

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION 2025 – 2026

In the Lutheran Church, Confirmation is an intentional time for youth to consider the promises that their parents and guardians made for them at their baptism and whether they would like to take on those promises for themselves. At the end of these two years, should they choose to 'affirm their baptism' they will promise "... to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy Scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace."

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

Our confirmation program invites students on a multi-year journey of faith designed to help them encounter Jesus, grow in His likeness, and discover their unique place in His mission. Through scripture, spiritual practices, historical and modern Christian voices, and interactive projects, students will not only learn about their faith—they will be shaped by it. Our goal is for each young person to emerge from this process with a deeper identity in Christ, a lived understanding of Christian community, and clarity about their God-given purpose in the world.

GRADE 8: FORMATION – BECOME LIKE JESUS

Theme: – Belonging to Christ's Church

This year helps students deepen their understanding of what it means to live as followers of Jesus. They'll study the creeds, sacraments, and spiritual disciplines that shape the Christian life, as well as wrestle with challenging teachings of Jesus. Special focus is placed on learning to love others across differences and preparing hearts to be ready for Christ's return.

Final Project: – Rule of Life – a personalized spiritual plan for growing in faith and community.

GRADE 9: MISSION – JOIN IN JESUS' MISSION

Theme: – Finding Your Purpose

In their final year, students are equipped to live out their faith in the world. They'll reflect on spiritual gifts, learn from modern Christian leaders, and engage with social justice perspectives. This year is about discerning how their faith leads to action—and how each of them is called to be part of God's work in the world.

Final Project: – Gifts Assessment and Declaration of Call – a statement to be read or published at their confirmation service

SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

August 20th – April 29th: Wednesday Night LIGHT (Living In God's Holy Truth)

6:30-7:45 p.m., Worship and Small Group Discussion

- ▶ Families should plan to worship together at our Wednesday Night Services.
- ▶ We will attend worship together for the first 30 minutes.
- ▶ Students will serve in worship leadership and be ready to discuss the message during small group discussion.
- ▶ Class will then gather with Pastor Michaela and Pastor Travis until 7:45 p.m.

Should you need to miss a Wednesday Night Service and Small Group, the sermons will be recorded and placed online. You can "make-up" the class by completing sermon notes.



PROGRAM EXPECTATION & ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS

ATTENDANCE:

Attend and participate in at least 80% of confirmation lessons (that's 24 classes out of 30). After worship each week, we will divide our confirmation class into 8th grade and 9th grade small groups. Pastor Michaela will be leading the 9th graders this year and Pastor Travis will be leading the 8th graders.

CONFIRMATION MENTORSHIP:

You will be assigned a confirmation mentor for the Lenten season. Wednesday Nights between February 25 and March 25 you will meet with your confirmation mentor one-on-one during the normally scheduled small group time. Should you need to miss one of those nights or the worship is canceled due to weather – you will be held to making that time up on a Sunday morning or other time decided between your families.

WORSHIP SERVICE/LEADERSHIP:

We encourage all confirmands to serve as a part of our worship experience at least twice a month, once on a Wednesday and once on a Sunday. This may be done in several ways to include: worship assisting, ushering, greeting, lay reading, communion assistant, or singing in the adult choir. All worship leadership scheduling will be managed by Cheryl Mahon.

WORSHIP:

Youth are expected to worship each week and are encouraged to do so with their family. Wednesday Night LIGHT qualifies. You will be notified if we have to cancel worship due to inclement weather at least one hour prior to worship.

COMMUNITY BRUNCH:

Two times this year, we will put together a brunch for confirmation students and their families from 9 – 10 a.m. then we will attend the 10:15 a.m. worship together. **Oct. 19 and Feb. 8**

RETREATS:

Youth are expected to attend 4 retreats throughout Confirmation, 1 in the Fall and 1 in the Spring each year. The retreats are an important part of building a peer faith community and a time of intensive learning. Scholarships are available to fund retreats, please send a note or call one of the pastors.

WORSHIPPING IN THE COMMUNITY:

Four Sunday mornings during the Confirmation year, we will field trip to other worshipping communities in Colorado Springs to see how other Christians worship. Two of these Sundays will be connected to the retreats, the other two will be announced a month prior to the field trip.

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND:

9th Grade Students will be confirmed on **Sunday, May 3, 2026**. We will have a rehearsal the Wednesday before on April 29th at 5:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS:

Families preparing for confirmation interviews, which include parents, the student, and two of the pastors, will be held the two weeks prior to Confirmation Sunday. You will receive information for scheduling via email in early April.

PARENT LEADERSHIP:

Parents are encouraged to discuss the topics of faith, the Bible, and Lutheranism at home with their students. If you would like further materials on what we discussed that week, feel free to email me and I will send over the discussion questions for the night.

SPECIAL NOTE:

As with any set of expectations the goal is not to simply finish but to grow and learn from our experiences along the way. Nothing is absolute, and special arrangements can always be made, but we need and expect the support of parents and families to live out these expectations, nurturing our youth to be God-loving, church-going members of Christ's family.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

20-Aug	Creation (Genesis 1 and 2)
27-Aug	Abraham Entertains Angels (Genesis 18)
3-Sep	Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27)
10-Sep	Rahab and the Spies (Joshua 2)
17-Sep	Saul and the Witch of Endor (1 Samuel 28)
24-Sep	Wisdom's Call (Proverbs 8)
1-Oct	Song of Solomon
8-Oct	The Potter's Clay (Jeremiah 18)
15-Oct	A Time for Everything (Ecclesiastes 3)
22-Oct	Jesus is Born and the Escape to Egypt (Matthew 2)
29-Oct	John the Baptist in the Wilderness (Mark 1)
5-Nov	Calling the Disciples (Luke 5)
12-Nov	Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)
19-Nov	Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13)
26-Nov	THANKSGIVING – No Confirmation
3-Dec	Nicodemus Visits at Night (John 3)
10-Dec	Jesus Reads Isaiah in the Temple (Mark 6)
17-Dec	Centurion's Servant (Luke 7)
24-Dec	CHRISTMAS – No Confirmation
31-Dec	NEW YEARS – No Confirmation
7-Jan	Gerasene Demoniac (Mark 5)
14-Jan	Firm Foundation (Matthew 7)
21-Jan	Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15)
28-Jan	Be Ready! (Mark 13)
4-Feb	Judas' Betrayal (Luke 22)
11-Feb	Prayer in the Garden (John 17)
18-Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY (attend worship in Sanctuary)
25-Feb	Road to Emmaus (Luke 24)
4-Mar	Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8)
11-Mar	Peter's Vision for the Gentiles (Acts 10)
18-Mar	The Great Commission (Matthew 28)
25-Mar	Put on God's Armor (Ephesians 6)
1-Apr	HOLY WEEK (required to attend 1 Holy Week service)
8-Apr	Instructions on Worship (1 Timothy 2)
15-Apr	False Teachers (2 Peter 2)
22-Apr	God is Love (1 John 4-5)
29-Apr	Youth Lead WNL

Fall Retreat @ La Foret

9th Grade Retreat @ Rainbow Trail

Spring Retreat @ La Foret

Sept. 12-14, Friday at 5 p.m. till Sunday at 12 p.m.

Nov. 21-23, Friday at 5 p.m. till Sunday at 12 p.m.

March 6-8, Friday at 5 p.m. till Saturday at 5 p.m.

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