

Confirmation Requirements

Parental Involvement

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

Each Section of Luther’s Small Catechism begins *“As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.”*

Your teen’s faith life needs your support. The church can’t and shouldn’t do it alone. Some of the confirmation requirements below will detail several ways that you need to get involved, like Home Huddles, overseeing memorization, getting your teen to class and to church, and helping out with fellowship and service events.

To support your teen’s faith life, you need to care for your own faith life as well. To help you with that goal, we offer a Parent’s Small Group that meets during Confirmation Class. We ask that you regularly attend this Parents’ Small Group. Come to confirmation with your teen and learn with other parents how to lead a family devotion, how to carry the confirmation lesson home, and how you can support each other as Christian parents.

Nightly Devotions a.k.a. "Home Huddle"

SHARE highs and lows of the day

READ and highlight the verse of the day in your Bibles

TALK about how today’s verse relates to your highs and lows

PRAY for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world

BLESS one another using the weekly blessing provided or your own favorite blessing

Each Confirmand is required to buy a Home Huddle Journal for \$20. The journals will be used in class and each lesson includes two weeks of Bible verses and journaling space for Home Huddles. Plan to meet with your teen for 10 minutes every day for this Home Huddle. Then sign the Family Covenant stating that you have regularly held Home Huddles. *Confirmands will be asked to share their highs and lows for the week during the Small Group breakout section of class.*

Regular Attendance

Class See the bright red schedule for class dates.

We usually meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each month, from 6-8pm. If we have to reschedule, we will let you know by email. We expect confirmands to be on time. At the beginning of each confirmation class, anyone who is not in class will receive a phone call from their small group.

Record of attendance will be kept. If attendance falls below 75%, Pastor and Deaconess Lora will follow up.

Events

Class time is only every other week. During one of the off weeks each month we will hold a Fellowship or Servant Event. Details of these events will be communicated by email and at the class preceding it. If events are held off-site you will receive a permission slip to fill out for the event which will also contain event information. Participation at these events is required. *If absence becomes habitual, Pastor and Deaconess Lora will follow up.*

Church - Service Times at Grace are 8:15am and 10:45am

Church attendance is required. It will be documented by Worship Reflections. If you are attending another church or are on vacation, please bring blank forms with you to fill out. Confirmands must complete 2-3 Worship Reflections each month. Blank forms are available to print from the church website or to pick up in the blue confirmation file box on Deaconess Lora's desk.

Worship Reflections

Worship Report Forms will be available in the file box on Deaconess Lora's desk. Confirmands are required to complete 3 forms each month. Worship Report forms can be turned in to the Confirmand's file in the blue file box on Deaconess Lora's desk. Every 2 months Confirmand's will receive a printout detailing how many Worship Reflections they have completed and with a few comments on the content of the Worship Reflections.

Memorization The Ten Commandments and The Lord's Prayer

Every other month, Confirmands will receive the memorization requirements for the next several lessons. These will include excerpts from Luther's Small Catechism. Parents will work on memorization with their teen and sign off on the sheet when memorization is complete. The memorization page will also be available to print from the church website.

Optional Memorization: Each lesson also has a theme verse, included on the first page of the lesson in the Home Journal. Confirmands will receive extra credit for memorizing these theme verses.

Signed memorization pages will be turned in to the confirmand's file in the blue file box on Deaconess Lora's desk.

Statement of Faith (8th grade Confirmands only)

A 300+ word essay written by the Confirmand about their faith and what it means to them. This statement of faith will be written later in the year as confirmation classes draw to a close. More information, topics, and guidance will be provided at that time.