

**Resurrection Lutheran Church
2022-2023**

**Confirmation
Handbook**

**“Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God--
Naught else is worth believing.**

**Though all my heart should
feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater
than my heart
Whose Word cannot
be broken.**

**I'll trust in God's
unchanging Word
Till soul and body
sever,
For, though all things
shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL
STAND FOREVER!”
— Martin Luther**



Why Confirmation?

Because I said so.

Because I had to.

To grow closer to God.

To learn about the Christian faith.

These are all good reasons, *well reasons*, why people attend confirmation.

Why are you doing it?

Resurrection believes that a relationship with Jesus Christ is crucial for a way of life that includes hope, joy, comfort and peace. This relationship can be formed at anytime, but we take advantage of this time in the youth's lives to concentrate learning and growing in faith.

*Here is what Confirmation is and is **not** at Resurrection Lutheran.*

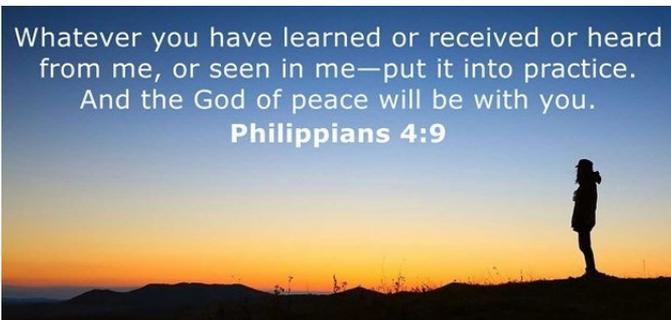
Confirmation is not about our salvation, whether we go to heaven or not, whether we are forgiven or loved. All of those things are established at our Baptism. It is not a “have to” it is a “get to” in our lives.

Confirmation is instruction in our faith as Lutheran Christians. Generally, most people in the Lutheran denomination are baptized as infants. Confirmation is a time to learn about the promises parents have made, on behalf of their children, the fundamentals of faith, Lutheran theology and our Bible.

Confirmation is an opportunity to affirm our Baptism. To learn and celebrate what God has already done. It is an opportunity to ask questions, to wrestle with how we think about God and our daily lives, and to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ.

Confirmation is a time to meet people from church, serve as an apprentice in the life of the church and have fun.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard
from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.
And the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:9



Confirmation typically is for 6th-8th grade youth and meets on Sunday Mornings starting at 9:15. The content of this time, over 3 years will be, covering the New and Old Testaments, Small Catechism and living the faith.

Youth are confirmed in the Spring of their 8th grade year.

Like in any program, ministry or activity, there are a variety of aspects as well as expectations in place to meet the objectives set forth. This Handbook will explain the variety of expectations. ***These expectations and program facets exist, as they are the ones that the leadership feels will make the most impact in the faith life of the youth.***

- ◆ Attendance
- ◆ Memory Work
- ◆ Serving in Worship
- ◆ Mentoring
- ◆ Families Active Together
- ◆ Confirmation Project

If a youth is not able to meet these expectations, then a conversation with the leadership and the family will be held as to whether this is an appropriate time for the youth to be involved in Confirmation. Again, Jesus will not love you any more or less if you do or do not get Confirmed.

Attendance Policy

In order to learn, know, or understand anything, one has to show up. It is important to the group and to the individual, if you are making this commitment, to be a part, contribute and be present. For this reason, it is expected that you attend Confirmation Classes.

You are asked to be present for 80% of the classes. This is the general percentage that schools use before truancy occurs. For this year, that is 18 of the 23 classes. If a youth misses more than 5 classes then a conversation will occur with the family and leadership asking the question, is this an appropriate time for the youth and family to be involved in Confirmation at Resurrection. For particular sessions, there will be make-up work that youth are expected to complete.

It is also expected that when in class, unless instructed otherwise, youth will not be using any other technology than what is needed for class.

What is it we will be learning?

Through the talent and religious education background of the leadership they are creating a 3 year cycle curriculum that will be *relevant, faithful, challenging and current to the needs of the youth*. In the course of 3 years we will cover the *Old and New Testaments, The Small Catechism, Lutheran Theology and how we integrate our faith into our daily lives*.

Youth also will be receiving a Bible when Confirmation begins. Everyone receiving the same Bible will help us as we work through the material. **It is expected that youth will bring this Bible every week to class.**

How will I be learning?

We will be engaging in a variety of facets for learning and growing. We know that faith is formed through personal, trusted relationships that are usually found in the home and that faith is caught more than it is taught. In order to create space for those relationships and to catch the faith we need to take away distractions, spend quality time together, and connect people together. *On Sunday Mornings the program will be in the Outreach Building and will follow in this way-*

Confirmation Extravaganza– Usually the 1st Sunday of the month 9:15-3PM

During these hours youth will worship together, share a meal, play together, have time for learning taught by the Pastoral and Youth Ministry Teams and spend time building lasting relationships with one another in small groups.

Monthly Mentor and Devotional– Usually the 2nd Sunday of the month 9:15– 10:30

Youth will be paired up with adults from the congregation enjoying a devotional that is prepared for them focusing on them getting to know each other and sharing their faith with one another. Parents cannot be the mentor for their youth, but can be for another youth.

Serve in Worship–Usually the 3rd Sunday of the Month 9:15 –10:30

Confirmation is in part, deepening your faith in Jesus and your connection to your faith community. Worship is where we set our heart to God's, where we are reminded of who we are and how we are called into this world. Youth will be working through their giftedness to plan and execute a part of worship once a semester. They will prepare for that each month on the 3rd Sunday. *Worship Dates: December 17/18, April 22/23.*

Confirmation Calendar

- 4-Sep No Confirmation -Labor Day
- 11-Sep Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 18-Sep Mentor Day
- 25-Sep Worship Prep
- 2-Oct Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 9-Oct No Confirmation -Fall Break
- 16-Oct Mentor Day
- 23-Oct Worship Prep
- 30-Oct Family Worship
- 6-Nov Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 13-Nov Mentor Day
- 20-Nov Worship Prep
- 27-Nov Family Worship
- 4-Dec Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 11-Dec Mentor Day
- 17/18-Dec Serve at Various Worship
- 25-Dec No Confirmation -Christmas
- 1-Jan No Confirmation -New Year's
- 8-Jan Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 15-Jan Mentor Day
- 22-Jan Worship Prep
- 29-Jan Family Worship
- 5-Feb Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 12-Feb Mentor Day
- 19-Feb Worship Prep
- 26-Feb Family Worship
- 5-Mar Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 12-Mar Mentor Day
- 19-Mar Worship Prep
- 26-Mar Family Worship
- 2-Apr Confirmation Extravaganza 9:15- 3PM
- 9-Apr No Confirmation -Easter
- 16-Apr Mentor Day
- 22/23-Apr Serve at Various Worship
- 6/7-May Confirmation Weekend

Memory Work

Memorizing God's Word and the fundamentals of our faith is done to allow these things to permeate our head and our hearts. It sinks into our souls and then shapes our choices, our thoughts, our actions and our hearts. Many times, as people lose all the things around them— their jobs, their family, their material wealth, their minds, their friends, their dreams, it is the words of faith, the Lord's Prayer, Scripture, our Creed and Commandments that still ring in our ears and provides comfort.

Youth are asked to Memorize

- ◆ The Lord's Prayer
- ◆ The Apostle's Creed
- ◆ The 10 Commandments (in order)
- ◆ At least 1 verse of scripture per year as well as create an expression that helps them relate that verse to their lives.

Families in Faith Together-

Families that spend time together in service and with others, in the name of Christ, are more likely to practice their faith in their homes and throughout their lives. We want the whole family, whatever shape that is, to engage in their faith lives and grow. Resurrection has so many ministries from Art by Heart, Hiking, Service and Outreach, that we are encouraging the families to engage in these ministries to connect with the church community and each other.

As a Family, twice throughout the year attend a Resurrection Sponsored Fellowship/Service event.



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"I can't find what channel we're on."

The spring of their Confirmation Year, the youth will be expected to create a Confirmation Project. They will have discretion as to what the end product is. They are encouraged to use their own gifts and passions. It can be a piece of art, a song, a paper, a puppet show, a video, a game, a collage, etc. These projects will be presented to Church Council and for the Congregation to experience. They will be highlighted during the Confirmation Services and will include the verses of scripture and the expression that was created through out their confirmation journey.

More details will be given in January regarding the content and parameters.



God Squad and Blast Events at Resurrection.

In addition to Confirmation we will have various events and ministries the youth will be invited to, as well as encouraged to bring friends.

Sunday School @9:15– On dates where there is no Confirmation Class (August 21,28 and Family worship dates) there will be a Sunday School Option.

August 21 Family Fellowship Wet and Wild

September 24 Family Fellowship Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt

October 22 Family Fellowship Fall Festival

November 19 Family Fellowship Share the Warmth

As the year moves forward we will have more dates of events and ministries that will be happening for God Squad and for Blast in particular.

The Children, Youth and Family Team are here to be in partnership with you. Please, contact us if you are in need of anything, have ideas or want to be engaged in ministry.

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