

7th Grade Confirmation Calendar 2017-2018

Subject to change – please watch for notes home

A Word about Confirmation and Worship:

Worship is central to the life of faith of any Christian. Lutherans believe faith comes through the hearing of the word, and that the church exists where the word is proclaimed and the sacraments are administered rightly. Confirmation is an educational ministry that assists the baptized to affirm their faith so that they may become active adults in the life of the church. Luther believed God calls parents to play the primary role in the faith formation of their children. Worship more than anything shapes a life of faith.

A Word about Acolyte Ministry:

The word acolyte comes from the Greek meaning *to follow*; a lay liturgical assistant who serves in such various roles as crucifer, torch-bearer, banner-bearer, book-bearer, candle-lighter, and server.

One of the unique ways students participate in worship is to offer their gifts by active involvement in the acolyte ministry of the congregation. Acolytes are scheduled by the church office.

If you are unable to serve during a normally scheduled time, please arrange for a switch with another 6th or 7th graders and call the church office before noon on Thursday.

A Word about Sunday School:

Students are expected to regularly attend class and complete each lesson, and attend a minimum (not maximum) of at least 22 classes during the school year. Please talk directly with the Pastor if you need to discuss alternative arrangements.

Students are expected by the end of 7th grade to have memorized the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the books of the bible and basic information with regards to its content.

A Word about 7th Grade Confirmation Ministry:

Students and their parents are expected to participate in a four week "Reformation History" class led by Pr. Eric during the season of Easter in the spring of 2017.

A Word about Fellowship and Service and Ministry:

Students are encouraged to participate in middle school youth activities, Tender Branches, synod retreats and gatherings. Watch the youth board and bulletin for announcements about upcoming events.

The 2017-2018 Schedule:

Wednesday, September 6	6:00pm	Students & Parents Preview/Orientation Night
Sunday, September 10	9:00am 10:00am	Rally Sunday WORSHIP @ ELC 7 th Grade Sunday School registration
Sunday, September 17	9:15am	7 th Grade Sunday School begins Teachers: Mr. Chad Bahhub
September 17-May 20	9:15am	Sunday School classes (hooray)!
Wednesday, April 4	7:00pm	Reformation History (with parent): session #1
Wednesday, April 11	7:00pm	Reformation History (with parent): session #2
Wednesday, April 18	7:00pm	Reformation History (with parent): session #3
Wednesday, April 25	7:00pm	Reformation History (with parent): session #4
Sunday, May 20	9:15am	Memory Sunday

**WORSHIP
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SERVICE**

Participation in Lenten mid-week worship is also strongly expected...encouraged...required (you choose word).