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Dear Confirmation Parents and Students,

I pray that you all had a good summer filled with rest, relaxation, and fun. I am looking forward to the beginning of a new Confirmation year. I would like to welcome our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade families into our program. We are excited for your child to grow in their faith and be part of our Jr. High Youth Ministry.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have Confirmation classes on Thursday evenings from 7:15pm-8:30pm 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 Thursday 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 (2026/2027)

**Year B: LIVING SCRIPTURE** -- Old Testament, New Testament, Life of Jesus (2027/2028)

**Year C: LIVING FAITH** -- 10 Commandments, Lord’s Prayer, Hot Topics (2025/2026)

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students is on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 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.***

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS:**

- 1) All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend all Confirmation classes on Thursdays from 7:15pm-8:30pm.
- 2) All students are expected to attend at least 50% of all church services (Sundays: 8:15am or 10:45am 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 be given out as well. *\*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 8<sup>th</sup> grade will choose or be assigned a congregational sponsor to serve as their mentor following their Rite of Confirmation.

**\*\*Additionally, there will be a winter retreat that all Confirmation students are required to attend.** Dates and times are still being worked on and will be made available in the coming weeks.

**Attention all 6<sup>th</sup> grade families. Please attend our St. Luke Rally Day on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am so your child can receive their Small Catechism for Confirmation class.** This will be a contemporary service. There will be a BBQ and fellowship time following the service. Rally Day is open to ALL families. We hope to see you all there.

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

Any questions, feel free to contact me at [Jackie@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:Jackie@stlukedixhills.org).

In Christ's Service,

*Jackie Flynn*

Commissioned Minister of Religion

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# Confirmation Class Schedule

**2025- 2026**

<i>Meets on Thursday evenings 7:15pm - 8:30pm in the Church</i>			
<b>2025</b>		<b>2026</b>	
<b><u>September</u></b>		<b><u>January</u></b>	
Sun. Sept. 7	Rally Day-6 <sup>th</sup> graders receive Catechisms at service	Jan. 1	<b>NO CLASS</b>
Sept. 18	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Jan. 8	Class
Sept. 25	Class	Jan. 15	Class
		Jan. 22	<b>NO CLASS</b>
<b><u>October</u></b>		Jan. 29	Class
Oct. 2	<b>NO CLASS</b>		
Oct. 9	Class	<b><u>February</u></b>	
Oct. 16	Class	Feb. 5	Class
Oct. 23	Class	Feb. 12	<b>NO CLASS</b>
Oct. 30	<b>NO CLASS</b>	Feb. 19	<b>NO CLASS</b>
		Feb. 26	Class
<b><u>November</u></b>		<b><u>March</u></b>	
Nov. 6	Class	March 5	Class
Nov. 13	Class	March 12	<b>NO CLASS</b>
Nov. 20	Class	March 19	Class
Nov. 27	<b>NO CLASS</b>	March 26	Class
<b><u>December</u></b>		<b><u>Lent &amp; Easter Worship</u></b> Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th Services at 12 noon, 5:00pm & 7:00pm Lenten Wednesdays: Worship at 7:30 pm  April 3- Good Friday: Family Worship at 12 noon Tenebrae (Service of darkness) at 7:30PM April 5- Easter Sunday Worship at 7:30, 9 & 11AM	
Dec. 4	Class		
Dec. 11	Class		
Dec. 18	Class		
Dec. 25	<b>NO CLASS-Christmas Break</b>		
		<b><u>April</u></b>	
<b><u>Advent Worship</u></b> Advent Events begin on Wednesdays starting December 3 <sup>rd</sup> with our Christmas Tree Lighting  <b><u>Additional Christmas Events:</u></b> Dec 20 Youth Christmas Caroling at 5:00pm Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 5 & 9 PM Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 AM		April 2	<b>NO CLASS</b>
		April 9	<b>NO CLASS</b>
		April 16	Class
		April 23	Class
		April 30	<b>NO CLASS</b>
		<b><u>May</u></b>	
		May 7	Class
		May 14	Last Class- Confirmation Party
		<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Conf. Rehearsal – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade only
		<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Rite of Confirmation- 10:45am

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