

Confirmation Handbook 2026-2027



**"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?

To become a voting member of Resurrection.

To do the 'next chapter' of Sunday School.

To grow closer to God.

To learn about the Christian faith.

These are some reasons why people
may choose to go through 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 anytime, but we take advantage of this time in the youth's lives to concentrate on 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, 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 in the life of the church, and have fun!



What Is Involved in Confirmation?

Confirmation is typically for 6th-8th grade youth and meets on Sunday Mornings. The content covered over 3 years will be, stories of the New and Old Testaments, Small Catechism, and living out our faith.

Youth are typically confirmed in May 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 because they are the ones that the leadership feels will make the most impact in the faith life of the youth.*

- ♦ Attendance
- ♦ Memory Work
- ♦ Mentoring—Having a Mentor and Being a Mentor
- ♦ Worship Attendance
- ♦ Confirmation Project
- ♦ Campformation

If youth are 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, you have 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.

NEW: Students will be expected to complete make-up work for all classes/ gatherings they are unable to attend.

If a student 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.

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.

Curriculum/Format/Schedule

What will I 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-*

Extravaganza– Usually -1st Sunday of the month 9:00-12:00 PM

During these hours youth will worship together, share a meal, play together, have time for learning taught by Deacon Emma.

Small Group Sunday– Usually– 2nd Sunday of the month 10:30-11:30 AM

Youth will spend time building lasting relationships and expand upon what they learned during Extravaganza with one another in small groups.

Mentor Sunday– Usually –3rd Sunday of the month 10:30 -11:30AM

Youth will be paired up with an adult or high schooler from the congregation and another youth, to read a devotional that is prepared for them— focusing on getting to know each other and sharing their faith. Parents cannot be the mentor for their youth, but can be for another youth.

What about the other Sunday of the Month?

We will hold a combined Youth Group Sunday School during the regular Sunday School Hour with Middle and High School Youth once a month to build connections and deepen faith. We also will have Service Sundays on the 5th Sunday of the month to serve as a community!

Memory Work

Memorizing both God's Word and the fundamentals of our faith is done to allow these things to permeate our head and our hearts. The Word sinks into our souls and then shapes our choices, our thoughts, our actions and our hearts. Often, people who have faith roots in their lives are reminded of Scripture, the Lord's Prayer, Scripture, our Creed and Commandments as sources of strength and comfort in times of need.

Youth are asked to Memorize

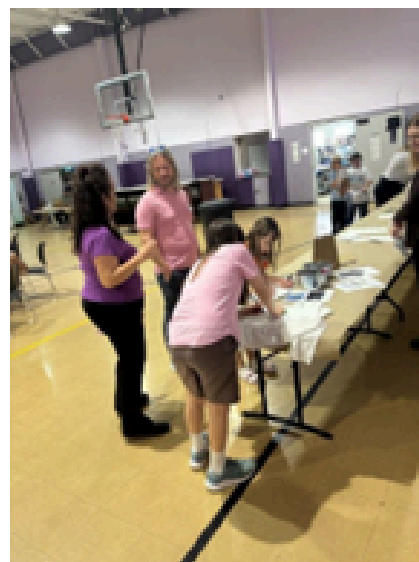
- ♦ The Lord's Prayer
- ♦ The Apostle's Creed
- ♦ The 10 Commandments (in order)
- ♦ At least 1 verse of scripture per year as well as create an expression that helps them relate that verse to their lives.

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, to engage in their faith lives and grow. Resurrection has so many ministries from Art by Heart, Hiking, Service, and Outreach! We encourage you as a family to engage in a ministry opportunity that resonates to connect with the church community and each other.

As a Family we invite you help lead worship throughout the year. Any age can help lead. Please feel encouraged to invite older and younger siblings, grandparents, whoever you consider your family.

Families are able to assist in worship by serving in Communion, Ushering, Reading, Holy Grounds, or perhaps performing special music!



Confirmation Project

In the Spring, all Confirmation Students will be expected to present a Confirmation Project to their peers. 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. Their Confirmation year they will present one of their projects to Church Council and Congregation to experience.

What passage Can I choose?

Your passage can come from anywhere in the Bible. It must be at least 1-3 verses long. It should be a verse that speaks to their faith during this year of Confirmation.

What can my project be?

Anything, be creative! You can write a song or a poem, create a game, make a video, create a painting or a collection of pictures. If you would like to write a paper on what the verse means to you, you can do that to the sky is the limit!

What do I need To do When?

- * In November and then again in January more details will be given regarding the projects.
- * February 7th Confirmands need to have a chosen verse.
- * March 7th Confirmands need to have an idea of what their project is going to be and share during Extravaganza
- * March 10th, Project Work Day
- * April 4th, ALL students should be ready to present to the whole class during the Extravaganza
- * April 20th, 8th Grade Youth will meet for dinner all together and then present their Projects to Church Council in the Evening.



Lutheran Campformation 2027

June 21st– 25th

Camping Ministry has long been an event that people, for generations, have named as a key time in their faith development. Taking time to get away and focus on something (faith, sports, family, etc.) allows the space to really dive deep, grow, transform and be changed. Taking a break from the day to day of life, things that demand all our focus or distract us, allows us to breathe differently. RLC believes that this week will change the faith life of our youth.

Lutheran Campformation has been around for over 60 years and continues the mission of providing faith formation for 6th-12th grade youth in an outdoor setting. Campformation's team of leaders consists of pastors, youth ministers, and adult leaders who work year-round to provide a positive Campformation experience.

Congregations from across Arizona and Las Vegas, Nevada come together in Prescott, AZ (Camp PineRock) for faith formation and adventure!

- All RLC Confirmation Youth are required to attend Campformation *at least once* in their Confirmation Journey. If you have questions or concerns about this requirement, Deacon Emma and Pastor Erin are happy to engage in conversation.
- This camp also is open to 9-12th grade and we will be encouraging all youth to go.
- Cost in 2026 was \$300. We will be looking at various funding options for 2027.
- *Registration will open around April 2027, more information will be available as the year progresses.*



Confirmation Calendar

2026-2027

August

- 9th- Confirmation Orientation 11:30-1:00 p.m.
- 9th- Bible Blessing at all services, all 6th Graders and those new to Confirmation will receive a new Bible
- 16th- Wet and Wild Sunday School 10:00-11:30
- 23rd- Confirmation Kickstart 10:30– 11:30
- 30th- Youth Group Sunday 10:30-11:30

September

- 6th- Labor Day- No Sunday Education Programming
- 13th Extravaganza 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 20th- Small Group 10:30– 11:30 a.m.
- 27th- Mentors 10:30– 11:30 a.m.

October

- 4th- Extravaganza 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 11th- Fall Break– No Sunday Education Programming
- 18th- Small Group 10:30– 11:30 a.m.
- 25th- Mentors 10:30– 11:30 a.m.

November

- 1st- Youth Group Sunday 10:30– 11:30 a.m.
- 8th Extravaganza 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 15th- Small Group 10:30– 11:30 a.m.
- 22nd- Mentors 10:30– 11:30 a.m.
- 29th- Thanksgiving Break– No Sunday Education Programming

December

- 6th- ALL CYF Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 13th- ALL CYF Christmas Program during 10:30 Service
- 20th- Youth Group Christmas Celebration 10:30– 11:30 a.m.
- 27th- Christmas Break– No Sunday Education Programming

January

- 3rd- Extravaganza 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 10th- Small Group 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 17th- Mentors 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 24th- Youth Group Sunday 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 31st- Service Sunday 10:30- 11:30 a.m.

February

- 7th- Extravaganza 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 14th- Small Group 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 21st- Mentors 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 28th- Rodeo Break- No Sunday Education Programming

March

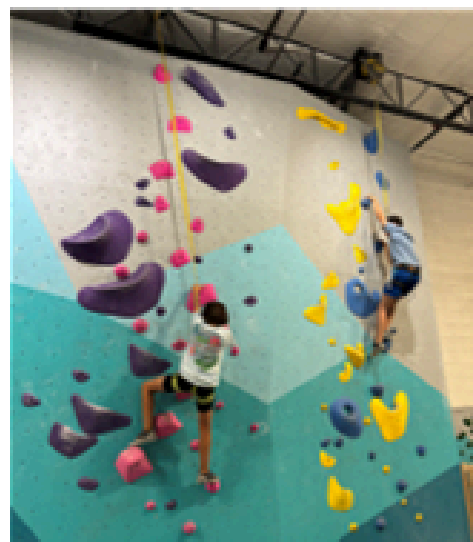
- 7th- Extravaganza 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 10th- Confirmation Project Workshop (time TBA)
- 14th- Spring Break- No Sunday Education Programming
- 21st- Small Group 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 28th- Easter- All Children and Youth Together 9:00- 10:00 a.m.

April

- 4th- Extravaganza 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 11th- Small Group 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 18th- Mentors 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
- 20th- 8th Grade present projects to Church Council 7p.m.
- 25th- Youth Group Sunday 10:30- 11:30 a.m.

May

- 2nd- Rite of Confirmation Service and Confirmation Celebration
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Confirmation is one ministry that happens for our youth. There are many other opportunities for youth to explore their faith and for families and friends to join.

Aug 8 and 9 Back to School Blessing at all Services –
Students, Teachers, Bus Drivers and Cafeteria Workers are blessed and prayed for all at services and receive a special gift.

Aug 16- Wet and Wild Sunday School
and Back to Basics BBQ
Bring your swimsuits and appetites for an inflatable slip and slide, water games, and lunch on the grill!

Sept 9– Youth Open Gym 6:30– 8:00 PM
Time to play together in the Outreach Center Gym

Sept 27– Renewal Center Family Event
Join as families as we come together to think about topics impacting our lives and faith over lunch and aged based breakout times.

Oct 17- Fall Fest
5:00– 8:00 PM
Come dressed and ready to play. Youth and families will enjoy chili and help lead games in the gym.

Oct 31– Pet Blessing
9:00 AM
Bring your furry, feathered, scaly, or other kind of pet to receive a blessing as we give thanks to God for all the animals!

Nov 6 Family Trivia Night and Potluck 5:00-7:00 PM
Come and compete against other Youth Families!

November 22– Advent Family Event
Come and celebrate the beginning of our holy season at this interactive event. It will deepen your experience of the Christmas Season.

Dec 20– Youth Group Sunday Christmas Party
Join during worship on December 20th for our Youth Christmas Gathering all together!

Things to look forward to later this year:

Feed My Starving Children– February 6th
Volunteer as a family in this meaningful ministry where we serve our neighbors globally with food and nutrients that help children receive the food they need!

VBS Leaders Unleashed – After VBS
programming for our fantastic Youth Volunteers with lunch, games, and time to study Scripture!

BLAST CAMP– Join Deacon Emma and Brenda for a week of games, art, service, swimming, and a fun off campus activity!

Walk for Water– As a youth group, we will walk together to raise money for our neighbors in need of easy access to fresh and clean water!

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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