

Peace Lutheran Confirmation 2017-2018

Cancellations

Winter storm cancellations will be announced on KDUZ and KARP radio. When Hutchinson Public Schools close because of weather prior to confirmation class, confirmation will also be canceled on that Wednesday.

Introduction

Confirmation is preparing young people to affirm their baptism. Most young people are baptized as infants; in baptism, promises were made by God, the church, parents and sponsors. In the Affirmation of Baptism, young people make promises even we would find pretty overwhelming, but we want them to take it seriously.

Confirmation is not graduation from God (or church); it's not a list of requirements that you must fulfill in order for God to love you...it's not your only chance to get offering envelopes or an excuse to wear stylish robes and light candles in front of the congregation.

Peace provides pastors and leaders to offer instruction to students; caring adults who will help mentor students in faith. The church will communicate with students and parents about expectations and be supportive of parents' role in confirmation.

Scope & Sequence

- ✚ 6th Grade: Bible and Worship
- ✚ 7th/8th Grade: 6 Chief Parts in Luther's Small Catechism
- ✚ 7th Graders: Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Omega in October
- ✚ 8th Graders: Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Omega in April

Students - Expectations

- ✚ Faithfully attend class
- ✚ Worship regularly and attend Sunday School
- ✚ Serve as Acolyte at worship when scheduled
- ✚ Engage in group service projects
- ✚ Attend regular youth ministry events

Student's Conduct

- ✚ Respect themselves, each other and all of the adults in charge. Mutual respect is vital for a group to work well. No one will insult each other, put each other down, make rude gestures or physically harass each other. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. When a problem arises, the group will meet with a pastor to work out a solution. If the problem centers on a particular student, his or her parents will be expected to attend confirmation until the problem is resolved. Everyone in confirmation has a right to learn and grow in their faith.

Student's Role in Confirmation

- ✚ Students will come prepared and on time. They will remember to bring their Bibles and Catechisms each week. They will do their best to follow directions the first time and do their best to complete the work assigned.
- ✚ Students will leave distractive items such as all electronic devices at home. They will comply when asked to put away their phones. Be engaged with the people you are with!
- ✚ Students will be committed to growing spiritually in their faith and work hard at having fun!
- ✚ Students respect and care for Peace's building and grounds. Remember this is God's House. Pickup after yourself and others.

Parent's Role in Confirmation

- ✚ Worship with your child(ren)
- ✚ Bring students to confirmation events
- ✚ Be supportive of church's role in confirmation
- ✚ Have conversations about faith outside of church
- ✚ Pray for your student and the adult leaders who are involved in confirmation
- ✚ Help your student with memory work
- ✚ Be encouraging of acolyte and sermon reflections

Mentor Program

What is a confirmation mentor?

In general, a confirmation mentor is someone willing to befriend and guide a confirmation student in matters related to faith and life. Ideally, a mentor is an adult, non-family member, who is actively involved in worship and congregational life at Peace Lutheran Church. He or she has a sense that mentoring is one way in which people fulfill their vows to nurture the baptized and help them mature in healthy ways. A mentor is not a parent, a peer, a bank, God or perfect. But a mentor IS:

- ✚ **Someone to talk to**
- ✚ **Someone to say, "You matter to me."**
- ✚ **Someone who takes students seriously.**
- ✚ **Someone who doesn't judge**
- ✚ **Someone who is understanding**
- ✚ **Someone who loves to laugh**
- ✚ **Someone who can be serious**
- ✚ **Someone who cares**

At Peace Lutheran Church, confirmation mentors will be asked to do the following things:

- ✚ **Pray daily for their mentor-ling**
- ✚ **Engage in regular 'conversation' (weekly is ideal - using social media, etc.)**
- ✚ **Complete one service project together each year**
- ✚ **Have at least one fun/fellowship time together**
- ✚ **Attend Wednesday night classes**
- ✚ **Discuss matters of faith honestly, helpfully and candidly**
- ✚ **Take interest in their mentor-ling's life and activities**
- ✚ **Be a friend who cares**

Materials and Cost

The cost for **7th and 8th Grade students** each year of confirmation is a donation of \$25.00.

The cost for the **6th Grade students** is a donation of \$10.00.

(Included in the cost is all text books (Bible, etc.), printed handouts and support material.)

The students are encouraged to take good care of the materials they receive. The Bible, Catechism and handouts are intended to be used for continued growth in faith in Jesus Christ now and in the future.

It is appreciated if the donation can be made on or before September 30th.

Memory Work

Memory work is part of the **7th and 8th grade** program here at Peace Lutheran. The Confirmation instruction staff believes God uses His true, inerrant, inspired word to create and strengthen faith in us. Memory work reminds us at all times of God's loving plan of salvation and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

This is a great way for parents to be involved with your student's confirmation. Help them with their weekly memory work assignment, explain any new words found in that assignment and "OK" that the memory work is completed.

Romans 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Sermon Reflections

All **7th and 8th Grade students** confirmation Students will be asked to do analysis of ten sermons each semester. Sermon Reflection forms will be provided. You may do these for sermons at the regular weekend services or for sermons at midweek Advent and Lenten Services. If you attend another church for worship, please be sure to put the name of the church and the name of the pastor on the form. Please bring a bulletin from the church you were visiting.