

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

Orientation - August 2026



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 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 (Fellowship Hall)

- See the schedule for more details (topics, days off, etc.)
- Please bring your Bible and binder each week!
- We will communicate changes to the schedule via email – please provide a good address.
- ***New this year: Family Fellowship Meals about once a month. Meal begins at 5pm. See the schedule for dates.***

Curriculum This Year: Head to the Heart Bible Overview

- We will provide a binder for your weekly handouts. Please remember to bring it!

Requirements throughout the year:

- **Be present with us each week, both for class and for worship!**
- **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.
- **Faith5 Family Devotions:** We will provide you with a sheet that includes Bible Verses for a week of Family Devotions. Please have a parent sign the sheet and bring it back the following week to confirm your participation.
- **3 Service Projects:** Please record your participation using the Service Project Form. Students are encouraged to participate in service projects in their small groups. Lenten projects, youth servant events, and Cross Training all count toward this number.
- **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.
- **Lent:** During Lent, students will not attend class. Instead, students will be expected to attend at least 5 Wednesday night services (meals will be offered beforehand) and 1 service project with their small group. Please fill out sermon notes and service project forms for each.

- **(8th Graders) Cross Training:** June 27th -July 2nd, students will participate in this weeklong servant event as a capstone experience. Forms for this will be due January 13th.
- **(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:

- Youth Group – Sunday morning Bible Studies, Monthly Youth Events
- Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event – Oct 8, 5:00-6:30pm (depart Hope at 4:15pm)
- Middle School Meltdown – Partnering with Our Savior Lutheran Church on Nov 20th. Open gym, crafts, ice cream! More details to come...
- Camp Luther winter retreat in January 2026. More details to come...

Confirmation Sunday: October 31, 2027. Mark your calendars!