

Large Group Lessons

These lessons follow a 3 yr. curriculum based on the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism.

The students go into small group discussion time after the lesson. Two or more caring adults called Small Group Guides facilitate the sharing of highs and lows, prayer, and discussion of the topic learned in the lesson.

During this small group time, guides record thoughts shared on a Group Discussion Sheet and turn it in to the director. If a student is absent on a large group lesson night, the student will have to complete this sheet on their own and turn it in to the director.

Important concepts for faith life and growth are addressed in confirmation. Small group discussion time, discussion time with parents, and completion of group discussion sheets give each person the opportunity to reflect on what has been learned and to further soak it in to their hearts and minds. It really is a matter of strengthening one's relationship with the Lord. It is up to the student and parent to get the most out of their confirmation instruction.

Time frame on these nights:

5:45-6:30: Large group lesson

6:30-7:00: Small group discussion

Small Group Nights

The small group gatherings are for the purpose of bonding with Christ and with each other as well as having fun and serving God by serving others.

Fellowship events and service projects are enjoyed by the groups. For example, one month the group may choose to go bowling, get together at someone's home for some game time or share a meal together. They may share their highs and lows and pray with each other in the car on the way. The next month the group does a service project for the congregation, community, or outside the community.

The individual small groups determine the meeting time and place for their small group events. If you are unsure of where they will be meeting, please contact the small group guides.



Confirmation 6th, 7th, 8th Grade 2019-2020



Confirmation

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Goals:

First and foremost, the goal is for each youth to develop a strong relationship with Jesus Christ.

The three year confirmation program at All Saints is an opportunity to teach youth what it means to be an active disciple and a member of the Body of Christ both in this congregation and in the world.

Confirmation provides the opportunity for youth to grow in their faith and become confident in claiming their faith for their own. Confirmation expands upon the learning that has already taken place in the home and in the church.

Confirmation is a faith stepping stone and is not a graduation. One's faith life is a journey that never ends. Confirmation is a transition from Sunday school to service in the church and world.

2019-2020 Confirmation Schedule:

- Sept 11 5:45 - 6:30 pm Parent/Student Orientation-
Lesson: Uncomplicating the Bible
6:30 - 7:00 pm Small Group Guide Orientation
- Sept 18 Small Groups meet
- Sept 25 Lg. Grp Lesson "Jesus Calls First Disciples"
- Oct 2 6th & 7th grade College Care Packages
8th Grade clean ditches
- Oct 9 Lg. Grp. Lesson" The Gerasene Demoniac
- Oct 16 No Confirmation, MEA
- Oct 23 Small Groups meet
- Oct 30 Lg. Grp. Lesson: The Good Samaritan
- Nov 6 Small Groups meet
- Nov 13 Lg. Grp. Lesson: Zacchaeus
- Nov 20 Lg. Grp. Lesson: The Sending of the 70
- Nov 27 No Confirmation, Thanksgiving
- Dec 4 Small Groups Christmas Party
- Dec 11, 18, 25, Jan 1 No Confirmation
- Jan 8 Lg. Grp. Lesson: Parables of Lost & Found
- Jan 15 Small Groups meet
- Jan 22 Lg. Grp. Lesson: Sheep & Goats
- Jan 29 Small Groups meet
- Feb 5 Lg. Grp. Lesson: The Transfiguration
- Feb 12 Small Groups meet
- Feb 19 Lg. Grp. Lesson: Last Supper, Crucifixion & Resurrection
- Feb 26 No Confirmation - Ash Wednesday
- Mar 4 Small Groups meet
- Mar 11 Lg. Grp. Lesson: Pentecost, followed by Worship
- Mar 18 5:45 pm 8th Gr. meets with Church Council for Lent supper & conversation followed by worship. 6th & 7th Grade off.
- Mar 25 No Confirmation - Central Spring Break
- Apr 1 Last Lg. Grp. Lesson: Revelation, followed by Worship
- Apr 8 No Confirmation - Holy Week
- Apr 15 8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal at 6:30 pm
- Apr 19 Confirmation Sunday for 8th Grade
9:00 a.m. service for the boys
10:30 a.m. service for the girls
- *7th grade cleans ditches sometime in Apr or May*

Registration form & Confirmation fee:

Fill out a form each year. The fee is \$20 per child with a family maximum of \$40. This helps defray the cost of curriculum and supplies. Scholarships are available. Speak with Pastor Eric.

Requirements of Confirmation students:

1. Come to orientation night.
2. Attend all large group and small group events. Contact your small group guide if you are unable to make it.
3. Bring your Bible & something to write with to every large group lesson.
4. Actively participate in your small group discussion time and completion of Group Discussion Sheets.
5. If absent on a Large Group. night, complete Group Discussion Sheet on your own and turn it in.
6. Complete 8 Sermon notes each year.
7. Complete 4 Sunday morning service activities each year, one of those being acolyting.

Requirements of Parents:

1. Come to orientation night.
2. Support your child in the keeping of all the above stated requirements.
3. Discuss the large group lesson topics with your child (see schedule).
4. Sign the Sunday morning activities form each time your child completes an activity and be sure your child turns the form in.
5. If you are not a Small Group Guide, volunteer often to be a driver, chaperone, etc.
6. NEW: encourage your child to bring an offering to each large group lesson night to benefit an organization or group that we choose on orientation night.

