



Welcome to Confirmation!

We are very happy that you are a part of our class this year. You can expect to build relationships, challenge some ideas, and participate in lively discussions. You may find that you have more questions than answers by the end of the year. Since this is only one step in a lifelong process, we pray that those questions will encourage you to keep learning. Here is what you can expect:

- ❖ The Confirmation program at St. Andrew includes three main strands: Worship and Education, Justice and Service, and Fellowship.
- ❖ Worship and Education usually happen on Sunday mornings. **Class begins promptly at 11:00 am and ends at noon.** We generally begin each class with snacks, so you won't want to be late.
- ❖ You will receive a Student Workbook at the beginning of each unit, and a Bible when you join the class for the first time. The workbook will normally stay at church until we completely finish a unit. We will also provide any other materials that you will need for the class. **Please bring your Bible with you each week. If yours has gone missing,** we can help you replace it.
- ❖ An important part of the Confirmation program is the involvement of caring adults. In addition to the teachers, we are blessed to have adult Guides who join us on Sunday mornings.
- ❖ Snacks make every learning experience more fun. If you are willing to bring a snack, please let Pat know. And don't forget to tell your parents.
- ❖ Our hope is that these three years provide an opportunity to discover your place in the St. Andrew community. To encourage full participation in the life of the church, students are asked to complete the **All In program**. Check the handout for details about this.
- ❖ A highlight each year is the Super Bible Bowl in February. Confirmation students play against members of the Church Council for bragging rights and a traveling trophy. Questions come from this year's lessons, and we will prepare during class.

- ❖ Confirmation students plan and lead a worship service each year. Planning is completed during regular class time, with extra time for practice on the day of the service. **This year, we will lead the service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.** After the service, we will take some time to celebrate and revisit the year.
- ❖ A retreat in the spring provides an opportunity for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to write a Statement of Faith, which is presented to the Church Council prior to Confirmation Sunday. Details and specific dates will come soon.
- ❖ **Confirmation Sunday, this year on June 2nd,** is an opportunity for students to affirm their baptism, promise to continue in their faith journey, and receive the intentional support of the faith community as they take this step. Rehearsal for this event happens before the service.
- ❖ **Communication often happens via email to parents or students or both.** Be sure to check in regularly for important updates. If there is a better way to stay in touch with you, please let us know.
- ❖ **Details specific to this year can be found on the Confirmation Calendar.** You may find a copy by going to the church website ([www.standrewlutheran.com](http://www.standrewlutheran.com)) and clicking on the Middle School page under Education. Stay alert! Dates and events may change throughout the year.

We are excited about our Confirmation program, and are very happy you are joining us. Please bring your questions, an open mind, and your Bible. We look forward to a wonderful year together.

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