













CONFIRMATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

After a meeting of the different participating congregations, we have drafted a new proposal for a confirmation program that is intended to reach more of our youth at an earlier age with the hopes of preparing them for a life of faith.

6th and 7th Graders: Introduction to the Bible

A youth-group style Bible Study. This would happen once a month at the same time as our confirmation program. The kids would have lunch with the confirmands and then move to the youth group room for a time of games and Bible Study. The goal of this group is to build relationships and prepare them for confirmation so that less attention in Confirmation has to be spent on developing a Biblical foundation so that larger, more important themes around social justice, stewardship, church polity, leadership, prayer, etc can be explored more deeply

Curriculum: Echo the Story from Augsburg Fortress

 Session 1: CREATION	 Session 7: EXILE
 Session 2: DISRUPTION	 Session 8: GOD-WITH-US
 Session 3: THE PROMISE	 Session 9: MIRACLES
 Session 4: EXODUS	 Session 10: GOD'S KINGDOM
 Session 5: COMMANDS	 Session 11: DEATH-TO-LIFE
 Session 6: JUDGES & KINGS	 Session 12: THE CHURCH

8th Grade: Catechism

Luther's Small Catechism. Class is once a month for four hours on a Sunday. Lunch starts at 1 pm to allow all congregations the chance to make it on time. Class will end at 5pm. Class time is divided into two parts: Learning and then reinforcement. During the reinforcement time, an activity will be done to help show how what they learned can be used every day in regards to faith. These actives can include a movie with discussion, a field trip, service project, panel discussion, etc.

9th Grade: Final Year of Confirmation

The focus for the final will be the practical nature of ministry, theology, and Biblical studies. Class time and structures will be the same as the 8th grade class. We will be studying things such as the Augsburg confession, key Biblical figures, stewardship, etc. We plan to utilize activities to help reinforce the topic discussed so that when a confirmand completes our program, they will be well rounded in their education and will keep going in their journey of faith.

Location:

Classes will be held either at St. Thomas or St. John's. The goal is to make the switch mid-year.

Participating Congregations:

- St. John's Lutheran Church •St Thomas Lutheran Church
- St. Peter's Lutheran Church •Trinity Lutheran Church
- St. James Lutheran Church

Materials needed for Class

1. **A Bible (No KJV or Paraphrased translations such as the Message). We will provide one! Make sure you bring it.**
2. **Luther's Small Catechism** (Don't worry, we will provide this too. Just make sure you bring it!)
3. **A notebook.**

Expectations for Parents, Students, and church members:

We do not like having requirements because it goes against our doctrine of grace. However, confirmation is not possible unless everyone involved (both parents, students, and teachers) participate in as many activities of our program as possible.

•**Attend class when possible.** Life happens and there will be times when you can't make it to class, just don't make it a habit. If you miss a class or have to leave more than hour early from class, there will be a written assignment that you must complete before the next class period. They will be available on our website or by sending your pastor an email.

- The Confirmation Retreat is important! Please mark the weekend on your calendars.**
- Sermon Notes:** Need to be done once a month and turned in at each confirmation class.
- Bring your books!**
- Be on time.**
- Participate in class discussion.**
- Serve in Worship**
- Parents, we ask that you be open to talking to your children about what they learn. Ask questions and encourage them to share their point of view. You are their role models when it comes to faith so don't be shy in sharing your faith with you children.**
- Church members, when you see a confirmand at worship or around town, introduce yourself, talk them about their faith, make sure they feel welcomed and appreciated. We need good role models!**

Schedule for Standard Confirmation Class

11:15-12:30 - Lunch

1:30-2pm - Game

2pm - 3:15pm - Teaching Time

3:15-3:30 - Break

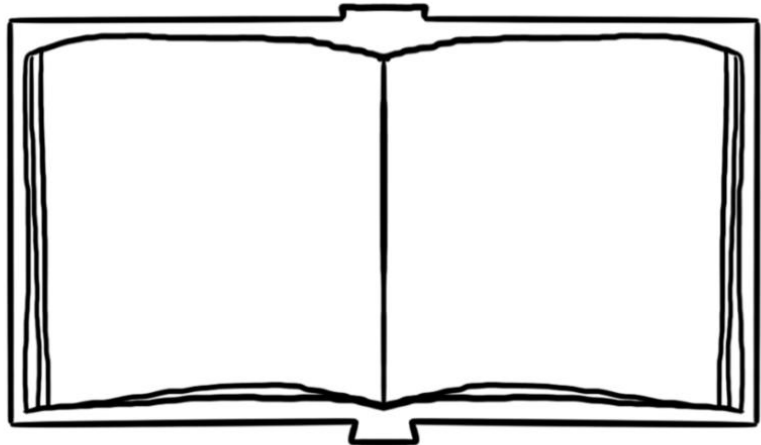
3:30-4:45 - Reinforcement Activity

4:45-5pm - Prayer/Wrap Up

my worship notes

name:
date:

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(themes, characters, storyline, etc.)



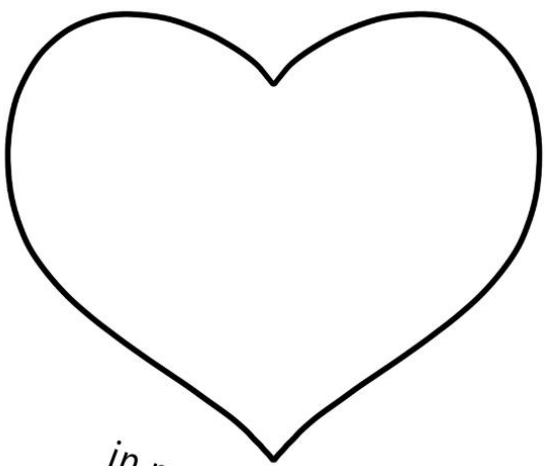
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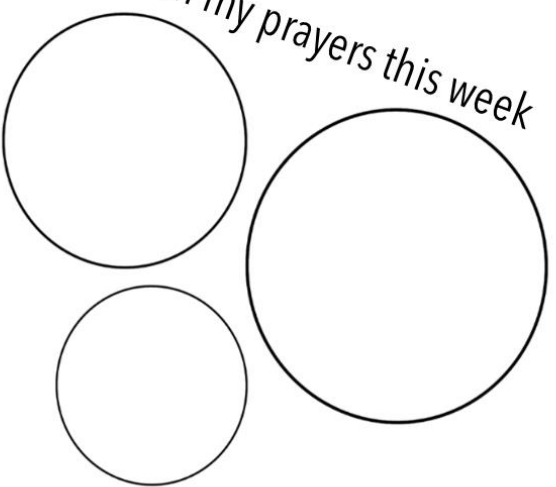
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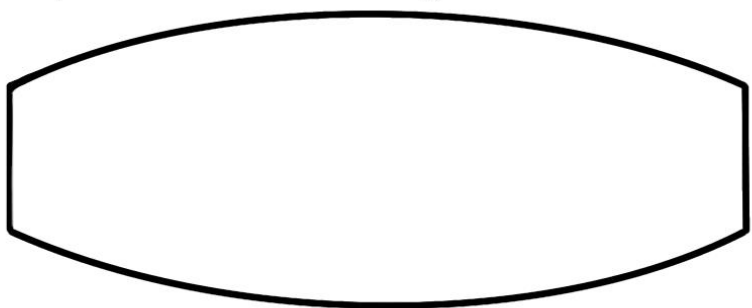
in my prayers this week



the most important thing I learned →

↙ how it applies to my life

a question I have/something I didn't understand



anything else

CONFIRMATION WITH POTOMAC EAST CONFERENCE - YEAR 2 (2019-2020)

Date		6th and 7th Grade	Teacher	8th Grade	Reinforcement Activity	Teacher	9th Grade	Reinforcement Activitiy	Teacher
October @ St. John's		Why Church?						Member Panels talking about their faith.	
November @ St. John's		God With Us		Commandments 1-4			Who Is Martin Luther		
November		Middle/High School Confirmation Lock In at St. James Uvilla							
December @ St. John's		Miracles		Commandments 5-10	West Wing Episode - Take this Sabbath Day: Discussion on the Death Penalty		Augsburg Confession		
January		Confirmation Retreat: Prophets		Confirmation Retreat - Topic: Sacraments					Pastor Matt
February @St. Thomas		God's Kingdom		Apostles' Creed			Paul and Evangelism		
March @ St. Thomas		Death to life		Lord's Prayer			Passover		
April @ St. Thomas		The Church		Confession and Forgiveness/ Office of the Keys			Biblical Stewardship and Social Justice	Learn how to make a budget	
May	Field Trip to Gettysburg (Friday to Saturday)								
Confirmation Sunday - Pentecost (or at your congregation's preference)									