

Confirmation Ministry
First Lutheran Church
Janesville, Wisconsin



Seventh & Eighth Grade Confirmation 2010-2011

Purpose

Confirmation Ministry at First Lutheran provides young people in the middle school years with opportunity to learn about our God, their personal faith, the Lutheran tradition, the Biblical story, worship, prayer, and ethical issues through conversation with leaders and each other and activities which enhance learning.

General Program Description for Sunday Afternoon Class Time

Confirmation is Sunday afternoons from 4:00 (sharp) to 5:30 from September to May. Class will begin with a large group activity, large group teaching time, small group time, and end with a question/answer period. Students are to bring their Bible with them each time. The class pattern may be adapted to fit a particular topic presentation.

The curriculum includes both the Old and the New Testament biblical story and the catechism.

Small Group Formation

The pastoral staff, confirmation coordinator, and small group leaders will form semi-permanent small groups. These small groups will work, play and learn together throughout the year.

Absence & Make-up Work

Confirmation students are expected to attend class. The pastors and staff understand that it may not be possible to attend every session. Please call Renee at 752-7435 X 16, if you will be absent. If a session is missed, plan to complete the make-up worksheet. Make-up work is available flcj.org (go to the EDUCATION link). Make-up work should be complete and returned at the next class.

Costs

The student fee for confirmation is \$20 which covers the costs of program expenses. Scholarships are available, simply have a conversation with Pastor Naomi. If you are paying with a check, make the check payable to First Lutheran Church.

Pastors, Confirmation Coordinator, and Small Group Leader Involvement

Pastors and Confirmation Coordinator will be involved in leading the large group sessions. They will substitute for a small group leader who is not able to attend a particular session. Small group leaders will facilitate a discussion of the day's topic using an outline provided to them.

Stewardship

Giving to God what has first been given to us is a habit which is good to form early in our walk of discipleship. The confirmation students will be participating in "Nothing but Nets" to prevent malaria in Africa. A loose change offering will be taken before every class.

Body Works: Service to the life of First Lutheran Church

All students enrolled in the confirmation ministry are expected to participate in the life of First Lutheran Church. There are many, many ways to participate—lector (reading the lessons), ushering, greeting, Journey of Faith shepherd, singing in the choir or a small group, altar guild (preparing for communion), communion server, serving Sunday coffee—these are just a few of the ways to participate. A sign-up sheet will be available at each class period. Each student should participate 4 times throughout the year. After serving at church fill out and return the Body Works form. It can be found by the sermon notes. **Journey of Faith Shepherds will be required to participate in 2 different Body Works.**

Worship Attendance & Sermon Notes

Students in the confirmation ministry are expected to attend worship on a regular basis. This means attending worship three times each month. A minimum of 10 sermon notes will be required from all students. 5 sermon notes are due before January with the remaining 5 due in May. Blank sermon note forms and a return pocket are located outside the Choir Room on second floor. **Journey of Faith Shepherds will be required to complete 5 sermon notes.**

Service Projects to the Greater Janesville area

Two service projects to the greater Janesville area are required throughout the year. For the one service project students can choose from two options:

**Kids Against Hunger
Crop Walk**

**Sept. 26, 11:30-1:15 pm or Feb. 27, 11:30-1:15 pm
Spring 2011 (date TBA)**

The second service project can be of the student's choosing. Please plan to submit a written description of activity. If you need help finding an organization or project please call Renee.

Retreats

Two confirmation retreats are scheduled during the school year. Each student is expected to attend one of the two. One retreat is Dec. 3-5 and the other retreat is March 4-6. Please call Renee for more information about retreats.

Pastor Meetings

Individual student and/or family meetings may be scheduled throughout the confirmation year at the request of Pastor Naomi, the student, or their family.

Bad Weather

If the weather is bad and you are not sure if class is cancelled, please call Renee at 752-7434 x 16. Information regarding class will be on her extension.

For more information please call Renee at work- 752-7434 x 16 or cell- 290-7083 or email reneeengen@tds.net.