

## Dear Confirmation student:

Confirmation is the journey toward the affirmation of the gift of faith, already given to you by God. It was given to you in the promise and sacrament of Holy Baptism. It is in God's sure promise that we are made Christians through God's love, by God's Spirit and God's strength alone, in Christ. Faith formation is a lifelong journey for all of us. Confirmation Day is the opportunity for you (and other Christians like you) to publicly declare your faith and trust in Christ Jesus. You do so by affirming the faith and hope expressed, sometimes by parents and / or sponsors on your behalf, at your baptism. Confirmation is not necessary to be a Christian; the gift of faith comes by the Holy Spirit alone. What this Confirmation program offers is an opportunity to seek to understand better what it means to be a Christian. Ultimately it is you, the student, who decides if she or he desires to affirm this faith we share, in the presence of the congregation. On the other hand, only the Holy Spirit can confirm or assure you that the faith you profess is real. May we together share that joy always – today and forever!

## Goals for Confirmation

- ◆ to better understand what it means to be a Christian in today's pluralistic world
- ◆ to share the journey of faith with all others: family, peers, and adults
- ◆ to participate in Christian community with peers and people of all ages
- ◆ to better understand the Bible and its message for life today
- ◆ to learn the teachings & nuances of the Lutheran tradition
- ◆ to respond to God's grace through prayer, song, worship, praise, witness and service to others
- ◆ to develop healthy relationships with Christians of all ages
- ◆ to learn what it means to be a responsible member of the Church

## A brief synopsis of the program for 2009-2010

- A joint program with First Lutheran Church
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade –
  - Fall/Winter Session: The Old Testament at First Lutheran, Sept – Nov, HOH in Dec
  - Winter/Spring Session: The New Testament at House of Hope, Jan – May
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade: Sundays, 7 pm Sept/Oct: The Lutheran Perspective; Faith Statements
- An optional supper starting at 6:30 p.m. for families and anyone who wants to come
- At 6:45 We gather, have a little fun, then worship close to 7:00 followed by the main presentation; break for small groups at 7:30 with a brief wrap-up at 8pm.
- Presenters: Pastors Dave Folkerts & Mark Vinge, youth, adults, parents, members of the congregations
- Small Group ministry – ideally 5 students per group
- 16 Wed. classes / 4 Service Projects / 5 Fellowship Events with 6 Churches!
- Sunday School classes 9:40 -10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Services 8:30, 10:45am
- Advent Services (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 6:30pm)
- Lenten Svcs, Holy Week (Feb. 17-Mar. 31, 7pm)
- Worship Notes for Sundays and Wednesdays: Advent/Lent + Maundy Thursday & Good Friday
- Gospel in Action: Acolyting / other options: Confirmation Choir, Praise Choir, Bell Choir, assisting with worship: Contemporary Band, reading, greeting, ushering, or anything else!
- Joint Confirmation Retreat in January at GA
- Confirmation Bible Camp – Camp Wapo  
Registration begins in March, 2009
- Subsequent Years:
  - 2010-2011 The Apostles' Creed and The Lord's Prayer
  - 2011-2012 The Ten Commandments The Sacraments

## Resources for Students

- ◆ #1: Parents' own witness and sharing of faith
- ◆ Confirmation and Sunday School classes (as student or as a teacher or assistant)
- ◆ Sunday morning worship, Wednesday worship services during the seasons of Advent and Lent plus Thursday and Friday of Holy Week.
- ◆ Weekly meetings with your Small Group
- ◆ Large Gathering of 6 Churches' Confirmation Youth for service projects and fellowship events:
  - The faith community in action together
- ◆ Gospel in Action; personal service to others
- ◆ Supper and fellowship together with others
- ◆ Share in leading music and singing on Wed.
- ◆ Serving as acolytes for worship services (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)
- ◆ Bible Camp (at least once) or a youth gathering
- ◆ A whole bunch of Youth Group activities including summer trips and events
- ◆ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade essay titled "What Christian Faith Means to Me"

## Objectives for Parents

- ◆ Support your child's participation. Bring them to worship with you each Sunday; it is perhaps the single most important thing you can do. Help them with any assignments, like worship notes – share your own ideas about the questions.
- ◆ Help out with Youth Group activities – prepare food, chaperone, help drive to or from an event, help with planning or organizing. It's a good way to get to know other families.
- ◆ Talk together as a family about our Christian faith and life today. Strive to follow the **4 Keys**: Caring Conversations, Family Rituals, Family Devotions, and Family Acts of Service. Please call if you have questions: Pr. Mark at church (763) 533-3341, at home – (952) 931-7959 Pastor Dave: (763) 537-4576 (church)
- ◆ Be models of the Christian life - and be ready to share your own faith story and struggles. Be honest about your own questions.
- ◆ Adult education: Confirmation is not the end of our learning, it's a lifelong desire to follow Christ!

**CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE  
2009-2010**

Wednesdays 6:15 Those driving - meet at church  
6:30 Supper (for anyone)  
6:45 Gathering / Games / Worship  
7:00 Presentations / Skits / Video  
7:30 Small Groups (end at 8pm)  
8:00 Closing (5 minutes)  
8:15 Back at church (those traveling)

**The Old Testament (at First Lutheran)**

**September**

2 7pm Orientation - 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at First  
9 7-8:15 "Kick It Kick-off" @ Elim, Robbinsdale  
Meet at church at 6:15 to ride together  
12 10am Small Group Leader Training at First  
16 #1 "Creation"  
23 #2 "The Human Condition"  
30 #3 "The Flood"

**October**

7 Joint Service Project-NEAR Foodshelf Collection  
14 #4 "Abraham and Sarah"  
15-18 MEA Getaway - 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students  
21 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Banquet 6:30pm  
6-9<sup>th</sup> grade families help with serving  
25 Confirmation Sunday reception at 9:45am,  
worship at 10:45am  
28 #5 "Joseph"

**November**

4 no supper - Celebration of Confirmation  
at Roy Wilkins Auditorium, St. Paul  
meet at 5:00- back by 9pm  
11 #6 "Moses and Pharaoh"  
18 #7 "Wilderness to Land"  
25 joint Thanksgiving Service at St. James Lutheran

**December**

2 Joint Service Project - Agora "The New City"  
9 5:30, Advent supper, 6:30 Advent Worship  
#8 "King David" (at House of Hope)  
16 5:30, Advent supper, 6:30 Advent Worship  
#9 "Israel" (at House of Hope)  
23 5:30, Advent supper, 6:30 Advent Worship  
no classes - Christmas break  
30 no supper - Christmas break

**CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE  
2009-2010 (continued)**

**The New Testament (at House of Hope)**

**January**

6 Joint Event - "Bonfire" celebration of Epiphany  
8-9 Joint Confirmation Retreat Fri., Jan. 8 - Sat., Jan. 9  
at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN  
13 #1 "Jesus Calls the First Disciples"  
20 #2 "The Beatitudes"  
27 #3 "The Good Samaritan"  
29 Ultimate Lock-In, Maple Grove Community Center

**February**

3 Joint Service Project - Kids Against Hunger  
10 #4 "Parables of Lost and Found"  
17 no supper - Ash Wednesday Worship  
24 6pm - supper, 7pm - Lenten Service Worship

**March**

3 6pm - supper, 7pm - Lenten Service Worship  
10 6pm - supper, 7pm - Lenten Service Worship  
17 6pm - supper, 7pm - Lenten Service Worship  
24 6pm-supper, 7pm-Svc (Spring Break-Wayzata)  
31 Spring Break (Robbinsdale, Brklyn Ctr, Osseo)

**April**

1 Maundy Thursday Worship, 7pm  
2 Good Friday Worship, 7pm  
4 Easter Sunday Worship 6:30, 9:00, 10:45am  
7 Joint Event - Resurrection Celebration  
14 #5 "The Rich Man and Lazarus"  
21 #6 "Pentecost"  
28 #7 "The Philippians' Hymn"

**May**

5 Joint Event - End of the Year Party

*Confirmation*



*Learning for the  
Heart*

*A joint program of First  
Lutheran Church of Crystal  
and House of Hope Lutheran  
Church*

This information is also available on our websites:  
[www.firstlcc.org](http://www.firstlcc.org) and [www.hohlc.org](http://www.hohlc.org)