

Confirmation

Information & Requirements

2010-2011

1. Our confirmation program is designed:

- ⇒ To help young people learn more about God and His Word, the Bible.
- ⇒ To assist young people in becoming men and women of God and active members of Good Shepherd.
- ⇒ To nourish the personal relationship with God.

2. Confirmation is a four (4) year program involving parents, the Pastor and the Director of Youth Ministries (DYM).

- ⇒ The first two (2) years provide an overview of Bible content and history taught by the DYM.
- ⇒ The second two (2) years provide a study of the Small Catechism, the main doctrines of the Bible taught by the Pastor.

3. The 2-year Bible overview course, or an equivalent that has provided a thorough overview of the Bible, must be completed before continuing with the 2-year study of the Small Catechism. [See the printed schedule for the current year: Schedule Jen Confirmation Term A.doc]

- ⇒ Term A for 5th-6th grade students: Using Your Bible & Introduction to the New Testament
- ⇒ Term B for 5th-6th grade students: An Overview of the Old Testament

4. All six units in the Small Catechism must be completed before Confirmation Sunday. [See the printed schedule for the current year: Schedule PRAY Confirmation Term A.doc]

- ⇒ Term A for 7th-8th grade students: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, and Confession.
- ⇒ Term B for 7th-8th grade students: The Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion

5. Expectations of youth during 5th – 8th grades:

- ⇒ Participate in all segments of the program: learning sessions and bonding/serving events.
- ⇒ Attend all Wednesday sessions (6:30-8:00 p.m.).
- ⇒ Prepare for class, which includes bringing class materials.
- ⇒ Attend Sunday School classes.

- ⇒ Attend Sunday worship.
- ⇒ Participate in youth activities.
- ⇒ Serve on an assigned elder team, as an acolyte and/or usher.
- ⇒ **7th & 8th Grade Students:** Complete 50 sermon reports during the 2-year Small Catechism study. (7th & 8th grades)
- ⇒ **7th & 8th Grade Students:** Complete the six Small Catechism Memory Work packets. (7th & 8th grades) [**SCMem Assignments**]
- ⇒ **7th & 8th Grade Students:** Complete a written review at the conclusion of each term.
- ⇒ **8th Grade Students:** Prepare a written statement of faith, which will be printed and read on Confirmation Sunday.
- ⇒ **Pray!**

6. Expectations of parents:

- ⇒ Attend parent meetings when scheduled.
- ⇒ Notify the Church Office of a student's absence.
- ⇒ **7th & 8th Grade Parents:** Attend the 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. session on learning session evenings.
- ⇒ **7th & 8th Grade Students:** Administer Small Catechism Memory Work for your son/daughter.
- ⇒ **Pray!**

7. Expectations of Pastor/Director of Youth Ministries:

- ⇒ Teach on learning session evenings.
- ⇒ Maintain contact with each student.
- ⇒ **Pray!**

8. Expectations of youth during high school:

At the completion of the Confirmation program and the completion of **ALL** learning session work, a young person is given a **Certificate of Confirmation** indicating he/she is a Confirmed Baptized member. He/she can become a Confirmed Voting member after his/her 18th birthday. During the high school years we ask that Confirmed Baptized members be involved in five areas prior to becoming a Confirmed Voting member. If he/she chooses not to become a Confirmed Voting member, that person is released from Baptized membership.

- ⇒ Serve on a Sunday elder team
- ⇒ Serve as Communion Assistant, as needed
- ⇒ Train new acolytes on Sunday elder team
- ⇒ Meet with DYM and/or Pastor close to their 18th birthday
- ⇒ Stand up with other adults on New Member Sunday in June

9. The tentative date for confirmation is May 8, 2011.