

Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation)
Catechism Year Program Outline
2020-2021

A.O.B. IS NOT SCHOOL! THIS IS NOT EXTRA HOMEWORK! YOU CAN NOT “FAIL”!

Confirmation is an affirmation of what was said over you at your baptism. This is not the end or the culmination of study. This is an intentional step forward on your walk of faith which will twist and turn throughout life.

Through this three-year program (Old Testament year, New Testament year, and Catechism year) you will grow in your understanding of the foundation and practices of our faith. In this way you can become more confident and claim this unique and personal faith as your own. This will give you a better understanding of where you fit within the body of Christ and your individual call to serve God’s people.

Faith formation doesn’t happen within the walls of the church alone. These things take place at home, in service out in the world, in your relationships to your neighbor. Not all learners absorb information best by listening to a lecture. Some learn by doing, some learn by moving, some learn by reading, some learn by asking questions. For these reasons, our Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation) curriculum uses a variety of teaching approaches, a variety of settings/group sizes, and a variety of learning opportunities.

Large group nights:

These lessons follow a 3 year curriculum based on the Old Testament, the New Testament, and our Lutheran catechism. On large group nights, from 5:30-6:15, all students and guides will gather in the sanctuary to learn about that night’s topic. After our group lesson, from 6:15-6:45, the students and their guides will break into small groups to discuss the lesson, share their highs and lows, and plan the upcoming small group night.

Small group nights:

The purpose of small group nights is to bond together as a cohort through service and fun! The time, place, and activity for these nights is completely up to the small group. One night you might choose to go bowling, the next you might go to Feed My Starving Children for a food pack. One week you have game night and a meal at someone’s house, the next you’re making personal care kits for Community Action Partnership. It’s up to you how you wish to grow deeper in your relationship as a group and how you wish to serve God’s people.

Requirements for students:

1. Come to Confirmation Orientation Information Coordination Night.
2. Attend all large and small group nights. Contact your small group guide if you are unable to join and they will give you the resources you need to make up your time.
3. Bring your Bible/Small Catechism, something to write with, and something to write on to every large group lesson.
4. Actively participate in large group and small group discussions.

5. Complete 8 sermon notes per year and turn them in to Pastor Matt.
6. Complete 4 Sunday morning service activities (such as acolyting, ushering, lector, coffee service, communion assisting, Sunday school assisting, tech team, cleaning out kid's bags, singing on worship team, or any other idea you can clear with Pastor Matt).

Requirements for parents:

1. Come to Confirmation Orientation Information Coordination Night.
2. Support your child in completing the requirements stated above.
3. Ask them about what they are learning and doing in confirmation. This will help them retain the lessons learned by putting it in their own words. They will also become more invested if they see that you care and that this is important to you too. Faith formation happens at home!
4. Sign the Sunday morning activities form each time your child completes an activity.
5. If you are not a small group guide, volunteer to be a driver, a chaperone, etc.

Registration form:

Fill out the registration form enclosed or online. A new form is required each year.

Confirmation fee:

The Confirmation fee is \$20 and helps defray the cost of curriculum and supplies. Scholarships are available upon requests. Please reach out to Pastor Matt, Pastor Eric, or Darcy if this is an issue for you. Money should never be a barrier for your participation, we want you here!

2020-2021 Schedule

Large group Wednesdays **5:30-6:15 Large group lesson together in Sanctuary**
6:15-6:45 Small group check-in and conversation

Small group Wednesdays **Time, place, and activity TBD by group**

Sep 16 Confirmation Orientation Information Coordination night
Sep 23 Large group: What is the catechism? Who is Martin Luther? Who
 is Katie Luther?
Sep 30 6th & 7th Small groups meet
 8th graders clean ditches
Oct 7 Large group: What are the 10 commandments (1-5)?
Oct 14 (Skip due to MEA)
Oct 21 Large group: What are the 10 commandments (6-10)?
Oct 28 8th Grade small groups meet
 6th 7th College Care Packages
Nov 4 Large group: What is the Apostle's Creed (Article 1)?
Nov 11 Small groups meet
Nov 18 Large group: What is the Apostle's Creed (Article 2)?
Nov 25 (Skip due to Thanksgiving)
Dec 2 Small group Christmas Party
Dec 9, 16, 23, 30 (Skip due to Advent)
Jan 6 Large group: What is the Apostle's Creed (Article 3)?
Jan 13 Small groups meet
Jan 20 Large group: What is the Lord's Prayer (1-4 petition)?
Jan 27 Small groups meet
Feb 3 Large group: What is the Lord's Prayer (5-conclusion)?
Feb 10 Small groups meet
Feb 17 (Skip due to Ash Wednesday)
Feb 24 Large group: What is baptism?
 & Lenten Worship at 6:30
March 3 Small groups meet
 & Lenten worship at 6:30
March 10 Large group: What is communion?
 & Lenten worship at 6:30
March 17 Small groups meet
 & Lenten worship at 6:30
March 24 Large group: What is prayer?
 & Lenten worship at 6:30
March 31 (Skip due to Holy Week/Spring Break)
April 7 Confirmation Sunday rehearsal
April 11 Confirmation Sunday!!!
April 14 Large group: End of the year PARTY