

2011-2012

  
**HANDBOOK**



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To all Confirmation families;

*Thank you and welcome!* Confirmation is a major component of the Youth Ministry Program at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. It is a four-year program, beginning in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and completed in the spring of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The goal of the program is to allow young Christian people the privilege of getting better acquainted with Jesus Christ and his teachings. Our intention is to do this in a setting that will not only challenge their minds and hearts, but also surround them with pastors, adult leaders and fellow students who can help them continue to live their Christian lives in earnest.

The decision to participate affects not only the student involved, but the entire family as well. Please carefully and prayerfully examine the expectations listed throughout the handbook. Discuss as a family whether you are willing to make this kind of commitment. Please know that we place a high value on our confirmation program and are very serious about the guidelines contained within the program.

*Confirmation is a voluntary program. It is not a sacrament in the Lutheran church and is simply available for those who wish to learn more about their faith and their church.* What is essential is that **students and families get involved!** We encourage our students to participate in discussions, think, ask questions, share ideas, and pray. It is also **essential that parents are involved in their child(s) confirmation experience.**

A hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove....but the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child!

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian, Pastor Maria, Pastor Dan  
Jodi Blowers, Director of Confirmation

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Fall/Winter Worship Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Traditional, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Contemporary

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Power UP

Office hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.-close

## ***Program Overview***

**Objective:** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Confirmation Ministry strives to guide our young people to the **TRUTH**-Jesus Christ.

**T**each God's Word

**R**each out to others

**U**nderstand Lutheran traditions

**T**rusting and safe place

**H**elp and encourage each other

Weekly worship attendance is expected of all students who wish to become a **CONFIRMED** member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

### ***Wednesday Nights Confirmation***

***Includes Worship AND an Education Hour***

#### **Education Hour:**

**Session 1 (5:00-6:00 p.m.) or Session 2 (7:15-8:15 p.m.)**

Our Education Hour includes a high-energy large group time and a small group discussion time. Teams of youth and adults participate in the large group through skits, games, and video clips - diving into the "Big Idea" bible topic. Following large group, youth will 'break-out' into a small group discussion time to share their "bummers & blessings" of the week, prayer, and talk about the Big Idea bible topic. Every youth in Confirmation is part of a small group. These groups are led by an Adult Guide(s) and/or Jr. Guide(s). Small groups give youth the opportunity to share and grow in faith, allowing them to get to know each other on a deeper level and gives youth another adult faith mentor (their guide).

#### **Power UP Worship:**

**6:30-7:10 p.m. for both Session 1 and 2**

We all come together and get Plugged IN to God's Word during the Power UP Worship. All Confirmation students are expected to attend worship no matter what Education Hour they are in. Holy Communion

will be celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month and an offering will be collected each week.

### **Service Nights:**

#### **Experience joy and bonding through participation in God's care for the world.**

We each learn to be a servant by serving. Time is set aside for small groups to participate in service events that move faith into action. Everything Jesus did could be described as a servant event. If we are disciples of Jesus, can we do any less?

### **Fellowship Nights:**

#### **Fun, friends, and fabulous relationships.**

Developing deep and permanent friendships among our youth is an essential part of growing healthy Christians. We have two Fellowship nights that offer time to bond the group, have fun, and build trust. Young people need down time to unwind, be together and grow as a group. It's possible that the book of Acts wouldn't have ended the way it did if Jesus hadn't gone fishing every now and then with his friends!

## ***Expectations for Our Students***

Come prepared to learn and be ready to share in discussion. Respect God, people, and property. When a family enrolls in Confirmation, there are responsibilities and expectations to be considered. Expectations have been set to preserve the integrity of this ministry of faith formation, the sharing of God's Word and Sacraments, and the building of Christian relationships. As always, special arrangements can be made for special needs, and we are more than willing to work with those circumstances.

### **Items to Bring:**

Bible, small catechism, pencil, and a great attitude!

### **Curriculum:**

“Here We Stand” curriculum provides instruction and support for families to grow relationships during that crazy time known as adolescence. Learner take home sheets will be brought home after each Wednesday night. These sheets help strengthen communication and faith-building in the home by providing devotions, reconciliation, prayer and blessings. This year we will focus on the **Lutheran Theology and Daily Issues.**

## **Shape Your Thoughts (S.Y.T.):**

Confirmation worship notes “*S.Y.T. ’s*” will be completed during worship. These worship notes are a way for Confirmands to learn about how worship works through a variety of means.

## **“You Are Great” Confirmation Service Notes:**

Confirmation service notes “You Are Great” will be turned in whenever a student completes a Service project.

\*\*\*Students can put their completed “*S.Y.T. ’s*” and “*You are Great*” slips in a collection basket during Wednesday night large group for a prize drawing.\*\*\*

## ***Parking Lot Rules***

Please meet your child inside the building at 7:15 p.m. (Session 1) or 8:15 p.m. (Session 2). Skateboards are not allowed on the sidewalk or inside the building. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.

## ***The Market Place***

Enjoy a meal out with your family and friends on Wednesday’s right here at church in the Gathering Space from 5:30-6:30 p.m..

## ***Taste of Confirmation***

Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to experience our large group confirmation “Theme Event” on Wed., Feb.8, 2012.

## ***Risk Management Training***

Anyone working with youth and/or vulnerable adults must complete a training session and background check. These are scheduled with the Confirmation Director, Children’s Ministry Director, and/or the Youth Director.

## ***Notes for 8th Grade Students***

- 1) 8<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat is Friday, Jan. 27 7:00 p.m.-Jan, 28, 2012
- 2) Sash making is Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon.
- 3) Confirmation Picture & Practice is Wednesday, May 16, 2012

#### 4) The Rite of Confirmation-Affirmation of Baptism Services are Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Our Saviour's.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

#### **What if we have a snowstorm or school is closed?**

In case of questionable weather, please call the church office at (763) 434-6117 to verify if there will be class. We will make the decision to cancel Confirmation by 12:00 noon. If the church has to close the office before 12:00 noon, instructions will be left on voicemail. We will make every effort to contact WCCO 830AM and the local schools for their afternoon announcements.

#### **Will each student receive a new Bible and Small Catechisms?**

We have Bibles in the pews available for anyone who needs one. We do not automatically give each person a Bible and Small Catechism unless it is requested.

#### **Bringing friends to Confirmation:**

For safety reasons, all guests must check in at the Reception desk and obtain a guest Nametag. It is helpful to know in advance if you plan on bringing a friend, we are ALWAYS excited to have guests visit! If a guest visits a second time they will need to fill out an enrollment form and will be placed in a class by the Confirmation Director. We try to maintain a small group of 5-6 students per class, when a friend visits and then enrolls they will be placed in a class with the fewest number of students and/or a new class may be formed with the visiting friend and the "sponsoring friend" together.

#### **What can parents do during Confirmation?**

When the youth go into their small groups, parents are invited to participate in one of the Adult Studies that take place during the same time. Please respect the privacy of the small groups by giving them their space.

## 2011-2012 Calendar

### 2011-2012 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Confirmation Program Grades 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>

Education Hour Session 1: 5:00-6:00 (includes Power UP Worship 6:30-7:10)

Education Hour Session 2: 7:15-8:15 (includes Power UP Worship 6:30-7:10)

#### Sept:

- 14 All Program Enrollment/Orientation 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders & parents 6:30 p.m.
- 21 All Program Leader Training (required for new **and** returning guides this is your FIRST Guide Huddle for this year) 6:30 p.m.
- 23-24 Extreme Caffeine Leader training event at Camp Wapo-TIMES TBD
- 28 Confirmation

#### Oct:

- 2 CAT meeting 10:15-10:45 a.m. Library
- 5 Confirmation
- 12 Confirmation
- 14-16 Fall Fling Camp Shamineau
- 19 NO CONFIRMATION MEA/YES-Power UP Worship
- 26 Confirmation
- 29 Trunk n Treat and Pumpkin Patch 3:30-5:00 p.m.

#### Nov:

- 2 Confirmation/ **Youth Servant Trip Speakers**
- 4-5 True Beauty Retreat 7 p.m. Fri-12 noon Sat
- 6 CAT meeting 10:15-10:45 a.m. Library
- 9 Confirmation/**GUIDE HUDDLE**
- 13 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Serve Hospitality 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.
- 16 Confirmation/ **Altar Offering- DOUBLE UP NIGHT**
- 18-19 Extreme piRT 2011
- 23 NO CONFIRMATION
- 30 Confirmation/**SERVICE NIGHT**

#### Dec:

- 4 CAT meeting 10:15-10:45 a.m. Library
- 7 Confirmation
- 14 Confirmation-Holiday Dazzle & Basket Auction
- 18 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Serve Hospitality 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.
- 21 NO CONFIRMATION
- 28 NO CONFIRMATION

**Jan:**

- TBD Winter Wipeout-Camp Shamineau Retreat
- 4 Confirmation
- 8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Serve Hospitality 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.
- 11 Confirmation
- 18 Confirmation/ **Altar Offering**
- 25 **ALL PROGRAM SPRING/SUMMER KICKOFF**
- 27-28 8<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat 7 p.m. Fri.-12 noon Sat.

**Feb:**

- 1 Confirmation/**Guide Huddle**
- 5 CAT meeting 10:15-10:45 a.m. Library
- 8 Confirmation/ **TASTE OF CONFIRMATION 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE**
- 15 Confirmation/**SERVICE NIGHT**
- 20 Mystery Bus Ride -PRESIDENTS DAY
- 22 NO CONFIRMATION-ASH WEDNESDAY
- 29 Confirmation/**VOICES OF FAITH**

**Mar:**

- 4 CAT meeting 10:15-10:45 a.m. Library
- 7 Confirmation/**VOICES OF FAITH**
- 11 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Serve Hospitality 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.
- 14 Confirmation /**DOUBLE UP NIGHT/VOICES OF FAITH**
- 21 Confirmation/**VOICES OF FAITH/Altar Offering**
- 28 Confirmation/**VOICES OF FAITH**

**Apr:**

- 1 CAT meeting 10:15-10:45 a.m. Library
- 4 NO CONFIRMATION-Holy Week
- 11 Confirmation
- 18 Confirmation/**Altar Offering**
- 25 Confirmation/**DOUBLE UP**

**May:**

- 2 Confirmation
- 6 CAT meeting 10:15-10:45 a.m. Library
- 9 Confirmation (Last night party)
- 16 8<sup>th</sup> grade Picture & Practice for AOB
- 19 Affirmation of Baptism 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m.

Additional information is available at the Reception Desk or the website: [www.oursaviourslc.org](http://www.oursaviourslc.org).

