



Confirmation Handbook 2020-2021



What is Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism?

CONFIRMATION IS...

THE FULFILLMENT OF PROMISES: It is a time for parents of adolescents to fulfill the promises made at baptism, in partnership with the whole faith community. They promise to: *“live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to 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, and 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, and work for justice and peace.”* *Service of Holy Baptism, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, (Augsburg Fortress, © 2006), page 228*

FAITH FORMATION: It is a time to learn about to whom we belong, who Jesus is, and how faith in Him impacts us. Confirmation helps prepare and support us for life’s journey as adult Christians.

RELATIONSHIPS: It is a time to experience God’s love by building caring connections with parents, mentors, and peers. It is a commitment of the whole family to grow together, support one another and encourage one another to trust in a God who loves us, cares for us and forgives us.

DISCIPLESHIP: It is a time in the adolescent faith journey for intensive nurturing, a time of preparation leading to public profession of Christian faith and for youth to “confirm” their intention to live as a Child of God in the covenant of Baptism: *“Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”* Affirmation of Baptism, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, (Augsburg Fortress, © 2006), page 236.

A STEP ON THE LIFE-LONG JOURNEY OF FAITH: It is NOT a journey toward a “graduation,” but rather it is the next step on the life-long journey of faith that extends from birth to death.



Confirmation Curriculum:

“Here We Stand” from Sparkhouse

Materials:

“Here We Stand” Workbook (provided)

Bible

Curriculum Activities:

Classroom lessons and discussion,
speakers, and service projects

6th/7th Grade Units:

Bible: Old Testament

****Bible: New Testament****

8th/9th Grade Units:

Small Catechism: Commandments, Creed,
Sacraments, and Prayer

****Small Catechism: Faith in Life****

Teachers:

6th/7th Grade: Becky Ruen & Paula Anderson

8th/9th Grade: Joe Jorgensen & Tia Burnham?

Program Structure

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. We will start as a large group in the Fellowship Hall for a brief opening worship time. The evening will include classroom lessons, and small group discussion. Students will be able to attend remotely via Zoom. This structure may change based on student participation and health department guidance related to COVID-19.

Communication



Remind: We will use this group messaging service to communicate with students and parents about upcoming lessons/events. Contact Joe to get connected.



Sign up Genius: We will use this web-based app to sign up for events and service opportunities.



Facebook: Christiania Lutheran Church Youth.
Special events will be advertised here.



Instagram: clcyouth1
Pictures from youth activities will be shared here.



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Program Expectations

The purpose of these expectations is to help confirmands grow as disciples. Completion of this program is not fully contingent on meeting all of these expectations, however the confirmands will have a much richer experience through this part of their faith journey by engaging in these activities.

Class Attendance

- Goal = Attend at least 80% of class sessions
 - If you are not able to attend due to a conflict or illness please leave a message with the CYF office (952-461-1239) so that you can get a link to the make-up materials.
 - If there will be a series of absences due to school and/or community activities, please see the teacher to discuss options for making up missed lessons

Worship Notes

- Goal = Complete 9 or more worship notes (average 1 per month)
 - Attending worship in person: Forms are available by the coat area.
 - Attending online: Form can be found on the Confirmation webpage
 - Online services can be found by clicking “Worship Videos” on the church homepage

Program Expectations (cont'd)

Service

- Goal = Complete 9 services to the church during the program year
 - Usher: Sign up with a parent to usher at our Sunday morning indoor worship services.
 - Acolyte: Light altar candles for Sunday morning worship (temporarily suspended)
 - Lector: Read a scripture passage for the online or indoor worship services.
 - Assisting Minister: Read the prayer of the day, Apostles Creed, etc. for the online or indoor worship services.
 - Sunday School helper: Assist Sunday School teachers
 - Other

Celebrate

In June, we will celebrate the end of the program year with a trip to Valleyfair. Students meeting the goals for attendance, worship notes, and services to the church and community will receive free admission to the park that day.

Class Calendar	
Date	Activity
9/16	Orientation
9/23	Class
9/30	Class
10/7	Class
10/14	No Class: MEA Break
10/21	Faith Sharing Night: Online
10/28	Service Project
11/4	Class
11/11	Class
11/18	Class
11/25	No Class: Thanksgiving Break
12/2	Class
12/9	Class
12/16	Class
12/23-30	No Class: Christmas Break

Calendar Updates

Given the ever-changing situation regarding COVID-19, we have chosen to release just the first few months of the calendar. We will continue to update the calendar a few months at a time. This will allow us to adapt more easily as the situation changes. Thank you for your flexibility and patience.