



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.
- ❖ **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) and clicking on the Middle School page under Education. Stay alert! Dates and events may change throughout the year.
- ❖ **Please notice that meeting dates for the Westside Youth Collective have been added to the calendar.** You will hear more about this on September 27th when the lead person for that program is coming to St. Andrew.
- ❖ 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 and Bible 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.
- ❖ 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. 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. **This year's Bible Bowl will be Sunday, January 31st**

- ❖ 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 April 18th.** Plan to be at church at 8:00 that day so we can practice.
- ❖ All students should attend Camp Lutherwood at least once during the three years of study. **This year, the dates are July 11-15, 2027.**
- ❖ A retreat in the spring provides an opportunity for 8th grade students to write a "Why Statement" Details and specific dates will come soon. Sixth and Seventh grade students are often invited to attend and practice writing their statements.
- ❖ **Confirmation Sunday**, 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. **This year, Confirmation Sunday is Trinity Sunday, May 23rd.**
- ❖ **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.

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

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