

2024-2025 Confirmation Expectations

First Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches

- ❖ **Confirmation Class Attendance** per the schedule
 - Come prepared each week with the required materials: student workbook and Colaborate Bible. *(These items can be left at the church week to week.)*
 - Let your pastor know ahead of time if you will not be there. In the case of getting sick during the day, text your pastor that you will not be at confirmation that night.

- ❖ **Choose a mentor.**
 - Participate together in Mentor nights
 - Meet outside of class two times a year *(once in 2024, once in 2025)*
 - Complete student/mentor assignments as given by the pastors.

- ❖ **Attend worship** – in person or online, including mid-week Lenten services.
 - Help with mid-week Lenten services and suppers

- ❖ **Acolyte in worship per the schedule.**
 - If changes are needed to be made, you are responsible to switch with someone else.

- ❖ Turn in **10 worship notes** - 5 by Dec. 18

- ❖ Turn in **10 devotion notes** - 5 by Dec. 18
(These can be from D365 or another devotional book or app)
 - **PLEASE NOTE:** Five worship notes and five devo notes need to be turned in by December. 18th. Again, the intention is that you are PRACTICING YOUR FAITH throughout the year. If this is not the case, the pastors will set up a conversation with your family in January so that you can offer alternative options and ways that you might practice your faith that will meet the expectations outlined.

- ❖ **Complete 2 Faith "Projects"** each year, chosen by the you, from a variety of options, and turn in a Faith Project Note for each. Examples below.
 - 1st Faith Project is **Due: by December 18, 2024**
 - 2nd Faith Project is **Due: by February 19, 2025**

- ❖ **Confirmation Camp:** It is strongly recommended that you attend Confirmation Camp at Camp House with the group during your confirmation experience. We will attend as a group every odd year. Dates will be finalized soon, but are often the 2nd or 3rd week of June. Confirmation Camp costs are covered by our congregations.

- ❖ **9th graders:**
 - Complete a Faith Statement in the spring
 - Participate in an interview with the pastor prior to the Confirmation service

Confirmation service is planned for Sunday, April 27th, 2025

What is a “Faith Project”?

The purpose is to get you thinking about your own faith...in the midst of everyday life. Determine something you’re interested in doing or looking into further or experiencing regarding your faith, and then do it. Several examples can be found below.

For each Faith Project, a Faith Project Note sheet needs to be turned in to the Pastors by the due dates listed.

Examples include...

- Faith Interview
- Volunteer/Service Project
- Help with Altar Guild
- Photo Collage
- Video - where you see God
- Help with sermon/lead children’s message
 - Podcast Review
 - Create a Music Playlist for a specific purpose
 - Map your own faith journey
 - Help teach Sunday School
 - Create a 2-3 minute video - Faith Questions
 - Sew, Knit, Paint, Draw, Build or Create something
 - Photo Collage of important people/places in your faith life.
 - Get trained in on running sound, streaming or screens, and help do that during worship.
 - Express something about your faith through writing music or performing a dance.
 - Working with your pastor, write the prayers for one Sunday and then read the prayers in worship.
 - Attend worship at a different church/denomination and have a conversation with someone after about their church.

Details of Examples

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| <p>You decide to go visit someone you don’t know very well at Prairie View or Buffalo Lake Healthcare Center for three visits, with purposeful conversation in mind (like an interview), or letting them tell you stories while you play a game or help them in some way.</p> | <p>You think up and work on a project for the community or for your congregation (you can use things you’re already doing for school or activities as well...just think about them from a lens of faith.)</p> | <p>You ask an altar guild member to show you what they do behind the scenes, and help to change the banners and set up and clean up communion. Note what details you notice or what you learned.</p> |
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| For two weeks, you take photos every time you see a cross in the day-to-day things you see, and then create a video sharing those photos and locations. | You look for God’s hands and feet at work in the world (through people or creation) – creating a video, or a board to share what you’ve seen. Or take photos of where you see and experience God in the world. | You do a team sermon with your pastor, alone or with another student: (Includes preparation – reading scripture, talking through it, thinking through a format, writing, and giving the sermon together in worship.) |
| You find and listen to a few episodes of a podcast (faith based or otherwise), and share how it makes you think about God or faith. | You create a playlist of music to lift someone up who’s feeling down, and share why you chose the songs you did, and how they (or some of them) encourage you in your faith walk. | You map out the story of your faith journey...including influential people, experiences, moments, etc. Think about including photos as well. |
| You help or teach Sunday School, and share what you notice about your class, what they’re learning, what you’re learning in teaching. | You come up with some questions about faith and life and interview and record various people, creating a video to share. | You sew or knit or paint or build or create something beautiful for someone else, and consider praying for that person while you do it. |
| You draw, paint or graphically design an image that might be a bulletin cover – expressing your faith or depicting a bible passage. | You get trained in to run the sound or streaming system. Watch and learn one week, and then do it another week. Note what details you notice or what you learned. | You choreograph a dance or write a piece of music or a play, or make a video expressing your faith at this point in time. |
| You write the prayers for a Sunday Worship and read them in worship. | Create a photo collage of people and/or places that have been influential in your faith life. | You attend worship at a church other than your own, and have a conversation, asking questions of someone about their church and faith afterwards. |

***You come up with another creative way to dig into/explore or express your faith.

In other words, these are not just participatory things (like you helped out at such and such dinner fundraiser)...these are meant to have you (1) **think of something of interest to you**...(2) **put some creative energy or time into it**, and (3) **reflect on it in regard to your faith and life**. If you need help or guidance on any of these or others, don’t hesitate to ask your pastor or discuss with your mentor! Other options can be brought to Pastor Amy or Pastor Susan for consideration.