

Dear families of 2025 Confirmands.



We pray that your summer is filled with relaxation, sun, and growth in the Lord!!! We are sure there are some busy times with kid's events, family trips, and trying to still get some work done. It's probably crazy to think school will be starting in a month, which means that confirmation at Our Savior will start up again shortly.

The purpose of Confirmation at Our Savior Lutheran Church is to equip youth in developing a lifelong relationship with Christ, be able to identify with the mission of the Church, and build relationships with the leaders, peers, and family. This coming October your child will have the opportunity to confess their faith before family, friends, and the congregation on October 26th. Before this date, we have 7 weeks of class, individual interviews, and some great fellowship times.

We will have classes and fellowship time starting September 10th. The weeks of October 8th and 15th we will have individual meetings with each youth and the pastors. You will be able to sign up for these starting in September. The schedule is listed below. There is small group time.

Also included in this letter is a check list to help you remember when things are due and track everything. There is information on the assignments due and information we need before the Rite of Confirmation. This packet will also be handed out and emailed the week of August 28th at the parent meeting.

Fall 2025 3rd Year Class Schedule - Next Steps Your Steps

DATE		TOPIC	TIME	Sr High Small Groups	DUE
August 20	Parent & Youth Meeting		7:00pm		
September 10	Faith Integration and Life Application	Why Confirm your Faith	7-7:45pm	7:45-9:15pm	
September 17	Faith Integration and Life Application	"Living out your Faith everyday"	7-7:45pm	7:45-9:15pm	
September 24	Faith Integration and Life Application	"What am I saying?"	7-7:45pm	7:45-9:15pm	papers and testimonies
October 1	"Faith Integration & Life Application"	What's Next	7-7:45pm Meetings 2pm-9pm	7:45-9:15pm	
October 8	Confirmand meetings with Pastor or DFL SG meet 7-7:45	Goals	7-7:45pm Meetings 2pm-9pm	7:45-9:15pm	
October 15	Confirmand meetings with Pastor or DFL		Meetings 2pm-9pm	7:45-9:15pm	
October 22	Service run through and Pictures	In the Worship Center	7:15pm	7:45-9:15pm	
October 26	Confirmation Day		10:30am		

The requirements we have for these 5 weeks are that all youth <u>attend ALL classes</u>, participate in their individual meeting, turn in all papers on time, and attended worship on a regular basis. We ask that youth over the 6 weeks participate in at least 4 Sr High Small Group times or Sunday morning Bible Study, so they can get a feel for that transition into SR High ministry.

We are excited for this upcoming fall and for these youth. We want you to remember that it sometimes has been seen as the beginning of church membership or as a rite of passage into fuller church membership. It also has been seen as the time when "I can now participate in the Lord's Supper" or "I can now stop going to Sunday School." It should be remembered that the Rite of Confirmation falls under the

realm of tradition. God does not divinely command it for the Church, but it is useful for teaching and equipping. Confirmation is just one part of what is to be a lifelong spiritual journey and definitely not graduation. Confirmands are instructed in the Christian faith, so they are able to go out and share what they have learned to their friends, family, and even strangers; to publicly confess their faith. *The Rite of Confirmation itself is both:* (I) The culmination of a time of instruction, helping Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian church. (2) A time to affirm or confess one's faith in Jesus that was spoken for them at their baptism.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD online under Ministries, Youth, Confirmation 2025 (3rd year) or on the App. Please fill this out no later than August 10th so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for your partnership in the ministry as we point people to Christ!!! We will start August 20th and meet in the Sanctuary.

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