13. Students who finish Confirmation in 7th can join in the High School group in 8th.
14. Final year students write a faith essay in May and attend a Confirmation ceremony.
15. Confirmation worship service ceremony this year is Sunday, June 2, 2019, 10am.

• **What questions do you have?**

• **Notes**