

First Lutheran Church
Confirmation Information
2021-2022

Schedule: Wednesday Nights

August 18th – April 27th: Wednesday Night LIGHT (Living In God's Holy Truth)

7-8pm, Worship and Large Group Discussion

Families should plan to worship together at our Wednesday Night Services.

We will attend worship together for the first 35-40 minutes.

Students will serve in worship leadership and be ready to discuss the message during Large Group Discussion.

Class will then gather with Michaela for the remainder of the hour.

See the schedule on the back of this page for the topics we will be addressing this year.

Requirements:

Attendance at weekly worship/online class.

Attendance at monthly brunch and 11 am worship together (First Sunday; Brunch at 10:30 in the Peel House)

Serve as an acolyte or other worship leader 2x a month (one Wednesday and one Sunday)

Retreats will be in the Spring and Fall each year.

Confirmation Camp will be required for those who have completed 8th grade.

Program Expectations:

1) Class time – Attendance at no less than 24 out of the 30 offered

Once a week the class will meet with Michaela and confirmation mentors. In this time together we will explore scripture, learn about the catechism and Lutheranism and spend time connecting this information to our everyday experiences.

2) Confirmation Mentorship

You will be assigned a confirmation mentor who will check in with you weekly either through a phone call, text message, email, or in person Sunday at church depending on your preference. You will also need to meet with them in-person a minimum of 4 times a year, about once every other month. These are faithful men and women who want to help guide you through this important part of your faith journey.

3) Service in Worship

Students will serve as acolytes, ushers, greeters, and communion assistants, using their gifts to bless the congregation and grow new relationships.

4) Camp and Retreats

Students who have finished 8th grade will attend Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail. Date TBD. Students will also participate in a variety of retreats throughout their two years in confirmation.

Confirmation Sunday!

May 1st, 2022

9:30am Service

18-Aug	Bible: Where did it come from?
25-Aug	Bible: Is the Bible true?
1-Sep	Bible: Why are there so many different versions?
8-Sep	Bible: Myth, History, or Science?
15-Sep	Hebrew Bible: Genesis
22-Sep	Hebrew Bible: Exodus
29-Sep	Hebrew Bible: Law, Judges, Kings
6-Oct	Hebrew Bible: Exile and Prophets
13-Oct	Hebrew Bible: Wisdom Literature and Psalms
20-Oct	Hebrew Bible: Hidden Gems
27-Oct	What happened between the Testaments?
3-Nov	Jesus: Matthew, Mark, and Luke
10-Nov	Jesus: John
17-Nov	Jesus: Man or God or Both?
24-Nov	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
1-Dec	Jesus: Death and Resurrection
8-Dec	Hot Topics Interlude – chosen by students
15-Dec	Hot Topics Interlude – chosen by students
22-Dec	NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS
29-Dec	NO CLASS - NEW YEARS
5-Jan	New Testament: Acts and the Early Church
12-Jan	New Testament: Paul's Epistles
19-Jan	New Testament: Revelation
26-Jan	Discipleship: What's the difference between believing in Jesus and following Jesus?
2-Feb	Christian Denominations and Sects
9-Feb	Other Religions: Student Presentations
16-Feb	Other Religions: Student Presentations
23-Feb	<i>NO CLASS - Retreat week</i>
2-Mar	Spiritual Practices: Prayer Practices
9-Mar	Spiritual Practices: Food
16-Mar	Spiritual Practices: Worship and Sacrament
23-Mar	NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK
30-Mar	Spiritual Practices: Service and Community
6-Apr	Spiritual Practices: Art
13-Apr	NO CLASS - HOLY WEEK (required to attend 1 Holy Week service)
20-Apr	Vocation a.k.a. What's Next?
27-Apr	Celebration/Interviews Week

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Confirmation Program 2021-2022
Program Expectation & Accountability Standards

ATTENDANCE: Attend and participate in at least 80% of confirmation lessons (that's 24 classes out of 30). An email or text to let me know you won't be there on a particular Wednesday is helpful.

WORSHIP SERVICE/LEADERSHIP: We encourage all confirmands to serve as a part of our worship experience. This may be done in several ways to include: acolyting, ushering, greeting, communion assistant, or singing in the adult choir. All worship leadership scheduling, including acolyting, will be managed by Cheryl Mahon. Please let her know of your availability for both Wednesdays and Sundays.

WORSHIP: Youth are expected to worship each week and are encouraged to do so with their family. Wednesday Night LIGHT qualifies. Now that the Peel House is open, it will serve as our rain location for our small groups when the outdoors is not hospitable. Worship will be in the sanctuary if weather is uncooperative. Every month, on the First Sunday of the month, we will worship as a confirmation class together. We will have brunch in the Peel House with prep beginning at 10:15 (all help welcome), eating from 10:30-11 a.m., then attending the 11 a.m. worship service together.

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CONFIRMATION CAMP: All confirmands will be required to attend confirmation camp together for 1 week at Rainbow Trail in between 8th and 9th grade. We will be attending Rainbow Trail Confirmation Camp. Date TBD. The cost will be subsidized for our students, but parents are required to at least pay the deposit of \$100 this Fall. If a 9th grader would like to attend camp, they are welcome to register for senior high camp and that cost will also be subsidized as well. Additional scholarships are available to fund camp, please send a note or call one of the pastors.

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PARENT LEADERSHIP: Parents are encouraged to discuss the topics of faith and Lutheranism at home with their students. This year's curriculum will include bible reading and journaling, so that is an easy outlet to start conversation. If you would like further materials on what we discussed that week, feel free to email me and I will send over my lesson notes.

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.

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Confirmation Camps and Retreats

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CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS: Families preparing for confirmation interviews, which include both parents, the student, the Minister of Faith Formation, and the pastors, will be held after 4pm the week of April 25-28. You will receive information for scheduling via email from the senior pastor's office in early April.

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Retreat Dates:

8th grade:

Retreat at La Foret in Black Forest

November 5-6, 2021

Cost: \$35

All Students:

Spring Retreat at Rainbow Trail

February 25-26, 2022

Cost: \$35

9th grade:

Senior High Retreat at Rainbow Trail

November 19-21, 2021

Cost: \$35 deposit

Parent Volunteers We Need You!

Hospitality Crew: This will ideally be a group that will coordinate food and hospitality at events for our youth! If you like to cook, provide goodies, or just like to welcome folks with a smile and greeting this is the place for you! You will be our go-to helpers for brunch on First Sundays.

Set-Up/Clean Up: If you can just come a little early or stay a little late to help us set up for our Wednesday Night LIGHT service, this is an easy way to join in and serve this community.

Service Liaison: If you have ideas for service projects, this is where you belong! We can always use people who can think up new ways that we can serve Colorado Springs and our church community.

Chaperone: We have various retreats scheduled and many youth group outings too! We need parents to travel with us!

Advisory Committee: We are designing a new group in the Children's and Youth Ministry to provide feedback and new ideas for our programming. Meetings would likely be every other month for an hour or two (snacks provided!). We would love to hear your voice represented!

If you didn't see a place here where you feel that you have gifts to share tell me how we can best use you in our youth programs? What kind of things might you enjoy that you could share with our youth!

Parent Name(s) _____

Opportunity you are interested in _____

Best way to reach you: email _____

Phone _____