



Confirmation Orientation Salem Lutheran Church September 4, 2019

Welcome and opening prayer – Introductions of Confirmands and Parents/Guardians

Introduction to the program – Here We Stand

Time: WAG - Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM, one hour long. **Please be prompt.**

Invitation to Parents: other activities require extra help

Student Book – I ask for your investment in your child's religious education, \$15.00

Study Bibles – Provided by Salem and presented at worship **October 6th, 10:00 AM service**

Overview of the year – two year program

Schedule: Biblical Emphasis

Old Testament, Gospels, New Testament

Next Year: Small Catechism Emphasis

10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, Sacraments

Expectations

Worksheets – given a week ahead, to be filled out, brought back, and handed in

Items to bring to class – Bible, Student Book, writing utensil, worksheet for the week

Things to turn off during class – Cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, etc.

Absences – Called in before class, with worksheets turned in later. Current worksheet is emailed.

Please call me at the church (764-5614) or email me

(rwillers@salemmline.org) if your student will miss class.

Special Events – Involvement in service projects, as offered

Presence in Worship – Sermon notes from one sermon each month turned in (*new format!*)

The confirmand is expected to attend worship to grow in faith.

At Home Discussion – Talk to your son/daughter about confirmation and your own faith.

Possible topics are suggested in my weekly email sent after the class.

Visits – You are always invited to attend at any time, and may be asked if necessary

Chimes – The class may be involved with chimes this year if there are enough students

Statement of Faith – At end of entire program, written by those being confirmed

Acolyte program

Duties – Arrive 15 minutes early to worship, light/extinguish candles, and assist the offering.

Starting Up – Planned to begin September 30th with 8th graders first up

Practice – After Confirmation on September 19th and 26th; so we will be late getting out

Schedule – to be determined and passed out later; can be altered as needed

Confirmation Camp

LOMC during the summer, information to follow

Other Youth Activities – Sally Patterson

The Rite of Confirmation – Conducted on October 26, 2020 for the current 8th graders.

Families of current confirmands help with the planning and serving.

Lord's Prayer

Special Events Information

Service Projects – There are two service projects scheduled for this year, to take place during confirmation. Because these projects involve travel, we begin at 6:00 PM on those evenings. Extra cars are needed, so your help with driving is appreciated.

1. **Home Communion** - In the fall on October 2nd, the confirmands will be going out in pairs with an adult mentor to give home communion to one or two of Salem's homebound. They will be given a home communion kit and simple liturgy to use.
2. **Easter Lily deliveries** – In the spring on April 15th, the confirmands will go out to deliver Easter lilies to our homebound members. A delivery route is designed to allow for two or three stops. (We have traditionally ended this evening by meeting at Whitey's.)

Confirmation Worship Service – Those families with confirmands in 7th and 8th grade are asked to assist with the Confirmation service on October 27, 2019. The tasks that need to get done include:

1. Order the cake and bring it to church. This is paid for by Salem.
2. Order the corsages and boutonnieres to be worn by those being confirmed that day. Delivery of these is done on Friday, and can be ordered by Miller Florist who arranges our Sunday flowers. This is also paid for by Salem.
3. Be present prior to the service to assist with cutting and serving the cake, and pinning corsages and boutonnieres to the confirmed.
4. Get a photographer and possibly a videographer to take pictures of the service AND the official group picture to go in the Auditorium.
5. Help with clean-up after the event.

Mid-week Services – These special services get the confirmands involved in conducting worship. This occurs on Wednesdays during the season of Advent and Lent, beginning at 6:30 PM.

1. **Advent Services** will be held on December 4, 11, and 18. The confirmands are used in different responsibilities, including Assisting Minister, Lector, Ushers, and Greeters.
2. **Lenten Services** will be held on February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, and 9. We do not have confirmation classes on those nights, so attendance at mid-week Lenten services is expected in its place. The confirmands will be asked to take on different roles, as needed. These are also good services to take sermon notes.

**Confirmation Program
Salem Lutheran Church
2019-2020
(Subject to change)**

September	4		<i>Parent – Confirmand orientation meeting</i>	
	11		Getting Started with the Bible	Acolyte practice until 8:15
	18		Creation	Acolyte practice until 8:15
	25		The Human Condition	
October	2	XX	<i>Service project – Home Communion (6:00 PM)</i>	
	9	XX	No class – Fall Break	
	16		The Flood	
	23		The Ten Commandments	
	30		King David	
November	6		Exile and Return	
	13		Prophets of Judah	
	20		The Birth of Jesus	
	27	XX	No class – Thanksgiving	
December	4		The Magi	6:30 Worship-Advent Mid-week
	11		The Wilderness Temptation	6:30 Worship-Advent Mid-week
	18		Jesus Calls the First Disciples	6:30 Worship-Advent Mid-week
	25	XX	No class – Christmas	
January	1	XX	No class – New Years	
	8		The Feeding of the Five Thousand	
	15		The Good Samaritan	
	22		The Last Supper	
	29	XX	<i>IGNITE Night (6:30 – 8:00 PM)</i>	
February	5		The Crucifixion	
	12		The Resurrection	
	19		Pentecost	
	26	XX	Ash Wednesday service	Attendance at
March	4	XX	Mid-Week Lenten service 1	7:00 PM Lenten
	11	XX	Mid-Week Lenten service 2	Mid-week is
	18	XX	Mid-Week Lenten service 3	expected
	25	XX	Mid-Week Lenten service 4	as class time
April	1	XX	Mid-Week Lenten service 5	
	8	XX	Holy Week – Attend the Maundy Thursday service	
	15	XX	<i>Service project – Easter Lilies to Homebound (6:00 PM)</i>	
	22		The Call of Saul	
	29		The Book of Revelation	
May	6		Final Exam and Year-End Celebration	