

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY PROCESS

Grace Lutheran Church

"Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission." (Joint Declaration, 1969)

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

2010 - 2011

THIRD GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen (15) Worship Units earned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen (15) Sunday School Credits earned.

CONFIRMATION UNIT: Investiture Service & Receive Bibles:

Tuesday, September 21, 6 p.m.: Parent/Student meeting.

Sunday, October 03: Investiture & Receive Bibles in Worship

Learning: Liturgies for Worship.

Sundays, January 9 and January 16: Parent/Student classes, to study the Worship Service liturgies used at Grace. Classes held at 5:30 both evenings.

Sunday, January 23: Lead Narrative Worship Service. Serving:

Serving: Sharpening pencils, straightening Bibles & Hymnals, marking lessons in Lectern Bible.

TIF Unit: The Bible: selected Bible verses read together @ worship service.
Parent/Student classes during Sunday School, Oct. 31 Nov. 07, 14.
Participation @ Worship: November 21.

FOURTH GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen (15) Worship Units earned .

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen (15) Sunday School Credits earned.

CONFIRMATION UNIT:

Learning: **Devotional Readings in Mark**

January 03-30. Pastor visits the home of each student to discuss personal and family devotions using selected readings from the Gospel of Mark.

Sunday, January 23: Lead congregation in Responsive Reading of the Psalm in Worship.

Serving: Deliver Devotional Booklets to Shut-ins.

TIF Unit: The Apostles' Creed

Parent/Student classes during Sunday School, Sept.19, 26, Oct. 3. Lead congregation in Apostles' Creed @ worship on October 10.

(Revised 05-11-10)

**CONFIRMATION MINISTRY PROCESS for 2010 -2011
(CONTINUED)**

FIFTH GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen (15) Worship Units earned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen (15) Sunday School Credits earned.

CONFIRMATION UNIT:

Learning: **Holy Communion Unit**

January 30 & March 13: Parent/Student meetings. Both at 6:00 PM

March 20: Celebration of First Communion.

Serving: During Holy Communion Study Unit: Help Altar Guild set up for Holy Communion at least one time. Following unit: Distribute bread for Communion one time.

Memory: Sacrament of Holy Communion.

TIF Unit: Martin Luther

Parent/Student classes during Sunday School, Oct. 10, 17, 24.

Luther's morning prayer @ worship service on Oct 31.

SIXTH GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen Worship Units earned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen Sunday School Credits earned.

CONFIRMATION UNIT:

Learning: **Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.**

January 7 & 8: Overnight Retreat @ Grace

January 9: Lead "*Prayer of the People*" in Worship. Serving: Prayer partners with retired members of the congregation.

Memory: Lord's Prayer & Meanings.

Serving: Serve as Acolytes: September through May.

TIF Unit: Confession and Absolution

Parent/Student classes during Sunday School, Nov. 21, Dec. 5.

lead in confession/absolution @ worship service on December 12.

SEVENTH GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen (15) Worship Units earned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen (15) Sunday School Credits earned.

CONFIRMATION UNIT:

Learning: **Our Lutheran Heritage & Holy Baptism Unit**

Unit 1: Holy Baptism: September 15: Parent/Student meeting 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Class.

Classes @ 5:30 p.m., on Wednesdays through Oct 27.

October 20 No Confirmation: MEA Break

October 27, 5:30 p.m.: Parent/Student meeting (Banner Making)

Sunday, **October 24,** Affirmation of Baptism participation at the
Worship Service.

Unit 2: We are the Lutherans:

January 7 & 8: Overnight Retreat @ Grace

Memory: Sacrament of Baptism

Serving: September through May, serving as Acolytes.

Cleaning Nursery Quarterly

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY PROCESS for 2010 - 2011 (CONTINUED)

EIGHTH GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen (15) Worship Units earned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen (15) Sunday School Credits earned.

CONFIRMATION UNIT:

Learning: **Old Testament Studies.**

Saints and Sojourners as material.

Session 1: **September 22 through November 17**

Wednesday classes @ 6:40 p.m.

No Confirmation Class October 20th MEA Break

Session 2: **March 18-20, 2010:**

Week-end Retreat @ Camp Vermillion (with 9th grade)

Memory: Ten Commandments & Meanings.

Serving: Usher two times and serve in Nursery two times.

Spring Clean-up of the Church Property or Camp Vermillion.

NINTH GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen Worship Units earned. Lead both worship services one Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen Sunday School Credits earned.

CONFIRMATION UNIT:

Learning: **New Testament Studies:**

Session 1: **September 15 through November 17;**

Gospel of Matthew: *Wednesday classes @ 7:30 p.m.*

No Confirmation Class October 20th MEA Break

Session 2: **March 18-20, 2010:**

Week-end Retreat @ Camp Vermillion (with 8th grade)

Memory: Apostles' Creed & Meanings

Serving: Be Greeter two times and serve in Nursery two times.

Work in Volunteer capacity in some "unrelated to Grace activity for which you are neither receiving credit elsewhere, nor being paid. (Six hours)

Attend and take notes of two Ministry Team Meetings.

TENTH GRADE

WORSHIP: Fifteen Worship Units earned

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Fifteen Sunday School Credits earned.

Learning:

Session 1: **Ten to Live By**—Study of Ten Commandments

Sept. 15 through Nov. 3; *Wed sessions from 6-9p.m.*

No Confirmation Class October 20th MEA Break

Session 2: **This We Believe**—Study of Apostle's Creed

March 18-20, 2010, *Weekend Retreat @ Camp Vermillion*

Serving: Work with Either Food Shelf or ???????? Ministry (Six hours)

Attend one **Parish Planning Council meeting—take and turn in notes on meeting.**

ELEVENTH GRADE INTERN-MENTOR PROGRAM SCHEDULE – 2010

A. DEFINITION OF CONFIRMATION: *“Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participated more fully in its mission.”*

B. MENTOR:

1. Prayerfully selected: One mentor per intern using confirmation definition, prayer and consultation with parent(s).
2. Study Areas: Integration of faith with:
 - a. job/vocation
 - b. congregation
 - c. family
 - d. social life
 - e. discipleship & continued congregational participation

C. TIME TABLE:

1. General:

- April 14, 7:30 p.m. - meeting of Sophomores and parents
- April 30—mentor selected & reported to P.A. & Church Office
- May 12, 7:30 p.m. – mentor meeting in Fireside Room
- August 05, 6 p.m. – Intern & Mentor meeting. Spiritual Gifts Inventory.
- By Sept. 12 – have scheduled/completed first PA meeting.
- By Oct. 10 – have scheduled/completed second PA meeting.
- October 10 – Presented to Congregation in morning Worship Service.
- October 10 – 5:30 p.m. – Dinner and Mass Wrap-Up, with pictures taken.
Attendees: Students, Parents, Mentors & Cong. Leaders
- October 30 – 9 a.m. – Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- October 31 – Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation
- By November 14 – have scheduled/completed third PA meeting

2. INTERN MENTOR PROCESS: (I.M.) In Detail

- a. August 05, 6 p.m. – Intern/Mentor meeting. Spiritual Gifts Inventory.
- b. August 05-31 – Intern arranges/spends 2 separate hours with Mentor using prepared guidelines.
- c. Intern spends 1 hour preparing for PA meeting.
- d. September 01-14 - Intern arranges/spends 1 hour meeting with PA.
- e. September 10-30 – Intern arranges/spends 2 separate hours with Mentor using prepared guidelines.
- f. Intern spends 1 hour preparing for PA meeting
- g. October 01-15 – Intern arranges/spends 1 hour meeting with PA.
- h. October 15-25 – Intern arranges/spends 1 hour with Mentor to design continuing participation, using prepared guidelines.
- i. Intern spends ½ hour preparing for PA meeting.
- j. November 01-14 - Intern arranges/spends ½ hour with PA.

3. MASS WRAP-UP: October 10, 5:30 p.m.

4. TOTAL LENGTH OF TIME for I.M. Unit:

- a. With Mentor: 5 hours
- b. Preparation for P.A. meetings: 2 ½ hours.
- c. With PA: 2 ½ hours.

TOTAL: 10 hours.

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