

Pilgrim Lutheran Church & School

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Confirmation Instruction Parent/Student Info. Sheet

Dear Parents & Confirmands,

Welcome to confirmation instruction. Our purpose is to grow in faith and knowledge of the only true God, the Triune God who revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. With the best interest of each individual in mind, we will work together this year, parents and students, staff and Pastors, to grow closer to our God and to one another.

This evening parents' gathering is scheduled to give you some of the preliminary information to keep you informed about confirmation at Pilgrim. These details will help to give you a clear picture of our class schedule, and what expectations we have for the coming year.

A.) Homework - Students will be given assignments in class every week. These assignments will include memory work and work on the topic that we are presently covering. If a student is missing from class, it is that student's responsibility to obtain all assignments and stay on schedule with the class.

B.) Memory Work – Pilgrim School students will be memorizing those items listed in the class schedule organized by the home room teacher. Wednesday Evening students will be responsible for the memory work listed in the middle column on your yearly class schedule. A class schedule will be given to each confirmand at the first class. Memory work dates are listed on the day that they are due. Students will write or say memory work out loud in their small group time.

C.) Sermon Sentences - During the course of the year, students are required to hand in 12 complete sermon reviews by April 22nd, 2018. The sermon sentence sheet has information on how to write a sermon review. Blank review sheets are found in the entry-way in the back of the sanctuary (at both sites) and can be returned there when completed. WOW cannot be used for Sermon Sentences except for Lenten midweek worship. (Lenten sermons CAN be used for Sermon Sentences.) Form found on Website at www.pilgrimluth.org. Sermon Sentence log will be updated on average, monthly.

D.) Service Projects – During the course of the year, students are required to complete a minimum of 4 service projects. Service Projects must be Pilgrim sponsored. We want to share with the youth all the ways we serve at Pilgrim, and to foster a healthy desire to serve the church in different way. In order to assist you in completing the necessary work, service project events are being scheduled. Completed service project forms can be found in the back entry-way of the sanctuary and may be handed in by using the Sermon Sentence return tray. Form found on Website at www.pilgrimluth.org

E.) Updates on your child's progress in sermon sentences, service projects, can be found on the Youth Bulletin Board. Sermon Sentences & Service Projects will be returned to your church mailbox monthly.

G.) Parental Support - Parental support is the key to successful completion of confirmation requirements. Please stress the importance of worship attendance, memory work, Bible Study, preparation for class work and tests, attendance at events, and other involvement.

H.) Parent Involvement Form - In order to make Confirmation and the Jr. High youth events possible, every parent is asked to fill out this form in the areas they are willing to serve. This form is vital for us to be able to communicate with parents as well. Thanks for your help. Form found on Website at www.pilgrimluth.org

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I.) Jr. High Youth Events - Events are planned every month throughout the year. Friends are ALWAYS welcome.

J.) Acolyting - Jr. High youth are asked to acolyte for worship services. The acolyte schedule will be listed in a variety of places. This year we will do online scheduling with "Sign Up Genius", found online. This online service will allow you to choose services that work best for you, and it will also send you reminders prior to your sign up days. You must sign up at least 4 times for the fall, 4 times for the spring, and 4 times for the summer. This includes serving in the 7:45 service at least once per season. There are a variety of services and times to serve every month. Everyone will need to sign up for at least one 7:45 AM service each of the 4 seasons. If students are not signed up after a given period of time, we will assign Sundays for your child to serve.

K.) Background Checks for Youth Helpers - All youth helpers, drivers and retreat chaperones will need to complete a background check before actively serving. The forms for a background check are in the Ministry Office and on the website.

L.) Annual Retreat - April 13th-15th, 2018. Every confirmation participant is requested to attend the annual confirmation retreat at Camp Luther. We will be going to Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI for the retreat. The retreat includes fellowship and fun events, but primarily focuses on Christian commitment and personal growth. Confirmation Retreat Fee - We ask that you pay a registration fee of \$115 for each student (checks to "Pilgrim Lutheran Church"). This fee is non-refundable because it holds the reservation for your student at Camp. Parents who wish to attend are asked to pay a fee of \$25.

M.) Worship on Wednesday – Every Wednesday from 7-7:45 PM, the Confirmation students will take part in our weekly youth-focused worship service, with praise teams. Attending Worship on Wednesdays is mandatory for Wed. evening confirmation students.

N.) What to Bring – Confirmation students will need an NIV Bible/ Luther's Small Catechism/ a notebook & a folder.

O.) Date for Confirmation – Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11am (pictures taken at 9am). The questioning service will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30pm.

P.) Wednesday Evening Confirmation: 7th grade & 8th grade students will meet together in the Fellowship Hall. Schedule: 6-6:45 PM Instruction time/ 6:45-7 PM Small Group Time/ 7-7:45 PM Worship on Wed. Class begins on Wed., Sept. 6.

Q.) Small Group Facilitators: Small group Facilitators facilitate a small group of 6-8 students throughout the year. Small Group Facilitators first & foremost spiritually encourage & pray for their small groups. Facilitators also discuss topic questions and greet students as they come in before & after class. During class, small group facilitators participate in the lecture, and prepare themselves to meet with their small group.