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## KLC CONFIRMATION

### WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation, properly known as Affirmation of Baptism, has been around in Lutheran Churches for a long time, but it is important for us to stop and think about what it is before we begin. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has said: *"Confirmation ministry is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized person through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission."*

What does this mean? It means that Confirmation is more than a class, it is more than a 2½ year program, It is a ministry through which God is active in your life. Confirmation is designed to help you feel more at home in the congregation and teach you how to have an active faith life as a member of the body of Christ. By the grace of God, we continue – each and every day of our lives – to walk our journey of life with God. We don't just go to church, we are the Church.

Confirmation, or Affirmation of Baptism, is a time for you to confirm, or affirm, the promises made to you by God in your Baptism. It is also a time to publicly announce the understanding of our responsibilities as Christians *"to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus , and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth"* ("Affirmation of Baptism", ELW pg. 236), knowing that we live under the forgiving power of the risen Christ.

Confirmation is a place where young people learn about the promises God has made, why they were made, and how this impacts our lives today. To understand this, we need to look deeply into the bible to see how God has worked throughout history and continues to work today, as well as how Martin Luther interpreted the meaning of those events in the Small Catechism. This will form the core of Kindred Lutherans confirmation program.

### 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?**

At a to be determined time, until you are confirmed, we will begin gather for class. Throughout this time, you will have opportunities to work on your faith project or faith statements as well as cover anything that may have been missed during your time in Confirmation. These classes will also present a great opportunity for you to ask any burning questions you have about your faith life, the Bible, the church, or anything else you may be wondering.

### **WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO CONFIRMATION?**

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

### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF CONFIRMATION?**

As you go through confirmation classes, there are things that are expected and required from the congregation, from the KLC Pastor and Youth Director, from your parents, and from you. We make these expectations and requirements in the mindset that they will best help you grow throughout your faith journey.

#### **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 requirements and expectations of the congregation for your confirmation journey. The congregation is required and expected to:

#### **Requirements:**

- ✝ Pray for the learners and their parents; regularly checking their progress
- ✝ Provide a safe space for our learners where a sense of connection and ownership can develop

#### **Expectations:**

- ✝ Act as mentors and guides for learners, providing living examples of Christ's love
- ✝ 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 and requirements can be met

## Pastor and Youth Director

In Baptism, the congregation made promises to support and pray for you in your new life in Christ. The Pastor and Youth Director are a part of the congregation and thus are held by these same promises. But the Pastor and Youth Director also have a greater stake in your confirmation journey. As such, there are expectations and requirements for the Pastor and Youth Director for your confirmation journey. The Pastor and Youth Director are required and expected to:

### Requirements:

- ✝ Pray for the learners and their parents; regularly checking their progress
- ✝ Provide opportunities for fellowship, growth, fun, volunteering, and engagement for learners
- ✝ Act as mentors and guides for learners, providing living examples of Christ's love

### Expectations:

- ✝ Go out of their way to connect with learners and engage in their lives both within KLC and the greater community
- ✝ 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 and requirements 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, the expectations and requirements for your parents are as follows:

### Requirements:

- ✝ Pray for all learners, leaders, and the community daily; reminding you to do likewise

### Expectations:

- ✝ 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 your participation in the life of our congregation
- ✝ Nurture you, and all their children, by learning alongside them, willingly admitting their own mistakes and flaws
- ✝ Help chaperone, drive, assist in youth activities

- ✝ Help you to develop your faith statement and faith project
- ✝ Living into the expectations and requirements 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 and requirements for you during your confirmation journey.

### Requirements:

- ✝ Pray for your fellow learners, your congregation, and your parent(s)/guardian(s) daily
- ✝ Be fully present during confirmation classes and activity days, attending and actively participating during all sessions. This includes leaving cellphones in designated cellphone space and refraining from talking to or distracting fellow students during lesson times.
- ✝ Have Completed twenty-four (24) sermon notes throughout confirmation
- ✝ Write a faith statement to discuss with Pastor Kyle and prepare a faith project to be displayed for the congregation
- ✝ Follow the agreed upon behavior plan as stated in the KLC Youth Ministry Behavior Contract (included for your convenience)

### Expectations:

- ✝ Participate in the life of our congregation by worshipping and being in fellowship every week
- ✝ Attend youth events, offering leaders and organizers assistance if/when needed

## Explanation of Confirmand Requirements and Expectations

### Faith Statement/Project

During your ninth-grade year of confirmation, you will 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 will also 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 before Reformation Sunday.

Both your faith statement and your faith project will be available for viewing by the congregation. You will not be required to make a presentation on either of these, unless you would desire to do so.

### **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 Confirmation updates, please text **9TH23** to **(877) 894-3679**. To sign up for Youth updates, please text **YOUTH** to **(877) 894-3679**. You will then be sent a link and be asked to fill out a brief informational form. If you have any questions about Text Updates, please contact Trish. By registering you have already been included in the email list, which will be used for emailing out session recaps and some confirmation updates, although more information for confirmation updates will come through the text updates. If you would like additional email addresses included, or would need to change your email, for emailed out recaps and some emailed updates, please contact Pastor Kyle.

### **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 6<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 6</b>	Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Students and Parents
<b>September</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes begin
<b>September 22-24</b>	EaND Youth Retreat at Castaway Club (6 <sup>th</sup> –10 <sup>th</sup> grades)
<b>October</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes continue until October 29
<b>October 18</b>	AGAPE* & Joe Davis Concert at KLC – time TBA
<b>October 29</b>	Reformation Sunday & Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) – 10am 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Faith Projects Presented
<b>October 31</b>	Early Registration Deadline for National Youth Gathering
<b>November 15</b>	6 pm • Hunger Experience – <i>Parent Volunteers/Drivers Needed</i>
<b>2024</b>	
<b>January 17</b>	Confirmation Activity Day • TBD
<b>February 7</b>	Confirmation Activity Day • TBD
<b>February 14</b>	Ash Wednesday – Meal at 6pm Worship at 7pm
<b>February 21</b>	Lent Meals at 6pm on Wednesdays Wednesday Worship at 7pm
<b>February 28</b>	
<b>March 6</b>	
<b>March 13</b>	
<b>March 20</b>	
<b>March 28</b>	Maundy Thursday Worship – 7pm
<b>March 29</b>	Good Friday Worship – 7pm
<b>March 31</b>	Easter Morning Worship – Times TBA
<b>April 24</b>	Confirmation Activity Day • TBD
<b>July 16-20</b>	ELCA National Youth Gathering – New Orleans • Late Registration Deadline – April 15
<b>Summer 2024</b>	VBS Kindred Days Burger Stand