

Confirmation Program Overview

First Lutheran Church, South Sioux City, NE

The Congregational Council of Faith Lutheran Church has adopted the following Confirmation Program Model for Confirmands (students) starting Confirmation in the fall of 2019:

- Confirmands entering the program must be starting sixth-grade in the fall or older.
- Attend at least 15 worship services with your mentor (Parents for sixth-grade) during each of the three years of the program (45 total) (Note: 52 weekly services, 9 Lenten services, Christmas Eve). After each service, discuss your reactions to and impressions of the service, and any questions you may have, with your mentor (Parents for sixth graders). There is not a sermon note form to fill out. You must attend at least 15 worship services, each year, not to be all done in a single year.
- Sixth graders only, will read and discuss with their parents, the small catechism. Seventh and Eighth graders will thoroughly read and discuss the Gospel of Luke with your mentor during your seventh-grade year. As each of you reads at home, keep a notebook and note those passages you find interesting, confusing, or inspiring. Every month, when you meet with your mentor, make some time to discuss what you have read.
- Thoroughly read and discuss at least one other book of the Bible during your eighth-grade year, using the same format as you did when reading the Gospel of Luke during your 7th grade year.
- Attend one Confirmation class with Pastor Doug each month on a Sunday following worship, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The first class is tentatively set for Sunday, September 22nd for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. 9th Graders are expected to attend the September and October classes and help plan for their confirmation day and train 6th graders in Acolyting
- Seventh and Eighth grade, meet monthly with your mentor to complete a section of your confirmation journal. Sixth graders journal about each worship service you attend with your parent, based upon your conversations with them.

Year 2 (Seventh Grade)

- Getting Acquainted – September
- God – October
- Jesus – November
- Holy Spirit – January
- Worship – February
- The Bible – March
- Saints and Gifts – April

Year 3 (Eighth Grade)

- Ministry – September
- Baptism - October
- Spiritual Life - November
- Death and Resurrection – January
- Life in the Church - February
- The Faith Journey Continues –March

- Attend at least one church council meeting with your mentor (sixth grade with parents) each of the three years. One each year.
- For seventh and eighth-graders, if possible, attend a funeral and wedding with your mentor. After the service, discuss: Where was God in this service? When in the service did you feel closest to God? Why is the church involved in this service? What is the purpose of this service?
- Spend 21 hours or more volunteering during the three years. Do not wait until the end. These hours must be documented by parents for sixth grade and mentors for the seventh and eighth-graders.
- Attend at least one confirmation Camp at Carol Joy Holling Camp with Pastor Doug in the summer during the three-year program.
- You are encouraged to participate in worship by serving as a greeter, usher, or lector. You will be assigned as acolyte. If you cannot make your acolyte time, it is YOUR responsibility to find another confirmand to fill your spot.
- During your eighth-grade year, write a paper explaining in your own words, “Why I like being a Lutheran.” Discuss two areas in which you would like to know more about in our church (ELCA Lutheran) and then meet with your mentor and/or Pastor Doug to help you find the answers to your questions. Share what you learned about your questions in your paper.
- In cooperation with your mentor, select a verse or two of Holy Scripture to share at the Confirmation Worship. Write a short paper with your verse and some background of why you chose that verse of scripture.
- Help plan and prepare for Confirmation Worship, which will include making a Confirmation banner.
- Attend Confirmation Worship practice.
- Students starting in the Fall of 2019 who meet these requirements will be confirmed during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, 2022.

Confirmation Texts:

Making Disciples by William H. Willamon, 2018

Luke for Everyone by Tom Wright, 2004

NRSV Bible