

Calvary Lutheran Church Confirmation



2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook & Calendar

**Confirmation Retreat at Outlaw Ranch
SATURDAY, OCT 1 - SUNDAY, OCT 2, 2022
Winter Retreat Saturday Jan 21, 2022- At Calvary
2022-2023 Schedule (subject to change)**

What is confirmation?

The worship service at the end of your confirmation study is called the *Service of Affirmation of Baptism* in which you will have an opportunity to tell the people around you what you believe; you affirm (or say yes) to your baptism and all it means. You will hear the promises given to you when you were baptized, and you will get to say, “Yes, I believe those promises belong to me!” We put our Confirmation Ministry together to help you understand what you will be saying “yes” about.

Why do we do confirmation anyway?

Five hundred years ago Martin Luther took a trip to the peasant country to find out how the church was doing. He was not pleased with what he saw. People did not understand the basics of their faith and so Martin Luther decided to do something about it. He wrote the *Small Catechism* so parents could teach their children about faith and learn something themselves along the way.

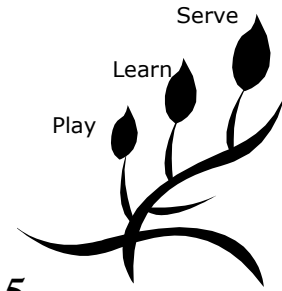
All these years later, here you are on the receiving end of the *Small Catechism*, and we are still helping young people learn about their faith and strengthen their ties to the Church. We are *not* doing it just because we have always done it. We do confirmation because God commands us to (Deuteronomy 11:19).

We live in a crazy world that is full of hard choices. We are surrounded by demanding voices. Confirmation is a good idea because at confirmation you hear about the biggest choice of all: what God says about you in your baptism. “Yes! You are Mine and I will never let you go!” That is a good thing to know and something you can depend on, too! (*Calvary Lutheran Education Committee*)

The Program

“I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me.”

-John 15:5



Calvary Confirmation blends fellowship with a “back to basics” approach to Christian education. Kids have fun, form friendships, and learn at the same time. Learning is accomplished in a small group setting.

First Branch – LEARNING COMPONENTS

Opening: Set the “pace”. Build a mood of joy, get teens into teaching space on time and do some fun preview/review of key teaching points.

Presentation (Large Group): Provide the “punch”. Teach the content using multiple teaching methods.

Small Group: Provide the “personal care” which only small groups can do. The objective is to bond the group and process the lesson.

Second Branch – MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to experience joy, value and meaning through service with a group of friends.

Third Branch – FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Planned events that build identity, trust, care and healthy relationships between young people and adults.

Learning, service, and fellowship become the three branches for the faith journey.

Life in a Small Group

Purpose: What is the Confirmation Ministry Small Groups all about anyway? It is about getting to know each other, getting to know our Lord, and getting to know His Church.

Who: Who are the small groups for?

For you, the student, that is who. That is how God works. He wants His gifts to be for you. The small groups are for you, for your friends, for anyone who needs a place to belong, to share and care for one another.

Visitors: Does this mean I can invite my friends who do not belong to Calvary?

Sure. That would be a good way to put your faith to work in the real world. All we ask is that you help visitors in your group understand and live by the Ground Rules.

Study: What are we going to study in our small groups?

You...Your world...Your God. We will work to understand them all a little bit better by studying Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* and the Bible.

Agenda: What do you do in the group meetings?

You will gather in a large group for announcements and the lesson presentation. Following large group, you will break out into your small group which has these parts:

- Check-in: find out how everyone is doing
- Scratch the surface: take a first look at the topic for the night
- Dig deeper: use the Bible and Catechism to understand the night's topic better

- Take it home: talk about what it all means for your life in the real world
- Take it to God: pray about things that concern you, thank God for things you are happy about, tell Him what you need

Guides: Who lead our small group?

Each small group will have adult guides to help in leading the discussions.

Ground Rules for Small Groups

- Priority** While you are a member of a small group, you give group meetings priority.
- Participation** Everyone participates in the small groups, but no one dominates.
- Respect** Everyone is given the right to their own opinion, and “dumb questions” are encouraged and respected. Everyone treats others as lovable, valuable, and capable children of God.
- Confidentiality** Any personal information that is shared in the meeting is never repeated outside the meeting.
- Support** Permission is given to call upon each other (Especially your Guide) in time of need, even in the middle of the night.

MY SMALL GROUP

NAME

PHONE

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Confirmation Worship Notes

Purpose

Why do we have to take Worship Notes? There is no secret here. The reason for Worship Notes is that Christians go to church. Worship notes keeps you engaged and helps you remember what you are learning during worship. If you are going to have a living faith, there is no way you can do it without hearing God's Word in worship. The two go together like peanut butter and jelly, and green eggs and ham. Requiring Worship Notes of you makes sure you and your family hear God's promises about you.

How

What do you do with Worship Notes? If you have never done Worship Notes before, it is as simple as anything. All you must do is fill in the blanks on one side about worship. Then listen to the sermon. Write down anything important that you hear, using the directions on the form.

Where

Where do I get a blank Worship Notes? At the back on the usher table, you will find the forms. Put completed notes in the container provided on the same table.

How Many

What is the basic expectation? We encourage you to complete 10 Worship Notes by the end of February. Remember that there are many different worship services from September - February.

CONFIRMATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

Co-Pastors: Becky and David Piper 342-9043
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8th Grade Guides:

William Eldridge	605-791-5089
Kari Hendrickson	605-391-2899
Tammy Jones	605-415-8512
Denise Carcamo	937-470-5064
Joey Younie	605-321-9113
Jason Mitchell	971-998-0220

7th Grade Guides:

Amy Nelson	360-420-1371
Tricia Hauf	605-484-5252
David Bender	605-393-7034
Amber Sauvage	605-415-2516
Sara Odden	606-280-6577
Micaela Rice	605-484-4981
Lori Watson	605-381-5159
Kellie Meissner	605-430-9684

Worship Ushering

Part of the confirmation covenant expectations for students is to help with two worship services during the year. A schedule will be provided to all guides at the beginning of the education year. Students will help with the following: ushering, collecting offering, serving communion, and helping in the kitchen.

Confirmation 2022-23

7th & 8th Grades

Wednesday 6:30pm – 8:30pm

(Attendance at 6:30 Worship is Highly Expected)

*All confirmation groups please help with Easter Stations

(subject to change)

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Sept 7	Guides Training	Jan 4	NO CLASS
Sept 14	C-Orientation/Ice Cream Social	Jan 11	Lesson 11 Wilderness Temptation; PN
Sept 21	Lesson 1 Getting Started.....Bible	Jan 18	Lesson 12 Jesus Calls 1 st Disciples
Sept 28	Lesson 2 Creation; Pastor Rotation	Jan 25	7 th F. Project/8 th Meeting
Oct 5	Lesson 3 The Human Condition	Feb 1	Lesson 13 The Beatitudes
Oct 12	Lesson 4 The Flood	Feb 8	Lesson 14 The Lost and Found
Oct 19	Lesson 5 Sarah, Hagar, Abraham	Feb 15	Lesson 15 The Last Supper
Oct 26	NO CLASS-Trunk or Treat	Feb 22	Lesson 16 The Crucifixion
Nov 2	Lesson 6 Joseph; Parents Night	Mar 1	Lesson 17 The Resurrection
Nov 9	Lesson 7 Moses & Pharoah	Mar 8	7 th Project/8 th Statement
Nov 16	Lesson 8 Everyday Thanks; PR	Mar 15	7 th Project/8 th Statement
Nov 23	NO CLASS-Thanksgiving Break	Mar 22	7 th Project/8 th Statement
Nov 30	Lesson 9 The Annunciation	Mar 29	7 th Faith Project Night 8 th faith Statement Due Easter Stations
Dec 7	Lesson 10 Birth of Jesus; PN		
Dec 14	Christmas Party; PR		
Dec 21	NO CLASS		
Dec 28	NO CLASS		

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Special Events:

7th GRADE MILESTONE
September 28

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

October 1-2, 2022

October

November

Outlaw Ranch

Feeding SD Date TBD

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8th GRADERS & PARENTS MEET
7:15pm January 25

8th GRADE BANQUET

Photos & Rehearsal

Saturday, Oct 29, 2022

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30

Time: To Be Determined

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