

Confirmation Program 2021-2022

August - 2021

Dear Parents and Confirmation Class,

We are excited to announce this year's confirmation schedule and program for the upcoming year.

Purpose – to assist parents and sponsors in carrying out their promise to bring their child up *“in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer; and that as he/she grows in years, place in his/her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him/her to the services of God’s house, and provide for his/her further instruction in the Christian faith, that he/she come to the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood and thus, abiding in his/her baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, he/she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.”* (from “Sacrament of Baptism” – Lutheran Worship)

At Zion we are committed to partner with you in fulfilling what began in baptism. Confirmation will be held on Wednesday nights for the first-year students while the second-year students will meet on Sunday afternoon. The first-year students will meet weekly as scheduled while the second-year students will meet for two-hour sessions every other week. See the schedules attached.

We would also like to visit with you and get to know you better. Therefore, we will have a Parent/Confirmand Orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. If you are not able to attend, one of the pastors or an elder will call you and schedule a home visit. We look forward in working with you.

The following expectations were adopted by the pastors, elders, and council for this year's program:

1. All confirmands must attend class as scheduled along with one of their parents. If the parents are unable to fulfill their responsibility, they can appoint a sponsor to take their place. (Sponsor = another confirmed family member or relative or baptismal sponsor).
2. All confirmands must attend the Confirmation/Youth Retreat. This is an annual tradition which many attend even after confirmation. If you are unable to attend, you will need to make up the time in special make-up sessions. Trust us, the retreat is so worth it. So, plan to attend. The retreat is scheduled for April 22-24 at Stony Glen Camp. Cost for the whole weekend is just \$45 (non-members who attend-\$50).
3. All confirmands must score a 70% or higher on their final exam and average 70% on their work. First year confirmands will need to successfully pass one oral exam (November 21) while second year confirmands will need to pass one oral exam (November 21) and do a special topic presentation at church on April 31.
4. All confirmands must successfully recite memory as assigned. Quizzes should be expected.
5. Because confirmation eventually leads to becoming a communicant member of our church, it would naturally follow that all confirmands would be interested in attending church and serving in any way they can. Therefore, we expect to see you in church.

Confirmation Retreat

This retreat is important and represents 5 hours of instruction. This includes several sectional classes with various pastors on the topic chosen and time in worship and in taking the final test.

Absences

If your child is sick or cannot attend class for some reason, a make-up class will need to be scheduled. Exception – If the child is absent, but the parent/sponsor is present, no make-up class is needed since parents can bring home what was learned and help their children complete the missed work.

We are going to have another great year. If you have any questions, please contact either pastor.

Pastor Kurt Ziemann
(Second Year Instructor)

Pastor Jimmy Riley
(First Year Instructor)

Miss Meghan Holst
(Deaconess Intern)