



# Confirmation

At Christ Lutheran Church Ministries

You and your Junior High Student are invited to sign up for Confirmation.

### Cost

\$75 - For supplies, banquet and confirmation weekend (due beginning 7th grade year or when student starts).

District Youth Gathering (approximately \$130 their 8th grade year)

Scholarships are available. Contact Brandon if you need more info.

### Confirmation Course of Study

**Holy Communion Study** - (any time during grades 5-8) A Sunday afternoon class - this year, October 2 from 4-6 P.M. in Lucas Hall. This is a parent-student class

**2 Year and 2 Month Program** - (Starts in grade 7 and ends last weekend of October of 9th grade) Every Sunday 9:20 to 10:15 in Science room of the school. September 11 is this year's start date.

#### **Action Step Requirements 4X10**(per year)

*Worship* - 10 Worship notes

*Connect* - 10 Refuge Bible Study/Events

*Learn* - 10 Bible Verses Memorized

*Serve* - 10 Servant Hours

#### **Parent Connection (Required)**

For parents of the confirmation student. Every 2nd Sunday of the month 9:20 to 10:15 in Science Room. First one is September 11, 2016.

**Acolyte** - Serve as an acolyte on a scheduled basis (see Acolyte Registration)

**Baptism Retreat**- Baptism Retreat (8th graders are required to attend) This will be held in conjunction with the District Youth Gathering (usually in March).

**Confirmation Weekend** - Last weekend of October of 9th grade year. Friday students will give their testimony. Saturday they will take pictures and practice the Rite of Confirmation. Sunday they will go through the Rite of Confirmation.

### 2016-2018 class

### What is Confirmation?

The Rite of Confirmation is a time for students to confirm and affirm the promises made to them by God in their Baptism and to commit to being developing dynamic disciples for Christ. Confirmation class is an environment that provides students a chance to explore what it means to be a Christian, to ask deep questions of themselves, God, and church leaders, and to ultimately make a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

### When and where is Confirmation?

At Christ Lutheran Church Ministries, Confirmation class is a 2 year and 2 month program every Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Students enter confirmation at the start of their 7th grade year and will go until the end of October in their 9th grade year (with summers off). The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated the last weekend of October their 9th grade year.

This year we will start September 11, 2016 in the Science room of the school. Refreshments will be available starting at 9:00am. Class is from 9:20 to 10:15. Students should bring their Bible, pen, Small Catechism and Confirmation folder (students will receive the last two items at the first class).

The class focuses on key components of the Bible and Christian faith like the 10 commandments, Lord's Prayer and Apostles Creed. Each subject is focused on for two weeks. The first week someone from the congregation will teach the class. The second week, youth will be moved into small groups typically based on grade and gender to continue the conversation. The relationship built with the small group leader and others in their group allows for authentic conversation. A full schedule will be available online.

### What are the requirements of Confirmation.

There is an overview of the cost and requirements in the left column. As we look to update the church's website, we will be putting our Confirmation Handbook, Worship notes, Service hour sheets and other resources online soon. Below are some more details:

**Confirmation Class Program** - Because of the intention of this course of study, perfect attendance is expected. We are aware that there may be occasions when an absence is necessary (family schedules, illness, et.), and will expect to be notified

when that occurs ([bheath@christlamesa.org](mailto:bheath@christlamesa.org)). When a student falls below 75% attendance in the course of a semester, he/she will be removed from the Confirmation roster. Punctuality is expected of all students. Arrive in the Science room no later than 9:20am each Sunday Morning (snacks are available at earlier).

**Action Step Requirements 4x10 (per year)** - These are practices that assist faith development outside of the Confirmation class setting. Each are connected to a key trait of developing dynamic disciples: Worship, Connect, Learn and Serve. We ask that students do each Action Step 10 times.

Worship - 10 Worship Notes - Worship notes are available in class from Brandon and online. Following the form, students summarize main points of the worship and sermon at Christ Lutheran Church. They reflect on what was done and said and share any prayer requests they might have.

Connect - 10 Refuge Events - This helps Confirmation students to continue to connect with other Jr. High believers. Refuge Bible Studies meets most 1st and 3rd Fridays during the school year. There are also Refuge events about every 6 weeks. A full schedule is available online.

Learn - 10 Bible Verses Memorized - God's word is powerful and committing it to memory connects us more deeply to Him, gives us a tool to use when we need help, hope, comfort or courage. From a list of Bible verses students will choose and memorize 10 verses.

Serve - 10 Service hours - Students will complete 10 Service hours serving their neighbors. This can be anything that serves people outside your immediate family and that you do not get paid for. Service must be between September and June of the current school year. Forms are available in class and can be found online.

**Parent Connection** - Parents will join their student every 2nd Sunday at 9:20 in the Science room of the school, starting September 11, 2016. Here we will all share celebrations of the week and where you have seen God at work. Parents will then move into their own small group, a time to discuss joys and challenges of raising young christian men and women and learn tools on how to continue to disciple your children. Parents are encouraged to participate in one of the Bible Studies the other Sundays (see list and locations in bulletin).

**Acolyte** - Each confirmation student will serve as an acolyte on a rotating scheduled basis for the two Sunday morning Services (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.) and at special services (like Christmas and Ash Wednesday). These hours do not count as service hours. To help us in setting that schedule and other special worship services, please fill out and return the acolyte Registration form to Brandon Heath with your confirmation sign up form.

## **How do I sign up for Confirmation**

1. Pray - Please pray and have your Jr. High Student pray about participating in Confirmation. If you have a church home other than Christ Lutheran, we are thankful you have a place that shares the grace of Jesus. If this is your church home or you don't have one, we pray that you would join us in this transitional time for Jr. High Students.
2. Sign up - Included is a sign up form. Fill out the form and return to Brandon Heath (see Contact Info).
3. Participate - September 11, 2016 is our first class. We ask that your youth participate on a regular basis with the class. We also ask that you participate monthly in the Parent Connection class the 2nd Sunday of Every Month.
4. Contact Brandon Heath with any questions.

### **Contact Information for Brandon Heath**

Email: [bheath@christlamesa.org](mailto:bheath@christlamesa.org)

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Forms can be dropped off at youth center, scanned and emailed, snail mailed or dropped off at the church or school office (be sure to hand to a secretary).