

August 14, 2024
RE: Confirmation Class Information for 2024-2025



Greetings!

As we draw nearer to the beginning of the school year, we also look forward to the beginning of our Confirmation year for First Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches. Confirmation classes take place in the 8th and 9th grade years, with the Confirmation service in the spring, at each individual congregation.

Confirmation Orientation for all 8th and 9th grade students and parents/guardians will be on Wednesday, September 11th from 6:00-7:00pm in the First Lutheran Church Social Hall. **During the orientation**, we will share more information about the upcoming Confirmation year and answer any questions you may have.

1. **SCHEDULE & LOCATION:** Again this year, the 8th and 9th grade students will be meeting together for classes at the same time. Our Confirmation class times will generally be after school from 3:15-4:45pm. *A schedule for the Confirmation year is also attached to this email.* All classes will take place at First Lutheran.
2. **PARENT & MENTOR NIGHTS:** Throughout the year, our class time will change to **6:00-7:15pm when we gather for our Student, Parent & Mentor nights.** Light snacks will be provided during these class times.
3. **SNACKS:** Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign up to help provide snacks for each class time. The sign-up for suppers will take place at our Orientation night on September 11th. If cost is a concern, funds are available to help. Please talk with your pastor.
4. **CURRICULUM:** Our Confirmation curriculum consists of one year of walking through the Bible, and one year focusing on "Lutheran Living". Bibles and workbooks will be provided by the churches. **This year is the Bible year**, and so we'll explore the larger narrative of Scripture and learn about the stories and characters of the Bible. During our Parent/Guardian Nights and Mentor Nights, adults will be invited into our Bible exploration, and you will have time to talk together on those nights.
5. **MENTORS:** Choosing a mentor and participating in Mentor Nights is also a part of our Confirmation program. **Eighth graders are asked to identify a mentor prior to Confirmation Orientation.** We encourage students and parents to think of individuals that you look up to for their faith and who you might want to get to know a bit better. Mentors should not be close family, and need to be 18 or older, but need NOT be a member at First or St. Paul's. **Ninth graders should check in with their mentor to make sure they are available to serve as your mentor again this year.**
6. **EXPECTATIONS:** When you begin confirmation classes, regular attendance at class and worship is expected. Serving as an acolyte and assisting with worship are also a part of Confirmation, as are worship and devotion notes and faith projects. More details regarding expectations and opportunities that are a part of our Confirmation program will be discussed when we gather for orientation.

Again, Confirmation Orientation is **Wednesday, September 11th, starting at 6:00pm** for **students and parents/guardians**, and our first regular Confirmation class for **both 8th and 9th grade students** is **Wednesday, September 18th at 3:15pm.**

Also, please make sure to complete the Confirmation Registration form online any time prior to Sept. 11th.

Confirmation Registration Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/c4sXfv2Uyeg7Qnwj8>

We are looking forward to walking with all of you on the Confirmation journey ahead!

In Christ,

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