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# Confirmation 2018-2019

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Faith Lutheran Church – Rochester, NY 14625



## Goals

The confirmation experience has a number of goals. They are to assist the confirmands to:

- grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.
- build/strengthen relationships with other youth and adults at Faith.
- better understand God’s Story.
- gain a deeper appreciation for Lutheran theology.
- talk about their faith with their parents.
- prepare for making a lifelong commitment to Christ.

At the end of the confirmation experience, it is hoped that each young adult will have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, will be serving Him by using the gifts that He has given to them, will be actively involved in the worship and life of our congregation, and will have a strong relationship with their family.

In order to achieve these goals, we need the commitment and involvement of:

- the confirmands
- the parent(s)
- Faith’s staff
- other adults

## Confirmands

1. This school year, confirmands will be reading through “The Story” from Genesis to Revelation. They will learn how God’s Upper Story relates to their own Lower Stories. The Story (aka God’s Word) provides a foundation on which we all can stand upon!
2. Participation in Sunday worship, confirmation classes, Sunday school, Sunday Night FLY and other Faith activities help develop a confirmand’s faith as we journey through life together. It is expected that confirmands actively participate in the life of the church. If there will be an ongoing reason for absence from these activities, please inform Peter Johnson.
3. The church staff and Youth Advisors understand that school athletics and extra-curricular activities are part of many people’s lives. The time and energy put into these activities reflect priorities. We simply ask confirmands and parents to make confirmation a priority. In confirmation, we are working on something that is not only lifelong, but will also last for all eternity. We urge that parents and students, early in the year, approach coaches and extra-curricular coordinators to explain the priority of confirmation class.

4. Students are responsible for the subject matter, memory work, and homework missed due to absences. Following an absence, you must recite missed memory work to your small group leader. You also must turn in any missed homework to Peter Johnson. All assignments are found in the confirmation white binder and online at: <http://faithpenfield.org/ministries/youth>. After each lesson, the PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded online for youth & parents to review at: <http://faithpenfield.org/ministries/confirmation-lessons>.
5. During the worship services, confirmands will be required to take sermon notes. Sermon notes are found on the usher shelf each week. Students should complete the forms and place them in the blue shoebox on the usher shelf. Each student needs to complete at least 15 sermon notes by May 1, 2018.
6. Students are to serve others as part of their Christian growth. Each confirmand is required to complete at least 15 hours of service by May 1, 2018. Service hours can include: Sunday morning roles (acolyte, crucifer, nursery duty, webcam operator, usher, reader, greeter, Kid's Time, running PowerPoint, & helping with the Jr. Choir), service projects done with Jr. FLY, FLY FUNdraisers (Craft Sale, Coffee House, Spaghetti Dinner, & others), Flower City Work Camp (40 hours), or something done for anyone (other than a family member) who is in need. As service hours are completed, you should complete a report form (found in this packet, at the end of the white binder, and also online) and submit the form to Peter Johnson.
7. Jr. & Sr. FLY students can earn a "FLY Volunteer Ticket" each time they serve during a Sunday morning worship service. Tickets are located on the shelf in the narthex (next to the sermon notes). Tickets can be submitted in the "Sermon Notes & FLY Volunteer Tickets" shoebox for a monthly drawing for a \$10 gift card (for iTunes, Starbucks, etc...). Winners will be announced in a FLY email and posted on the FLY bulletin board each month.
8. Throughout the year, progress reports with the number of sermon notes and service hours earned so far will be given to each confirmand.

## Parents

1. Please recognize that you are the primary teacher and spiritual leader of your household! God has given you the responsibility and task of teaching your child. Look for opportunities to talk about your faith and how it applies to your life. Your relationship to the Lord and His Church is the most important influence on your child's faith. Staying in the Word, attending Sunday worship, and building relationships with other Christians are just a few of the many ways you can grow as a follower of Jesus Christ.
2. Confirmation ministry is one of the key places where your role as spiritual leader and teacher of your child overlaps with the congregation's role of providing resources and opportunities for spiritual growth for all members. You are still the primary teacher of your child as God dictated in His Word (Deut. 4:9, 6:4-9 & 11:18-20), but the staff and members of Faith Lutheran Church want to assist you in their spiritual development.

3. Work with your child in preparing for confirmation class. Discuss what is being learned with your child. Tell them how the material being covered relates to your life and ask how it relates to their life.
4. “Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy,” (Ex. 20:8). Worship on a regular basis with your family and the Body of Christ. It is through the Word and the Sacraments that we are spiritually fed. Sabbath can also be “kept holy” when you read and discuss the Word together. Find a time to pray and grow together in your faith in Christ!
5. We are asking for at least one parent to be in attendance in 33% or more of the confirmation classes (see attached schedule). Your role in class will be to work with your child (to discuss questions given to you, to explain things that aren’t clear, etc...), to grow spiritually yourself, and to be a role model for your child.
6. There is an opportunity for parents to lead small group discussions in 66% of the classes. Please sign up for a multi-week turn (Sept. 16-30; Nov. 11-25; Jan. 13-27; Feb. 3-17; Feb. 24-Mar. 10; and Apr. 7-28).
7. All confirmation forms can be found online at <http://faithpenfield.org/ministries/youth> and scroll down to the Confirmation section.

## **Additional Information**

1. Each student is asked to have an NIV, ESV, or NRSV translation of the Bible and “The Story” Teen Bible. Pick up your “Story” Bible from Peter.
2. There are no fees for confirmation, though the Jr. FLY Fall Retreat registration fee of \$150 is due to Peter by Tues, Sept. 18. (Check made out to “Faith Lutheran Youth”)
3. Confirmation Sunday for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students is scheduled for Oct. 27, 2019 (in the fall of their freshman year).
4. All confirmation classes will meet in the Community Room.
5. Pastor Ben Braun will teach various confirmation lessons throughout the year.
6. Parents and students should feel free to contact Peter Johnson if you have any questions or thoughts about confirmation.  
Peter’s office #: 585-381-3970 x16  
Peter’s cell #: 585-773-4475  
Peter’s email: [flypenfield@gmail.com](mailto:flypenfield@gmail.com)

## 2018-19 Jr. FLY Confirmation Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Confirmation Class Lesson</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Tues, Sept. 11	Info Meeting		Peter Johnson
Sun, Sept. 16	1. Creation: The Beginning...	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
Sun, Sept. 23	2. God Builds a Nation	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
Sun, Sept. 30	3. Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh	Small Groups	Randy Longhenry
Sun, Oct. 7	4. Deliverance	With Parents	Peter Johnson
Sun, Oct. 14	5. New Commands and a New Covenant	With Parents	Peter Johnson
Sun, Oct. 21	6. Wandering	With Parents	Peter Johnson
<i>Sun, Oct. 28</i>	<i>Jr. &amp; Sr. FLY Combined Sunday Class</i>		<i>Youth Advisors</i>
<i>Sun, Nov. 4</i>	<i>Jr. &amp; Sr. FLY Combined Sunday Class</i>		<i>Youth Advisors</i>
Sun, Nov. 11	7. The Battle Begins	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Nov. 18	8. A Few Good Men... and Women	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Nov. 25	9. The Faith of a Foreign Woman	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
Sun, Dec. 2	10. Standing Tall, Falling Hard	With Parents	Pastor Ben
Sun, Dec. 9	11. From Shepherd to King	With Parents	Pastor Ben
Sun, Dec. 16	12. The Trials of a King	With Parents	Peter Johnson
<i>Sun, Dec. 23</i>	<i>Jr. &amp; Sr. FLY Combined Sunday Class</i>		Peter Johnson
<i>Sun, Dec. 30</i>	<i>NO CLASS</i>		
Sun, Jan. 6	Lessons 1-12 Review		Peter Johnson
Sun, Jan. 13	13. The King Who Had It All	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
Sun, Jan. 20	14. A Kingdom Torn in Two	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
Sun, Jan. 27	15. God's Messengers	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
Sun, Feb. 3	16. The Beginning of the End	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Feb. 10	17. The Kingdom's Fall	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Feb. 17	18. Daniel in Exile	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Feb. 24	19. The Return Home	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Mar. 3	20. The Queen of Beauty and Courage	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
Sun, Mar. 10	21. Rebuilding the Walls	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Mar. 17	22. The Birth of the King	With Parents	Pastor Ben
Sun, Mar. 24	23. Jesus' Ministry Begins	With Parents	Peter Johnson
Sun, Mar. 31	24. No Ordinary Man	With Parents	Pastor Ben
Sun, Apr. 7	25. Jesus, the Son of God	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, Apr. 14	26. The Hour of Darkness	Small Groups	Pastor Ben
<i>Sun, Apr. 21</i>	<i>NO CLASS (Easter Sunday)</i>		
Sun, Apr. 28	27. The Resurrection & 28. New Beginnings	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, May 5	29. Paul's Mission & 30. Paul's Final Days	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, May 12	31. The End Times & Lessons 1-31 Review	Small Groups	Peter Johnson
Sun, May 19	Final Test		Peter Johnson
Tues, May 21	Class Party		Peter Johnson

\*Sunday Class – 9:45-10:40am in the Community Room

## REPORT OF SERVICE HOURS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Service:

No. of Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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