

# Trinity Lutheran Church 2018 - 2019 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

CLASS TIME: 6 - 8 PM

**September 23: KICK OFF MEETING - PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

**September 30: "Justification by Faith" - Romans 3:21-28**

Projects:

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students: Stained Glass

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students: Pictures of Faith

**October 14: "The Cross" - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

Projects:

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students: Stained Glass

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students: Pictures of Faith

**October 28: "Law & Gospel" - Matthew 22:34-40**

Projects:

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students: Stained Glass

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students: Pictures of Faith

**November 4: "Saint & Sinner" - Romans 7:15-25**

Projects:

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students: Stained Glass

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students: Pictures of Faith

**November 18: "The Church" - Acts 2:41-47**

Projects:

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students: Stained Glass

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students: Pictures of Faith

*November 22: Thanksgiving Worship Service – 9:30 am*

*November 25: THANKSGIVING BREAK - **NO CONFIRMATION OR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL GRADES***

**December 2: "Freedom of a Christian" - Galatians 5:1, 13**

Projects:

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students: Stained Glass

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students: Pictures of Faith

**December 16: "Grace" - John 1:14-17**

Project: Christmas Traditions or finish fall projects

*December 16: 9:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program for all grades*

*December 24: Christmas Eve Worship Services – 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 pm*

*December 30: CHRISTMAS BREAK - **NO CONFIRMATION OR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL GRADES***

**January 6: "The Neighbor" - Luke 10:25-37**

Project: Souper Bowl of Caring

**January 20: Mud & Maker Class Trip**

Project: Souper "Bowls" of Caring

**SATURDAY February 2: Souper Bowl of Caring Retreat - 10 am - 5 pm**

Project: Souper Bowl of Caring

**February 24: "The Word" - John 1:1-5**

Project: Preparing for Worship

*March 6: Ash Wednesday - Worship Services @ 2:30 & 7:30 pm*

**March 10: "Bondage of the Will" - Luke 22:39-42**

Project: Preparing for Worship

**March 24: "Two Kingdoms" - Matthew 3:1-6**

Project: Preparing for Worship

April 12 or 13\*\*\*Palm Stripping - Date and time TBA

**April 14: "Worship" - Psalm 95:1-7 (Palm Sunday)**

Project: Preparing for Worship

*April 18: Maundy Thursday Worship- 2:30 & 7:30 pm*

*First Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students at 7:30 service*

*April 19: Good Friday Worship - 2:30 & 7:30 pm*

*April 20: Easter Vigil service*

*April 21: Easter Sunday Worship Services & Sunday School Easter Program for all*

**SATURDAY April 27 - "Images of our Faith" - Youth-Led Worship Service - 6:00 pm**

*We will schedule a "run" through of service early Saturday morning.*

**APRIL 28: TENTATIVE SNOW MAKEUP CLASS IF NECESSARY**

**May 5 - "Devil & Doubt" - Hebrews 2:14-15**

Projects:

2nd Year Students: TBA

3rd Year Students: Conversation with Pastor Chris

**May 19 - "Last Class"**

Project: TBA

*Beginning May 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> year students who are on track to be confirmed on June 8, 2019, will **also** meet during the Sunday School hour on the following dates: 5/12, 5/19 and 6/2 to prepare for their Affirmation of Baptism Service. Students lead the service, so it's very important they attend!*

**JUNE 8: 6:00 PM AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students**

## EXPECTATIONS

Confirmation is a partnership between parents and the church whose purpose is to teach children what it means to live out our Lutheran faith in word and deed. Parents, as the main role models, and the church work together in providing a framework for children to learn the basic tenets of our faith; and in providing opportunities for engagement in worship and ministry (service). This partnership begins with the promises parents' make at their child's Baptism and culminates in a child affirming (taking on) those baptismal promises as their own.

Because of the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf, choosing to follow Christ is the most important commitment anyone makes. Confirmation is a significant step in a child's faith journey and is never entered into lightly. The church takes its role in the partnership seriously as do parents by investing a significant amount of time supporting and nurturing a child's faith journey. The child, then, must also be a willing participant as none of this works without their commitment, too.

Confirmation is a voluntary program and we assume that by enrolling, students and their families agree to all requirements of the program. The requirements are fairly simple:

- Attend and participate in worship on a regular basis.\*
  - o Ushers will provide students with attendance slips. Students complete and place in offering plate.

\*Children attending worship outside of Trinity should bring a signed bulletin to confirmation class in order to receive credit.

- Attend and participate in all classes.
  - o Students and parents review and discuss assigned scripture verse for each lesson
  - o Bring bibles to all classes
  - o Work respectfully with all students, teachers, pastors and parents
- Perform 4 Volunteer Ministries
  - o Forms will be available during class

We realize there will be times when students are unable to attend worship and/or class. It is expected those times to be minimal. If there is an unusual amount of absences or non-participation, we will arrange for a meeting between the pastor, parents, child and a member of the confirmation team in order to discuss any issues, concerns, etc. and to figure out how best to proceed.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the Affirmation Service, below is an excerpt from that liturgy that is asked of all confirmands:

***Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?***

*To live among God's faithful people,  
To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

***Each confirmand responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

***What an exciting day it is to witness our children taking on their Baptismal vows!  
Thank you for supporting and nurturing your child's faith life!***

## **CONFIRMATION CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **CONFIRMATION TEAM:**

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