

CONFIRMATION 2017-2018
Ascension Lutheran Church

It is our mission at Ascension Lutheran Church to develop a cloud of life-long worshippers.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- To live with them among God's faithful people
- Bring them 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
- 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
- Work for justice and peace

*From Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition

These are the promises you made to your child at the time of their baptism. Let's remember these as we joyfully encourage and direct our youth in the affirmation of their baptism.

GOALS of Confirmation

- To help each student experience a sense of community and help them understand what it means to belong to the Christian family we call the Church
- To lead the youth in gaining knowledge concerning the Bible, the Christian faith, Lutheran Doctrine, the Church, and the world we live in
- To enhance and encourage a trusting faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior that results in students who become life-long worshippers
- To emphasize the importance of family involvement in faith formation and development

PROGRAM: "Here We Stand"

Seventh Grade: BIBLE YEAR

- Introduction to the Bible
- Prehistory and Patriarchs
- Moses
- Israel Becomes a Nation
- The Message of the Prophets
- Jesus' Birth and Early Life
- Jesus' Ministry
- Jesus Teaches in Parables
- Holy Week and Easter
- Pentecost and the Start of the Church

Eighth Grade: SMALL CATECHISM

- Introduction to the Small Catechism
- 10 Commandments
- Faith in Life (Part 1)
- Apostle's Creed
- Faith in Life (Part 2)
- The Lord's Prayer
- Faith in Life (Part 3)
- Sacraments
- Faith in Life (Part 4)

REGISTRATION

\$60 for 7th graders

\$75 for 8th graders

Please make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church

This fee covers the cost of curriculum, class materials, Mini Retreats, and Confirmation photos and robe cleaning for 8th graders

EXPECTATIONS & COMMITMENTS

Youth

1. Attendance
 - a. Attendance at Thursday night meetings (5pm-7pm) is mandatory and important.

5:00-5:30	Free-play / homework in Pederson Hall
5:30-6:00	Dinner in Pederson Hall
6:00-6:15	Music with Annie Claire in Bethlehem Room
6:15-7:00	Class time: 7 th in Bethlehem Room / 8 th in Dugout
 - b. Every student is expected to worship regularly at one of our four weekend services (on Saturday at 6pm or Sunday at 8am, 9:30am or 11am.)
We encourage entire families to attend worship together.
 - c. Attendance is mandatory at our two Mini Retreats from 5pm Friday to 9am Saturday on the weekends of October 20th-21st and March 9th-10th.
Please save these dates in your calendar.
2. Inspiration Cards
 - a. Fill out a total of FIFTEEN Inspiration Cards throughout the Confirmation year.
***See Inspiration Card attachment for more information & instructions.**
3. Serve the church
 - a. ACOLYTE – GREET – USHER – ASSIST WITH COMMUNION – BE A READER – ASSIST WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL – PLAY SPECIAL MUSIC DURING CHURCH – ETC!
 - b. You will have the opportunity to sign-up to serve during our Family Sessions.

Families

4. Attend all five family sessions
 - a. **September 21st – Family mission statement**
November 9th – Family story-telling
January 11th – Family time management & Living in the season
April 12th – Hearts of service
May 10th – Faith statement review
 - b. Family sessions will take place on the third Thursday of September and the second Thursday of November, January, April & May from 5pm-6:30pm. These nights will be dedicated to family time & there will be no Confirmation class following the dinner and conversation; youth are free to go home with their families at 6:30pm. Please put these dates in your calendar; they are important and mandatory!
 - c. During the family sessions, we will enjoy dinner together served by members of our congregation, discuss the topic of the night lead by our guest speaker, and joyously spend time in community with our Confirmation families.
5. Provide & serve dinner
 - a. We invite each family to **sign up to serve** at least one dinner to all of our Confirmation students, teachers, and mentors during the Confirmation year. The dinner should be a simple one with families providing the meal, serving the meal, and cleaning up after the meal. **Dinner is served from 5:30-6pm.** Please arrive early to allow time for set-up and be ready to start serving by 5:30pm. It is important that dinners are served in a timely manner as music with choir director Annie-Claire begins promptly at 6pm.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2017-2018

SEPTEMBER

7th Orientation

14th

21st **Family Session**

28th

OCTOBER

5th

12th

19th

20th-21st **Mini Retreat** / Friday at 5pm until Saturday at 9am

26th

NOVEMBER

2nd

9th **Family Session**

16th

17th-19th **Lutheran Middle School Gathering** (optional)

23rd **THANKSGIVING— NO CONFIRMATION**

30th

NO CONFIRMATION IN DECEMBER

JANUARY

4th

11th **Family Session**

18th

25th

FEBRUARY

1st

8th

15th **PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND— NO CONFIRMATION**

22nd

23rd-25th **LRCC Winter Retreat to El Camino Pines** (optional)

MARCH

1st

8th

9th-10th **Mini Retreat** / Friday at 5pm until Saturday at 9am

15th

22nd

29th **EASTER BREAK – NO CONFIRMATION**

APRIL

5th **EASTER BREAK— NO CONFIRMATION**

12th **Family Session**

19th

26th

MAY

3rd

10th **Family Session** & Confirmation Class Photo

17th

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 20th AT THE 9:30AM SERVICE

INSPIRATION CARDS

Our weekend worship services are a well-thought-out collection of hand-picked hymns and special music, moving psalms and Bible readings, a thought-provoking sermon by one of our pastors, communion in community with other Lutherans, and a chance to spend time with people of like-minded faith. There are so many opportunities during any given service to be inspired by what you hear or what you see or what you feel. Open your heart to be inspired each week, and then let us know what it was that inspired you—and how? Or why?

Was it the pastor's sermon that made you feel like he was speaking directly to you?

Was it a Senior Luther Leaguer's beautiful voice during special music that made you feel the presence of God?

Was it the reading of the Psalm that just-so-happened to be your big brother's Confirmation verse?

Or was it the hug you received from your friend's grandma as you were leaving the sanctuary?

We want you to be looking for these moments of inspiration—these God-spottings— during every service you attend. Write them down on an index card and share them with us at Confirmation on the Thursday following.

Please include:

On side A:

Your name

Your grade

The date & time of the service you attended

On side B:

Write a brief description of what inspired you

Why or how were you inspired?

Did you share and discuss this with your family? Why or why not?

We will collect your Inspiration Cards and display them on our Inspiration Board in the narthex with the name-side down so you can remain anonymous if you so wish.

You must complete 15 Inspiration Cards throughout the Confirmation year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Addie Behm at abehm@alcto.org