

8th – 9th Grade Confirmation Calendar 2017-2018

Subject to change – please watch for notes home

Wednesday, September 6	7:00pm	Students & Parents Preview/Orientation Night
Sunday, September 10	9:00am	Rally Sunday WORSHIP @ Lunda Park
Wednesday, September 13	5:30pm	Confirmation KICK-OFF @ _____ (dinner provided)
Wednesday, September 20	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #1: 'I Am who I Am'
Wednesday, September 27	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #2: 'The Lord's Name'
Wednesday, October 4	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #3: 'Sabbath Day'
Wednesday, October 11	7:00pm	Small Group FUN (8 th) SERVICE: Quilting (9 th) night
Wednesday, October 18	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #4: 'Mom & Dad'
Wednesday, October 25	7:00pm	Small Group FUN (9 th) SERVICE: Quilting (8 th) night
Wednesday, November 1	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #5: 'Protect Life'
Wednesday, November 8	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #6: 'Faithfulness'
Wednesday, November 15	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #7: 'Protect Property'
Wednesday, November 22	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve WORSHIP
Wednesday, November 29	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #8: 'Defend Truth'
Wednesday, December 6	7:00pm	The 10 Commandments, session #9: 'Don't Covet'
Tues./Thurs., December 12/14	6:00pm	Small Group SERVICE night 'Project Christmas' @ Armory
Wednesday, December 20	5:15pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Advent VESPERS Small Groups serve/provide soups Small Group FUN night
Wednesday, January 10	7:00pm	The Sacraments, session #10: 'Baptism'
Wednesday, January 17	7:00pm	The Sacraments, session #11: 'Baptism'
Wednesday, January 24	7:00pm	The Sacraments, session #12: 'Communion'
Wednesday, January 31	7:00pm	The Sacraments, session #13: 'Communion'
Wednesday, February 7	7:00pm	Small Group FUN night
Wednesday, February 14	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday WORSHIP
Friday/Saturday, Feb. 16/17	5:00pm	Retreat @ Sugar Creek
Wednesday, Feb. 21–March 21	5:15pm	Lenten WORSHIP (small groups scheduled for usher/greeting)

WORSHIP
FUN
SERVICE

In addition to the Wednesday night sessions on the 10 Commandments and the Sacraments, you will also participate in three (3) small group FUN nights, and three (3) small group SERVICE events. Participation in Lenten mid-week worship is also expected/required. Small groups serve as ushers/greeters.

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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.

Students are expected to regularly attend worship with their family and to complete 25 worship notes during the year. If a student should attend worship at another congregation, they may complete a worship note enclosed with the congregation's bulletin signed by that congregation's pastor.

One of the unique ways that 8th and 9th grade students participate in the life of the congregation is to serve as worship assistants in the areas of ushering and greeting. Students are scheduled to usher and to greet in a regular rotation with their family during the year. If you cannot assist as scheduled, find a replacement and call Wendy at the church office by noon on Thursday (715-284-4213).

Be sure to indicate on your worship note when you were a worship assistant so your small group guide can record your participation. Students will also assist with Lenten mid-week worship services by small group.

A Word about Wednesday Evening Learning Events:

Students are required to attend all Wednesday night learning events (see schedule) and an annual confirmation retreat. If a student is unable to attend any of the learning events, please speak to your small group guide and arrange for make-up work.

A Word about Sunday School:

All 8th grade students are expected to attend the six regularly scheduled middle-school Sunday School events. (Sunday Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25 @ 9:15am in ELC Youth Room)

A Word about Memory Work:

Students are expected to complete a variety of memory work from the small catechism (brown pages in the back of the binder) throughout their confirmation years.

Upon entering 8th grade confirmation, students were to (7th grade) 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 Fellowship and Service:

Students are required to participate in 3-4 service projects throughout the year. Some activities will be done in small group. The students may also choose to do a project individually or with a family member. To earn credit the project should involve at least two hours of time, be volunteer (not paid) or be something the student isn't normally expected to do.

Students are expected to participate in 3-4 small group fellowship events throughout the year, and in various youth group activities that are planned and promoted each year. Watch the youth board and bulletin for announcements about upcoming events.

A Word about Faith Statements:

Students will begin to draft a *faith statement* which will be part of their confirmation interview in the fall of 10th grade. More information will be available through your small group guide.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure they are progressing with the requirements in a timely manner, and to speak to their small group guide if they need to make other arrangements for completing the confirmation requirements.