

# Kindred Lutheran Church



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It's that time of year again, time to start confirmation classes! We are excited to discuss the Bible and the Lutheran faith with the amazing youth of Kindred Lutheran!

## WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation, properly known as Affirmation of Baptism, is the time when you declare for yourself that you will live out the promises made for you by your parents and sponsors in your baptism. The time we spend in confirmation classes are intended to help you, more intentionally, explore your faith, life, and church so you can affirm your baptism and state your faith in the hope and trust that God will continue to lead and guide you through all aspects of your life.

## WHY GET CONFIRMED?

When you are confirmed (or affirm your baptism), you become considered an adult in the church. You have the opportunity to vote on matters pertaining to Kindred Lutheran, serve as a voting member of the congregational council, serve or chair different committees within the congregation, and be a voting member at the synod wide or churchwide annual meetings among many other things.

You take control of your faith life. If you think of it like a relay race, at your confirmation service you are handed the baton from your parents. They have been guiding you through your faith life, and now it is your turn to guide yourself. You will, of course, still have your family, congregation, and God who are willing to assist you and move through the journey of faith alongside you, but when you affirm your baptism, you take more control of your journey.

## WHAT IS CONFIRMATION LIKE?

Each Wednesday, we will begin gathering after school. You will have time to get snacks, visit with fellow confirmands, play games, and generally hang out until we are ready to begin the lesson. At 4:15 we will begin our lesson for the day. For most of the year, we will be going through the Echo the Story confirmation curriculum. Some weeks we will focus on pieces of Luther's Small Catechism. Each week's lesson should take about an hour. At, or around, 5:15 we will pray, and you will be free to go about the rest of your day.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO CONFIRMATION?

You should bring yourself, your Bible, your workbook, and something to write with every week of confirmation.

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## WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF CONFIRMATION?

As you go through confirmation classes, there are things that are expected from the congregation, from your parents, and from you.

### Congregation

In Baptism, the congregation made promises to support and pray for you in your new life in Christ. As part of these promises, there are expectations of the congregation for your confirmation journey. The congregation is expected to:

- ✝ Pray for the learners and their parents; regularly checking their progress
- ✝ Act as mentors and guides for learners, providing living examples of Christ's love
- ✝ Provide a safe space for our learners where a sense of connection and ownership can develop
- ✝ Affirm and encourage all contributions our learners make, celebrating their holy successes and holy failures
- ✝ Encourage the participation of learners and their parents in the life of the congregation
- ✝ Helping in whatever way is needed to ensure all expectations can be met

### Parents

In Baptism, your parents made promises to live with you among God's faithful people, bring you to the word of God and the holy supper, teach you the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in your hands the holy scriptures, and nurture you in faith and prayer so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Your parents further promised to help you grow in the Christian faith and life. As a part of these promises, your parents are expected to:

- ✝ Pray for all learners, leaders, and the community daily; reminding their children to do likewise
- ✝ Participate in the life of the congregation by attending worship and taking part in fellowship
- ✝ Model faithfulness by volunteering to assist in the needs and activities of the church and throughout the community
- ✝ Encourage the participation of their learner(s) in the life of our congregation
- ✝ Nurture their children by learning alongside them, willingly admitting their own mistakes and flaws
- ✝ Help chaperone, drive, assist in youth activities and helping you to develop your faith statement
- ✝ Living into the expectations of confirmation and encouraging you to do the same

## Confirmands

Your journey in confirmation is about you and God, so, as should be expected, there are expectations for you during your confirmation journey.

- ✝ Pray for your fellow learners, your congregation, and your parent(s) daily
- ✝ Go out of your way to connect with Trish Miller, your Youth Director – she is here for you
- ✝ Participate in the life of our congregation by showing up at worship and taking part in fellowship
- ✝ Be fully present during confirmation classes, attending and actively participating during all sessions
- ✝ Complete twelve (12) sermon notes per confirmation year
- ✝ Volunteer during worship or in the congregation at least six (6) times per confirmation year
- ✝ Participate in at least one (1) community service project of your own choosing per confirmation year
- ✝ Volunteer for the Kindred Days Burger Stand, KLC VBS, or other similar activities each summer
- ✝ Attend youth events, offering leaders and organizers assistance if/when needed
- ✝ Participate in at least 1 camp opportunity throughout your time in confirmation
- ✝ Develop a mentee/mentor relationship throughout confirmation with a mentor of your choosing
- ✝ Write a faith statement to discuss with Pastor Kyle and prepare a faith project to be displayed for the congregation

## Explanation of Confirmand Expectations

### Worship

Worship is an extremely important part of the Christian life. As you grow in your life as a Christian, it is expected that you will attend and be a part of worship every week in the greatest capacity possible. Traditionally this means worshipping in-person in a pew. In some rare circumstances, it is not possible to be present in-person in your home congregation. During these times, we expect that you will be worshipping in-person at another congregation or worshipping online with KLC.

### Worship Notes

Worship notes are a reflection on the entire worship experience, including prayers, music, readings, and the sermon. Because it is important to reflect on your worship experience, it is expected that you complete at least twelve (12) worship notes per confirmation year. Worship note forms are available in the back of the sanctuary, along with clipboards and writing utensils. If you would rather not use the form provided and would rather come up with your own format for doing worship notes, please feel free to do so, but remember to display a reflection on the entire worship service. Please remember to put your name on your worship note and write clearly, any worship notes without names

or that are not legible will not be able to be counted. All worship notes can be turned in to the basket outside of Trish's office or brought to Pastor Kyle.

### **Worship Volunteer**

As you grow in your Christian Life, it is expected that you will be more than just a passive attendee in the church. We expect that you will volunteer to assist in the life of the church through worship at least six (6) times per confirmation year. Some options include volunteering to usher, serve communion, run the PowerPoint/online worship, or read during worship. If six times volunteering is too many or you would like to fulfill your worship expectations quicker, you can volunteer to be an assisting minister, which will count as two worship volunteer opportunities. The other option would be to volunteer to teach Sunday School for the entire program year. This would fulfill all your worship volunteer expectations, but space is limited to do this. With all worship volunteer opportunities, you must be at the church no later than twenty (20) minutes **before worship begins.**

#### **Dates I have signed up to volunteer and what I will be doing**

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### **Community Volunteer**

Being a Christian means serving not only in church but also throughout the community. It is expected that you will volunteer to serve in the community at least one time per confirmation year. This can be fulfilled through a worship through service day or any other community service opportunity you can think of. Please have a parent or volunteer supervisor sign and date something that explains how or where you served.

### **Camp**

Camp is an amazing opportunity to grow in your faith and meet others in the same situation as you. Some options to fulfill camp participation include attending Red Willow Bible Camp, Park River Bible Camp or any other Bible Camp of your choosing during the summer. You could also attend the Synod Castaway retreat in the fall or any Bible Camp's weekend retreats during the school year.

## **Mentorship**

Mentorship is a great way to grow and learn in your Christian faith. We expect that you find a good Christian mentor to help guide you through your confirmation journey. This mentor can be any Christian adult you wish, but it is recommended that the mentor is not a parent or sibling. It is expected that you will meet with your mentor 6-8 times throughout confirmation. As part of this, KLC will provide a booklet for you and your mentor to work through to help guide your relationship. If you are struggling to find a mentor, please contact Trish or Pastor Kyle.

## **Faith Statement/Project**

During your ninth-grade year of confirmation, you are expected to write a faith statement to discuss with Pastor Kyle. While there is no requirement for the length of your faith statement, a good faith statement will cover your entire life of faith and talk about how you got to the point of your confirmation and why it is you want to affirm your baptism. You will turn your faith statement in to Pastor Kyle at least one week before your scheduled meeting with him.

During your ninth-grade year, you are also expected to complete a faith project that will be displayed in the church for the whole congregation. This faith project can be in any style you would like. Get creative with your project. Some examples you can do include a diorama, tri-fold, write and record a song, paint a picture, make a sculpture, or make a collage. Make this project your own. Please plan to have your project to the church by the Wednesday, October 26.

Both your faith statement and your faith project will be available for viewing by the congregation.

## **WHAT ARE THE COSTS?**

KLC is requesting that each student contribute \$45 toward confirmation to cover the costs of the teaching materials, books, etc. for the year. Please make checks payable to Kindred Lutheran Church or use an envelope to bring cash to the office. Please indicate that the money is for confirmation. If you are unable to afford this, please contact Pastor Kyle or Trish.

## **HOW DO I SIGN-UP?**

If you haven't already, please make sure to fill out the registration form on our website at <https://www.kindredlutheran.com/youth/>.

## **HOW CAN I GET UPDATES?**

To sign up for updates, please text **@klc7-8** to **81010**. You will then be asked to register as a youth or parent, please select the appropriate section for you. If you have any questions about Text Updates, please contact Trish.

## **WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?**

If you have any other questions that are not answered in this document or at the confirmation orientation meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, please contact Pastor Kyle or Trish. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

# TENTATIVE CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation Schedule is subject to change. When there is a storm day or school out day at Kindred Public Schools, we will not have Confirmation.

<b>September 7</b>	Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Students and Parents
<b>September 16-18</b>	EaND Middle School Retreat at Castaway Club (6th-10th grade)
<b>September 21</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes begin – 4:15pm • Lesson: Creation
<b>September 28</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Rebellion
<b>October 05</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Flood
<b>October 12</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Promise
<b>October 19</b>	No Confirmation Class (Educator's Convention Weekend)
<b>October 26</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Jacob & Esau
<b>October 30</b>	Reformation Sunday & Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) – 10am Confirmation Projects Presented
<b>November 2</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Joseph
<b>November 9</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Catechism
<b>November 16</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Exodus
<b>November 23</b>	No Confirmation Class (Thanksgiving Break)
<b>November 30</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Commands
<b>December 7</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Wandering
<b>December 14</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Promised Land
<b>December 21</b>	No Confirmation Class (Christmas Break) • Blue Christmas Worship – 7pm
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Worship – 5pm & 7pm
<b>December 28</b>	No Confirmation Class (Christmas Break)
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<b>January 4</b>	No Confirmation Class (Christmas Break)
<b>January 11</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Judges
<b>January 18</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Ruth
<b>January 25</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Catechism
<b>Sometime in February</b>	Youth Ski Trip
<b>February 1</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: King Saul
<b>February 8</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: King David
<b>February 15</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: King Solomon
<b>February 22</b>	No Confirmation Class (Ash Wednesday) • Meal at 6pm Worship at 7pm
<b>March 1</b>	No Confirmation Classes (Lent) Meals at 6pm on Wednesdays Wednesday Worship at 7pm <b>Work with your Mentor</b>
<b>March 08</b>	
<b>March 15</b>	
<b>March 22</b>	
<b>March 29</b>	
<b>April 5</b>	No Confirmation Class (Holy Week)
<b>April 6</b>	Maundy Thursday Worship – 7pm
<b>April 7</b>	Good Friday Worship – 7pm
<b>April 9</b>	Easter Morning Worship – time TBA
<b>April 12</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Prophet's Warnings
<b>April 19</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Daniel
<b>April 26</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Rebuilding
<b>May 3</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Catechism
<b>May 10</b>	7th & 8th grade Confirmation class – 4:15pm • Lesson: Catechism & Wrap Up
<b>May 21</b>	Blessing of the Graduates – 10am • Community Baccalaureate – 7pm @ KLC
<b>August 2023</b>	VBS Youth Burger Stand at Kindred Days