

Salem-St. Louis Confirmation 2019

A note from Sean McIntyre, the Director of Student Ministries at Salem:

I am so ecstatic that you and your family are considering the confirmation process. I hope you will find this quick brochure helpful. Confirmation is a decision that the students need to make for themselves. With that in mind, we hope it is something that the student and whole family takes very seriously. The church and the leaders of confirmation take it seriously as it is a confirming of baptismal vows, but we will have fun along the way I promise! I cannot wait to journey alongside you/your student and your family!

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is an experience practiced by many churches that leads to full membership in the congregation. At Salem, we offer Confirmation for 7th grade students as well as any older students who have not yet confirmed their faith. We believe that there are 4 partners involved in the confirmation process: God, the church family, the student and the student's family. Salem can promise you that two of those things will be actively engaged in the journey, but the latter two cannot be guaranteed. We do all that we can to engage parents and families into this process, as they are truly the driving force in a young person's faith. We can't do it alone, we have to work together!

Expectations:

- Confirmation students are expected to attend 80% of classes.
- If a class is missed, they will have make-up work that they must complete in a timely manner.
- Students are expected to complete no less than 5 service hours over the length of course. These hours are more than provided by the church.
 - For their service hours, students will present to the class where/when/how they completed their service hours and the impact it had on them
- Students will also complete a "Personal Creed," a personal take on the Apostles' Creed that shares their statement of faith.

-Students *and their families* are expected to be engaged in the congregational life *during* AND AFTER the completion of the Confirmation process.

-Students are expected to attend these MANDATORY events:

Confirmation Lock-In- February 1-2 (7 pm-11 am)

Ash Wednesday evening service: March 6

Palm Sunday Service: April 14

Maundy Thursday evening service: April 18

Good Friday evening service: April 19

Easter Sunday Service: April 21

End of Semester Lock-In: April 12-13 (7 pm-11 am)

Confirmation Sunday: April 28 (7:50 am-12 pm)

2018 Schedule of Events

January 22 6:30-8:00 pm

Lesson 1: What is Confirmation?

January 29

Lesson 2: Who is God?

February 1-2 Lock-In

Lessons 3-4: Genesis/Creation & The Law

February 5

Lesson 5: The Prophets

February 12

Lesson 6: The Psalms

February 19

Lesson 7: The New Testament

February 26

Lesson 8: Jesus pt. 1

March 5

Lesson 9: Jesus pt. 2

March 6

Ash Wednesday

March 12

Lesson 10: Paul and the Early Church

March 19

OFF Spring break

March 26

Lesson 11: The Holy Spirit

April 2

Lesson 12: Worship

April 9

Lesson 13: Prayer

April 12-13

Lessons 14-15: Grace and Salvation

April 16

Lesson 16: Sacraments

April 18

Maundy Thursday

April 19

Good Friday

April 21

Easter Sunday

April 23

Lesson 17: Free Will

April 27

Banquet

April 28

Confirmation Sunday