



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**Handbook 2018-2019**

*To Love God by growing as families of faith  
and as disciples of Jesus Christ"*

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Dear Parents and Students,

This handbook was prepared to provide you with an overview of Christian education and formation opportunities at North Cape.

We give thanks for your presence in the ministry of learning and growing here at North Cape Lutheran Church. Through Christian formation and education, we learn who we are and to whom we belong; we learn how our stories fit into God's story. This is part of God's call in our lives: to learn and grow together in faith.

A word of thanks to all who make this exciting ministry thrive. We are blessed to share our faith in community and to celebrate the gifts of those who love to teach and care for the youngest members of the family of God.

*God's blessings on a new year,*

Pastor Delaney



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## Confirmation Service

### Purpose of Confirmation

To affirm the baptismal promises for oneself, and to work out what it means to respond to God's grace and wrestle with God for the rest of one's life.

### Confirmation Day Details

**Date** October 28, 2018  
**Time** 10:30am (2<sup>nd</sup> service)

Please arrive by 8:00 am to be recognized at early service.

- A corsage and cake will be provided (thanks, WELCA!)
- Each student will receive a gift from the congregation
- Certificates are given upon completion of requirements
- Dress for worship is formal with white gowns
- Group and individual photos will be taken
- Cost: \$ 45 (gown & pictures)—checks may be made out to North Cape Lutheran Church, with “confirmation” in the memo.

## 2018 Senior High Trip

**Dates: June 23-29, 2019**  
**Location: Middletown, OH**

This year, we are headed to Middletown, OH for a Group Work Camp! We will work on the homes of elderly folks and people who live in poverty, to bring hope and restoration to a community.

**First informational meeting will be September 30, 2018  
 at 11:30a in the Fellowship Hall.  
 \$150 and registration due October 14, 2018/**

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## Note To Parents and Guardians

In the sacrament of baptism, we respond to God's grace with promises of faith on behalf of the baptized. These promises include:

*These are:*

- 1) **To live with them among God's faithful people**
- 2) **To bring them to the Word of God and the Holy Supper**
- 3) **To teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments**
- 4) **To place in their hands the Holy Scriptures**
- 5) **To nurture them in faith and prayer**

**THESE PROMISES REMIND US** how we are called to respond to the gift of God's grace poured out for us. Through Christian education and formation, we help our young people to grow in faith and to learn their identity rooted in their baptism, and their belovedness in God's sight. Christian education is one way we respond to these promises. Through worship, Bible study, service, conversation, and intentional tending of these baptismal promises and the gift of grace, we learn more about what it means to identify as Christian.

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT** is critical to mature faith, love and discipleship development. What our children and teens see modeled greatly impacts what we are to accomplish, and what we promised at Baptism. Thus, parents and guardians are encouraged to know what is taking place and are asked to be actively engaged in their children's faith journey.

## 10th Grade Requirements

**Worship Leadership: 1 Leadership Opportunity**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat: 1 Event**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class: 1 Event**

**Fellowship: 1 Event**

**In-Service or Out-Service: 1 Event**

**Board Meeting: 1 Event**

**One Page Faith Statement**

**Confirmation Verse**

**What are these new requirements?**

- **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat:** We will spend a day together growing in faith and learning about our baptismal promises, which will be affirmed at confirmation, October 14, 2018 from 11:30a-6:00p
- **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class:** Tenth graders will meet for one class, to focus on Lutheran identity and work on preparation for confirmation, Date TBD
- **Fellowship:** Attendance at one fellowship event is required.
- **Board Meeting:** Tenth graders are required to attend either the September or October board meeting and respond to a set of questions (9/13, 10/11).
- **One Page Faith Statement and Verse:** Each tenth grader will choose a verse and write their own faith statement, reflecting on what it means to be a Christian and to claim this identity through confirmation. **Due October 21**

**All 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Requirements MUST be completed by confirmation Sunday, October 28, 2018.**

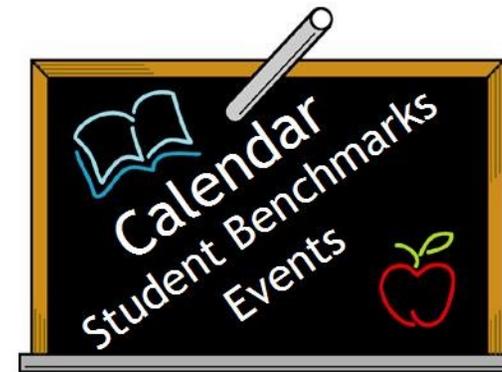
## What do my mentor and I do together?

Our mentor program will kick off in October 2017 for ninth graders and continue into the following October (when they will be confirmed). Each module will be accompanied by a worksheet to guide the process and an evaluation form to report back.

### The program has four components:

- **Getting Connected:** Our first module will be centered around learning more about one another and getting to know the passions, values, and life-shaping experiences of both parts of the mentor relationship. **This will be completed by Christmas 2018.**
- **Serving Together:** Our second module will be centered around serving others together. The mentor and mentee will identify an act of service they would like to do together and then engage in that experience and reflect on it together. **This will be completed by Easter 2019.**
- **Worshipping Together:** Our third module will be centered around worshipping together. The pair will identify a worshipping community they would like to visit (preferably not an ELCA congregation) and then go to either a Sunday worship opportunity or weekday worship service. They will reflect together about the experience. **This will be completed by the end of June 2019.**
- **Fun!:** This fourth module will have two components; both the mentor and mentee will choose an activity that they enjoy to share with the other person. This could be going to a favorite restaurant, doing a craft, playing a sport, etc. This will be discerned by the pair and will take place on two separate occasions. **This will be completed by October 2019.**

## Part 1-Sunday School



### Education Hour—9:15am-10:15am

In this section you will find information regarding Rally Sunday, Christmas Programs, Benchmark learners for each grade, and a calendar of events.

*Please make an effort to bring your child to Sunday School in time for opening; it's a great part of the morning your child will not want to miss! Also, young children practice stewardship by participating in an offering at Sunday School.*

Family Devotionals are available in the Welcome Center and Adult Bible Study meets every Sunday at 9:15am.

#### Four ideas for fostering faith in the family:

1. Caring Conversation
2. Family Service
3. Family Devotions
4. Family Rituals and Traditions

*\*If your family would like to meet with Pastor Delaney and talk about faith development or family spirituality, she would be happy to visit with you!\**

## General Information

### Rally Sunday-Sunday September 9th

- **Sunday School @ 9:15am**—The theme for Rally Day is a Luau! We will meet in the sanctuary for opening, meeting teachers, and new friends, before heading downstairs for learning and fun!
- **Worship @ 10:30am**

### Sunday Morning Opening

- **All Sunday school children will meet on the lower grades' side for opening this year!** We will sing songs, tell stories, and grow in faith together.

### Sunday School singing-Third Sundays

Sunday School students will sing at the beginning of second service every third Sunday (10/21, 11/18 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19)

### Fall Fest—Sunday November 4

Join us during Sunday School hour for treats, a costume contest, a hayride, and a small petting zoo! Wear your costumes to church. This is sure to be a great day of fun and fellowship!

### Christmas Program Sunday December 16

The Christmas program will be under the direction of Koral Riley. The program will include lower and upper grades, and most rehearsals will take place during Sunday School. Schedule forthcoming.

**Last Day of Sunday School • Sunday May 12th, 2019**

**\*\*Keep an eye on the Sunday School and Youth Bulletin Boards for more fellowship and service events for our young members and families!\*\***

## What is a Mentor?

A mentor is an adult member of our church family, with whom a young person can build a caring relationship, rooted in their mutual identity as Children of God.

### Purpose of a mentor relationship

- To build bridges between youth and adults as people of the Church who care about each other.
- To affirm with each other our faith in Jesus Christ and our faith in ourselves. We need adults who see things in youth that they cannot see for themselves, and vice-versa.
- To encourage one another in love.
- To bear one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:2)
- To wrestle with questions of faith and life.

### Suggest ways to develop a mentor relationship

- Go out to eat, fun activity, or service project Phone, email, text, or write a letter to each other.
- Attend North Cape Lutheran Church youth activities together.
- Conversations about home, school and the community.
- Talk about questions and understandings of faith.
- Learn one another's stories

### How to choose a mentor

- If you or your parent/guardian already have an idea of who would make a good mentor, approach this person and invite them to be your mentor.
- Pastor Delaney will supply each ninth grader with a list of adults who are willing to build mentoring relationships with young people. Check out the list and consider the following questions:
  1. Is this a family member? Pick someone else... ;)
  2. What am I hoping to learn?
  3. What am I willing to share?
  4. Do I have any sense of who this person is?

\*\*If you are having a hard time choosing a mentor, contact Pastor Delaney, and she will help you think about who might be a good fit.

## 9th Grade Requirements

**Sunday School-15 classes**

**Weekly Confirmation Classes-10 Classes**

**Sunday Sermon Notes-20 Notes**

**Special Service Sermon Notes-5 Notes**

**Worship Leadership-4 leadership opportunities**

**Fellowship-3 Events**

**In Service- 1 Event**

**Out Service-1 Event**

**Parental Volunteer-1 Event**

**Mentor Program**

**What are these requirements?**

- **Sunday School:** Sunday School takes place in the parsonage at 9:15am on Sundays from 9/16-5/12
- **Weekly Confirmation Classes:** Weekly confirmation classes take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45pm, beginning on September 12th.
- **Sermon Notes:** Whether on a Sunday or at a special service, youth will be expected to fill out 25 (total) sermon notes, which can be found at the welcome center.
- **Worship Leadership:** Worship leadership includes acolyting, reading, greeting, ushering, and special music. At least 3 of these opportunities must be in the role of acolyte.
- **Fellowship:** Throughout the year, fellowship activities will take place, planned by Pastor Delaney and volunteers; these will include opportunities for fun and community.
- **In Service:** In Service opportunities are serving experiences which take place within the congregation, through which students volunteer (ie the fish boil, VBS, Salad Luncheon, Golf Outing etc)
- **Out Service:** Out service opportunities are serving experiences which take place outside the North Cape walls, as a ministry of our congregation. (ie Super Saturday, Community Meals, Mission Trip, etc)
- **Parental Involvement:** A parent or guardian is encouraged to volunteer as an adult leader at a youth and family event, alongside their child.
- opportunity on Sunday nights twice monthly.

## About the Curriculum...

We strive to provide all children at North Cape with a solid foundation in Biblical fluency. Our teaching centers on core stories of scripture and engages essential faith-development tools.

Our goal is to instill in young people a love and knowledge of scripture, so that their lives and understandings of their own stories and the world may be formed and influenced by God's story and God's gracious action. Christian formation ought to teach us who we are and who God calls us to be in the world.

### 4K through 2nd Grade

Each week, our Sunday School program focuses on the stories being read and preached in worship. Through songs, storytelling, crafts, and activities, the youngest members of our community get acquainted with God's Word in meaningful ways.

Throughout this process, we focus intentional energy on a few key areas alongside Biblical fluency:

#### Prayer

It is important for children to become comfortable with prayer, and we explore this topic through participatory activities with these young members of the Body of Christ. We practice the Lord's Prayer as well as the Table Prayer in an effort to instill an understanding of the power of prayer in daily life.

***4 year old Students will receive a children's Bible on Sunday September 23, 2018 during the worship services, which will accompany them throughout their Sunday School years.***

## 3rd through 6th Grade

Older elementary school students continue their exploration of the Bible through the Sparkhouse “Connect” curriculum. This curriculum is specifically geared to students in this age group; it focuses on engaging God’s story and where it intersects with our own.

**3rd grade Students will receive a Bible on Sunday September 23, 2018 during the worship services.**

**4th grade Students will receive a Small Catechism on Sunday, September 23, 2018 during the worship services, through which they will explore Lutheran identity and curriculum.**

### 5th Grade

#### First Communion

On Saturday, April 6, from 12:30-3:30pm, fifth grade students preparing for first communion, along with their parents will participate in a retreat. We will learn about communion, bake bread, and learn more about who God calls us to be at the communion table. First Communion will take place during worship on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019

### 7th-12th grades

7th-10th graders will participate in the confirmation program, as relates to their respective grades’ expectations. All students, 7th-12th grade, are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday school in the parsonage each week, where they will engage faithful, intentional Christian Living through the “Way to Live” curriculum.

## 8th Grade Requirements

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**Weekly Confirmation Classes-10 Classes**

**Sunday Sermon Notes-20 Notes**

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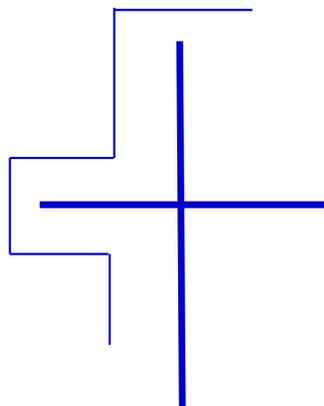
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## 2018-2019 Important Calendar Dates

Backpack Blessing	Aug 26, 2018
Confirmation Orientation & Registration	Sep 5, 2018
Confirmation Mid-week Classes Begin	Sept 12, 2018
UG Super Saturday	Sept 8, 2018
Rally Day	Sept 9, 2018
4y/o, 3rd gr, 4th gr receive Bible/catechism	Sept 23, 2018
Fish Boil	Sept 29, 2018
10th Grade Retreat	Oct 14, 2018
Confirmation Sunday	Oct 28, 2018
Fall Fest during Sunday School	Nov 4, 2018
Middle School Retreat	Nov 16-18, 2018
Thanksgiving Eve Worship	Nov 21, 2018
Advent Midweek Worship Begins (Weds)	Dec 5 2018
Sunday School Christmas Program	Dec 16, 2018
No Sunday School	Dec 23, 2018
	Dec 30, 2018
Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)	Mar 6, 2019
First Communion Retreat	Apr 6, 2019
Spring Luncheon (WELCA)	TBA, 2018
First Communion Maundy Thursday Worship	Apr 18, 2019
Good Friday	Apr 19, 2019
Easter Sunday, No Sunday School	Apr 21, 2019
Last Day of Sunday School	May 12, 2019
Mission Trip to Middletown, OH	Jun 23-Jun 29, 2019

## Part 2-Confirmation Program



### CONFIRMATION DEFINED

"Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church that helps the baptized...to Identify more deeply with the Christian Community and participate more fully in its mission." (ELCA - '93)

*Confirmation is more formally referred to as "Affirmation of Baptism." Through the confirmation process, we learn and grow together, in anticipation of responding to the baptismal promises for ourselves.*

## Explanation & Information

### Grades 7, 8, 9, 10

8th & 9th graders attend Mid Week Classes

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

- A record will be kept to track each student's progress throughout the Confirmation program. This record will be maintained by the Associate Pastor.
- The Associate Pastor will verify the fulfillment of class expectations; roll will be kept.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to worship regularly and attend all classes.

Students are required to:

- attend a minimum of twenty Sunday morning worship services and complete sermon notes.
- attend five special services (Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday Lenten Services, and Holy Week) and complete the sermon notes.
- attend seventeen Sunday School classes and, nine of the midweek classes (confirmation).

When a student has to be absent from a class, the teacher is to be notified by a parent, and a make-up assignment will be provided.

### What if I cannot afford the cost of a youth activity??

Please contact either pastor if you are in need of financial assistance for a youth activity. Financial aid is available for all youth events.

### What if I have a scheduling conflict??

If you are not available for class on Wednesdays or worship on Sundays but wish to participate in the program, please contact Pastor Delaney.

**10 Mid-week Confirmation Classes**

**6:30-7:45pm**

**Starts: September 12**