



Confirmation Newsletter

Grades 7 & 8

Welcome to Confirmation at First Lutheran!

First Lutheran is excited to welcome students in **Grades 7 and 8** to a new year of **Confirmation at First Lutheran Church**—a time of growth, discovery, and connection. This journey is designed to help you explore your faith, deepen your understanding of what it means to follow Jesus and be a Lutheran, and find your unique place in the body of Christ.

When We Meet

Confirmation classes meet on the first Sunday of each month, with an alternate session offered **the following Monday** for those who can't make it on Sunday. We want to make it possible for everyone to participate, and we encourage families to plan ahead for these important gatherings. A parent or trusted adult should attend every session with their child.

More Than Just a Class

Confirmation is not just about sitting in a room—it's about becoming part of something bigger. As part of the program, students will take part in:

- **BodyWorks:** Serving during worship and church events
- **Community Outreach:** Opportunities to serve beyond our walls
- **Intergenerational Connection:** Building relationships with members of all ages within our congregation

What You'll Learn

Our topics are engaging and rooted in both scripture and everyday life. Throughout the year, we'll explore:

- **What's a Lutheran?**
- **Communion:** Understanding Christ's presence at the table
- **Baptism:** Why it matters and what it means
- **Generosity:** Living with open hands and hearts
- **Living Like Christ:** How our lives reflect His love
- **Mission and Focus of First Lutheran:** Where we're called to serve

More Than Just a Class (Cont.)

You'll meet people, ask big questions, and have plenty of chances to put your faith into action. Whether it's helping during a Sunday service or volunteering in the community, this is a time to grow in leadership, responsibility, and faith.



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Confirmation Requirements

To complete the Confirmation program, students are expected to:

- **Attend Monthly Confirmation Classes**
- **Serve Monthly in BodyWorks:** BodyWorks includes a bunch of ways to serve on a Sunday morning- greeting, coffee hour, reading scripture, helping in the nursery, and more. You will be assigned dates/roles.
- **Submit Monthly Sermon Notes** (forms will be provided)
- **Conduct at Least Two Connection Interviews:** Interview two church members from different generations
- **Attend a New Friends & Members Lunch:** New member lunches are 9/21 and 1/18



Recommended Experiences

These activities help build community and enrich your Confirmation experience. We strongly encourage you to participate in as many as possible:

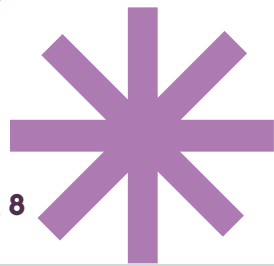
- **Attend Youth Group Gatherings:**
Youth group for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 meets Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room. Activities include service projects, bible exploration, games and more. For a monthly calendar please contact Eric, eengen@flcj.org.
- **Join Us for Mid-Week Worship:**
Wednesdays Together meets the first Sunday of the month, 6-7:30pm in the Gathering Space. All ages are welcome. Each month we have a potluck, eat together, learn together, and have communion.

Recommended Experiences *Cont.*

- **Take Part in the CROP Walk:**
Mark your calendar for the CROP Walk on April 26. Together we walk and raise funds to fight hunger. More details to come.
- **Go Caroling with the Congregation:**
Join the First Lutheran Caroling Party on December 16 at 5:45pm. Meet in the Gathering Space and get ready to spread some cheer. All ages welcome.
- **Join the Winter Chill Retreat:**
Winter Chill is a FAVORITE. Come ski, snowboard, or hang in the lodge! Winter Chill is January 9-11 and open to grades 7-12. For more details contact Eric at eengen@flcj.org.
- **Attend all four First Steps sessions:**
First Steps is a discipleship course open to all ages. We will talk about First Steps in our confirmation sessions.



Confirmation Schedule



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- **Sundays:** confirmation meets after the 9:30am service (approx. 10:40am–Noon)
- **Mondays:** confirmation meets 7–8:15pm
- **Sept 14 Confirmation Orientation:** Come see what's new this year. Parents and students should attend the orientation at 10:40am–Noon in the Chapel. Can't make it. Contact Renee.
- **Sept 21 New Friends Brunch** following the 9:30am service at church. The other option is Jan 18. Please let Renee know which one you plan to attend.
- **Oct 5/6 What's a L...:** Ever wonder what Lutherans believe or where the Lutheran church even came from? Let's explore what it means to follow Jesus as a Lutheran.
- **Nov 2/3 Generosity...:** What does it mean to be generous with our time, resources, talent, and our lives? And what is Altar Guild anyway?
- **Dec 7/8 Communion:** What are the roots of communion? Why did Jesus ask us to celebrate it? What does communion mean today?
- **Jan 4/5 Baptism:** Should you be baptized as a baby or an adult? Is baptism a ticket to heaven? And I'm baptized, now what?!
- **Jan 18 New Friends Brunch** following the 9:30am service at church. Please let Renee know you plan to attend.
- **Feb 1/2 First Steps Discipleship Course:** Join the larger congregation as we learn more about living like Christ.
- **Mar 1/2 First Steps:** What is the mission and focus of First Lutheran, and what is my part to play?
- **Apr 26 CROP Walk:** Together we walk and raise funds to fight hunger. More details to come.
- **May 3/4 End of year class celebration**

You Get Out What You Put In

The more you bring to Confirmation, the more you'll gain from it. Be ready to engage, ask questions, and try new things. God is already at work in your life—Confirmation is a chance to discover how.

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