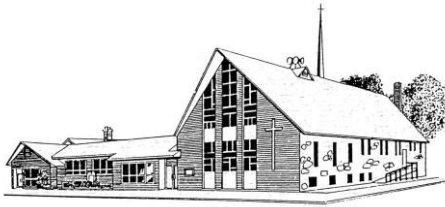


FIRST ENGLISH



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Confirmation 2024 - 2025

Confirmation is a time set aside by the Church for the continued learning of the Holy Scriptures, Luther’s Small Catechism, and *all that* God has promised us in the work and person of Jesus Christ. Each of you have been made children of God by Holy Baptism according to Christ’s promise [Mark 16:16]. Since then your family and church have taught you to pray, told you stories about God, and have brought you to worship. Confirmation brings *all* that you have already learned together – and continues the task of teaching “the chief things which concern a Christian [Luther, AE 51:70].”

Goals for Confirmation

- A deep, living faith in Jesus Christ through hearing God’s word of the Gospel
- A sound knowledge of the Biblical stories of the Old and New Testament
- An appreciation of Luther’s Small Catechism as a true summary of Holy Scripture, and as continued catechetical and devotional resource
- A familiar and comfortability in worship and liturgy
- An ability to share and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ

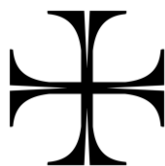


Guiding Principles

- The pastor's involvement in confirmation instruction and teaching is essential.
- The home is an active partner in the nurturing and the teaching of the Christian faith to all baptized children. The Table of Duties in Small Catechism notes parents are called to "*provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord [Eph. 6:4].*"
- Adults involved in Confirmation are called to be shepherds and mentors for those under their care.
- The clear confession and witness of the Lutheran church and the Biblical story are to be taught and learned.
- Confirmation is a great blessing of the Church as it works to give all students the sure language and knowledge of the Christian faith as proclaimed in the Holy Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism.

Materials Provided:

- Bible
- Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation
- Folder [worksheets will be handed out weekly]
- Loose-leaf notebook



Wednesday Evening

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Meal (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Lesson (Fellowship Hall or Adult Ed. Room)

Expectations

- Attend the Wednesday Confirmation class weekly. If you need to miss, contact Pr. Guthmiller to receive the lesson and any further instruction.
- To be diligent in keeping up with weekly assigned Bible-reading.
 - † Read with a pen and underline verses that stand out.
 - † In your notebook write down questions you have, ideas, insights, and thoughts you have keep a journal of your reading.
 - ‡ “I didn’t know that.”
 - ‡ “I like that.”
 - ‡ “That seems confusing?”
- To be diligent with memory work assigned from the Small Catechism. The objective is to know the Small Catechism from memory so that students easily *have* the Christian faith and language in times of praise and lament.
- That all interaction between classmates, adult leaders, and the pastor are oriented according to the Christian principle of “loving your neighbor as yourself [Romans 13:9].”
- Cell phones are to be given to an adult leader prior to the beginning of class. They are to be returned at the end.

Worship Participation

- Attend Sunday worship weekly
- Attend Wednesday Lenten worship services
- Fill out Worship Reflections. One monthly Worship Reflection is the minimum expectation.

Service

- Participate in either a highway cleanup effort (First English sponsors and stewards a portion of highway #), a church cleanup effort, or other activities that seek to help the neighbor in the spirit of Christian love and generosity.

Canceling Class

- Any Wednesday that the Lennox School District is dismissed early or called-off because of bad weather – there will not be confirmation class.

Schedule

- Classes begin September 18th. We plan to have class every Wednesday from September 18th to May 14th, excluding the following dates:

- † November 27nd [Thanksgiving]
- † December 25th [Christmas break]
- † January 1st [Christmas break]
- † During Lent
- † April 16th [Holy Week]

Let all Christians drill themselves in the catechism daily, and constantly put it into practice, guarding themselves with the greatest care and diligence against the poisonous infection of such security or arrogance. Let them constantly read and teach, learn and meditate and ponder. Let them never stop until they have proved by experience and are certain that they have taught the devil to death and have become more learned than God Himself and all His saints.

Martin Luther, Large Catechism Preface

