

Welcome to 7th-8th Grade Confirmation at Hope!

Orientation - September 2023



What is Confirmation?

- The Confirmation process is a period of instruction in the Christian faith leading to a public confession of what God has done for us in baptism.
- Pastors, teachers, and parents partner in preparing young men and women for fuller engagement and responsibility in the body of Christ and as members of Hope. While the pastor, DCE, and others might provide formal instruction at set times on a weekly basis, the partnership leadership of parents in the home during this process is crucial.
- A key part of the Confirmation experience includes instruction leading to the reception of the Lord's Supper.

Normal Gathering Time: Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:20pm (Meeting Room)

- See the schedule for more details (topics, days off, etc.)
- Please bring your Bible, Catechism, and workbook each week!
- We will communicate changes to the schedule via email – please provide a good address.
- ***Parents: Please sign up for a week as a group facilitator – thank you!***

Curriculum This Year: Enduring Faith Catechism Overview

- **Your workbook will help guide us through weekly gatherings. Please remember to bring it!**
- **Suggested donation: \$25 to cover your Catechism and Workbook (yours to keep).**

Requirements throughout the year:

- **Be present with us each week, both for class and for worship!**
- **Weekly Memory Work:** Quiz at the beginning of class.
- **16 Sermon Study Reports:** Turn in at class time or drop off at Church anytime. If your family worships at another Christian church, the student can turn in a sermon study sheet along with the church's bulletin. Midweek and special worship services also count.
- **3 Service Projects:** Please record your participation using the Service Project Form.
- **Service in Worship 8 Times:** On at least eight occasions throughout the year, students will serve in worship in one of the following ways: ushering, reading the Scriptures, advancing slides, lighting candles, greeting, providing musical leadership (for example, participating with the praise team), and/or participating in the Christmas program.
- **(8th Graders) Statement of Faith:** At the completion of Confirmation, students will write a one-page statement of faith to read for the congregation as Confirmation Day approaches.

Additional faith- and community-building opportunities:

- **Sunday School/Bible Study each week at 9:15am.**
- **Junior Youth evenings led by DCE Hannah.**
- **Camp Luther winter retreat in January 2023. More details to come...**

Confirmation Sunday: May 5, 2024. Mark your calendars!