



ST. LUKE

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Dear Confirmation Parents and Students,

I pray that you are all healthy and had a good summer filled with rest, relaxation, and fun. I am looking forward to the beginning of a new Confirmation year. As of now, families will have the option to send their child in a mask, as we encourage mask wearing but don't require it at this time. However, the situation is fluid and can change. We will continue doing temperature checks at the door and will maintain spacing as well.

What are Confirmation Classes?

Confirmation "class" is a place where young people learn about the promises God has made, why He has made them and how this impacts our lives today. In order to understand this, we need to look deeply into the Bible, as a complete book, to see how God has worked throughout history and still continues to work today. While Confirmation class isn't a requirement, it helps in the faith formation of your child.

What is the Rite of Confirmation?

The Rite of Confirmation is a time for people to confirm or affirm the promises made to them by God in their baptism. This is also a time to publicly announce the understanding of our responsibilities as Christians, knowing that we live under the forgiving power of the risen Christ and how we are called to spread the good news of God's love in Christ by loving and serving others. Eighth grade students will make their Rite of Confirmation after three years of confirmation class instruction.

What grades are involved?

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will have Confirmation classes on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the church sanctuary. **(Note: Please do not schedule any other activities at this time; attendance at class is priority. No student may miss more than three class sessions for the year if they expect to move to the next level and all work must be made up. In special circumstances we will work closely with the student.)*

The grades all meet together (and in small groups) for theme events, which will cover the entire Bible, Sacraments and Catechism over a 3-year period on Monday evenings. Students will also be expected to participate in fellowship, service, and worship events, earning points towards their confirmation.

Year A: LIVING LUTHERAN --Martin Luther, Apostles' Creed, Baptism, Communion, Worship (2023/2024)

Year B: LIVING SCRIPTURE -- Old Testament, New Testament, Life of Jesus (2021/2022)

Year C: LIVING FAITH -- 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Hot Topics (2022/2023)

How are the classes taught?

We strive to teach young people in a way that will make the material relevant, fun and go to their heart. This is why we call this program h2h (**HEAD TO HEART**). Studies show that lecture-based confirmation classes are not as effective in our current society. With the influx of technology, young people respond more favorably to an interactive program. Of course, this is a generalization; however, we find that students learn by participating in theme-based activities rather than sitting in a lecture. Therefore, this program is based on a three-legged stool approach. Our goal is to get young people connected; to God, to each other and the church.

➤ ***Our first class for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students is on Monday, September 13th at 7:00 pm in the church. One parent is required to attend this class, as there will be a parent orientation as well. *Please register your child for Confirmation by filling out the Google form in this email. Please pay our Confirmation fee online using the link or send in cash/check made payable to St. Luke Lutheran Church for \$100. This registration fee includes all books and materials given to the student, as well as some special events.***

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS:

- 1) All 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students will attend all Confirmation classes on Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm.
- 2) All students are expected to attend at least 50% of all church services (Sundays: 9:00am or 10:45 am or Wednesdays at 7:30 pm) throughout the school year.
- 3) Students will be expected to participate in fellowship and service events totaling a certain amount of points needed to pass their confirmation grade level for the year. Acolyting responsibilities will resume this year. **More information about the point system, acolyting, events, etc. will be explained at the first class during the parent orientation along with a parent packet handout.**
- 4) Each student in 8th grade will choose or be assigned a congregational sponsor to serve as their mentor following their Rite of Confirmation.

****Additionally, it is our hope that we will be able to attend a weekend retreat to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania the weekend of January 21st-23rd, 2022.** This would be for all Confirmation students and Sr. High youth to attend. It is through the organization Life Promotions who run Quakes (middle & high school retreats). Additional fees for the weekend retreat will apply. Further details will follow prior to the trip.

A great big welcome to our new 6th graders and their families! Attention all 6th grade families. Please attend our St. Luke Rally Day on Sunday, September 12th at 10:45am so your child can receive their Small Catechism for Confirmation class.

I look forward to working with all the students this year to help nurture faith and spiritual growth.

Any questions, feel free to contact me at Jackie@stlukedixhills.org.

In Christ's Service,
Jackie Flynn
Director of Youth and Family Ministry



Confirmation Class Schedule

2021- 2022

<i>Meets on Monday evenings 7:00PM - 8:30PM in the Church</i>			
<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>	
<u>September</u>		<u>January</u>	
Sept. 12	Rally Day-6 th graders receive Catechisms at service	Jan. 3	Class
Sept. 13	1 st Class	Jan. 10	Class
Sept. 20	Class	Jan. 17	NO CLASS-MLK Day
Sept. 27	Class	Jan. 24	Class
		Jan. 31	Class
<u>October</u>			
Oct. 4	Class	<u>February</u>	
Oct. 11	NO CLASS – Columbus Day	Feb. 7	Class
Oct. 18	Class	Feb. 14	Class
Oct. 25	Class	Feb. 21	NO CLASS – Winter Break
		Feb. 28	Class
<u>November</u>			
Nov. 1	Class	<u>March</u>	
Nov. 8	Class	March 7	Class
Nov. 15	Class	March 14	Class
Nov. 22	Class	March 21	Class
Nov. 29	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break	March 28	Class
<u>December</u>			
Dec. 6	Class	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center"><u>Lent & Easter Worship</u> Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd Services at 12 noon, 5:00pm & 7:00pm Lenten Wednesdays: Worship at 7:30 pm April 15- Good Friday: Family Worship at 12 noon Tenebrae (Service of darkness) at 7:30PM April 17- Easter Sunday Worship at 7:30, 9 & 11AM</p> </div>	
Dec. 13	Class		
Dec. 20	NO CLASS-Christmas Break		
Dec. 27	NO CLASS –Christmas Break		
		<u>April</u>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center"><u>Advent Worship</u> Advent Events begin on Wednesdays starting December 1st with our Christmas Tree Lighting</p> <p><u>Additional Christmas Events:</u> Dec 19 Youth Christmas Caroling at 5:00pm Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 5, 7 & 9 PM Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 AM Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Worship at 6:00 PM</p> </div>		April 4	Class
		April 11	Class
		April 18	NO CLASS-Easter Break
		April 25	NO CLASS-Easter Break
		<u>May</u>	
		May 2	Class
		May 9	Class
		May 16	Last Class – Confirmation Party
		May 23	Conf. Rehearsal – 8 th Grade only
		<u>Sunday</u>	
		June 5	Rite of Confirmation-10:45am

****For weather related closings/cancellations, look for a text/email or check <http://www.facebook.com/stlukechurchdixhills>**