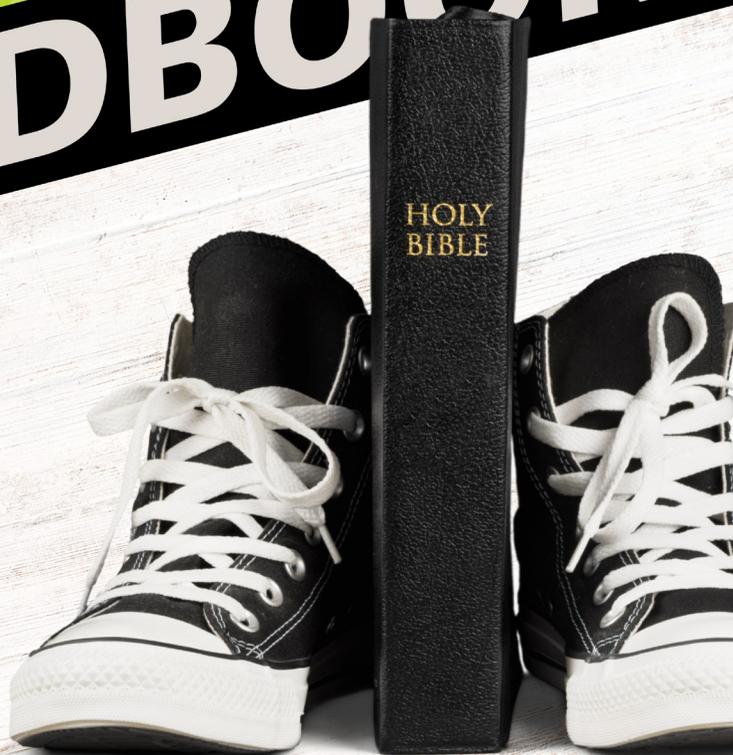


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# confirmation ministry 2025-26 calendar



## wednesday night schedule

first wednesdays dinner 5-6pm | worship 6-6:30pm  
large group 6:30-6:45pm | small group huddle 6:45-7:30pm

## lent/mentoring february 25 – march 25

weekly wednesday dinner 5-6:15pm | worship 6:30pm | mentoring before or after worship

## september

- 3 cyf teacher training
- 10 kickoff dinner  
parent/student night  
confirmation orientation
- 17 *Getting to Know You*
- 24 *Jesus Calls His Disciples*

## october

- 1 *One Body- Many Parts* huddle leader meeting
- 8 *Who do you say that I am*
- 15 **no confirmation**  
MEA
- 22 **service project night**
- 29 *The Prodigal Son*

## november

- 5 **parent/student night**  
stewardship meal 6pm
- 12 *Fruits of the Spirit*
- 19 *Mary & Joseph*
- 26 **no confirmation**  
thanksgiving

## december

- 3 **service project night**  
huddle leader meeting
- 10 *Charlie Brown Christmas*
- 17 **christmas party**
- 24 **no confirmation**  
christmas break
- 31 **no confirmation**  
new year's eve

## january

- 7 *Baptism*  
huddle leader meeting
- 14 *The Lords Prayer*
- 21 *I Believe: 2 Article Creed*
- 28 **parent/student night**  
*The Path of Jesus*

## february

- 4 **service project night**  
huddle leader meeting
- 11 *Jesus Death/Resurrection*
- 18 **no confirmation**  
ash wednesday
- 25 **mentoring**

## march

- 4 **mentoring**
- 11 **mentoring**
- 18 **mentoring**
- 25 **mentoring**

## april

- 1 **no confirmation**  
holy week
- 8 **tough questions night**  
huddle leader meeting
- 15 *Sermon on the Mount*
- 22 *Jesus Faces Temptation*
- 29 *The Lords Supper*

## may

- 6 **end-of-the-year celebration**



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# welcome to confirmation at trinity

*we're glad you're here!*

Confirmation at Trinity is a three-year ministry that typically begins in the fall of the 6th grade year and ends with the **Rite of Confirmation** on the last Sunday of October (Reformation Sunday) for 9th grade students. This ministry offers a wide variety of experiences and has built in flexibility to meet a diversity of individual needs and learning styles. Trinity is a welcoming community and desires to work with the needs/situations of each family. Please talk with your pastors or Trinity's Faith Formation staff about any specific family info or needs that would help us to minister to your family/child.

## personal involvement

Confirmation ministry is a voluntary program and is available to those who wish to learn more and grow in their faith. **The Rite of Confirmation** (Affirmation of Baptism) is not a sacrament in the Lutheran Tradition. ***It is a public affirmation of our baptism/faith.*** We trust that each family takes this commitment seriously and understands the reasons why they are participating. We want our youth to learn how to get involved, to serve, to give, to grow and to go beyond just showing up. If your family is making the choice to engage in this ministry, we expect that students will participate constructively in small group Huddle time, large group, and other opportunities by respectfully and faithfully engaging—to think, ask questions, share ideas, employ creativity, pray and have fun!

## teaching goals

Our goal for Confirmation is to **help youth see how faith is a part of our everyday life**—not just on Sundays and Wednesdays, but every minute of every day. When we are sleeping, eating, going to school, playing sports, creating art and music, or spending time with friends and family, God is always with us and our faith should be incorporated into all we do. Through specific questions, the curriculum directs youth to think about how faith is a part of every day. We also want students to be comfortable navigating the Bible—knowing how to find books and verses. We also learn key aspects of Luther's Small Catechism, the basis of our Lutheran faith.

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# Wednesday NIGHTS @ TRINITY LONG LAKE

## wednesday night schedule

**fall kickoff dinner** 5-6pm, sept 10

**first wednesdays dinner** 5-6pm, begins oct 6 | **worship** 6-6:30pm

**confirmation** 6:30-6:45pm large group, 6:45-7:30pm huddle group

**lent/mentoring february 25 – march 25**

weekly wednesday dinner 5-6:15pm | worship 6:30pm | mentoring before or after worship

## communication



If you have general questions about Confirmation, MS Ministries or other areas of Trinity Church please Kiana or call the office.



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Occasionally we will send out an email to give you up to date information on both the Confirmation ministry and other middle school activities to participate in. Please read these when you see them in your email box. Sometimes emails can go to spam, check to make sure you are receiving these in your main email box.

In case of inclement weather, we will follow the **Orono School cancellation decisions** (as they are the closest school district to Trinity). Weather cancellations will be posted on our website and an email will be sent to all families by 3pm on Wednesday.



### cell phone usage

Cell phone use is not allowed at Confirmation. If a parent/guardian needs to get in touch with a student, please contact Kiana.

# yearly expectations for students & parents

**Attend and participate on scheduled  
Wednesday nights.** *Bring your bible.*

**Attend worship**  
on Wednesdays at 6pm or Sundays at 9am.

Complete a minimum of  
**eight (8) Faith in Action Talk Sheets**  
each year (24 total by 9th grade).

Complete **two service opportunities**  
each year (6 total by 9th grade).

**Attend worship during Lent** and  
**set up your Lenten Mentor experience**  
on Wednesday evenings.

**Attend Confirmation retreat** in the fall  
of 9th grade (date/location TBD).

# faith in action talk sheets

It is the requirement for confirmation students' grades 6 through 8 to complete **eight Faith In Action Talk Sheets** each year, or the equivalent of one a month during the school year. **Faith In Action Talk Sheets** are designed for parent(s) to have meaningful conversations with their child about faith and their experiences in worship. The talk sheet on the right displays how we like to structure the conversation, but not restricted to these three questions – it can go well beyond what we require here.



**Faith In Action Talk Sheets** can be found in the Narthex or online; just scan code or text TALK to Trinity (952.473.8577).



Catch up by watching worship services online.

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## worship service opportunities

Confirmants and their families are encouraged to **serve on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings**. *This can count as one of the two service opportunities required each year.*

To sign up, text ASSIST or contact **Linda Koltes**, Office Administrator (LindaK@TrinityLongLake.org).

**usher** | Greet people entering the Sanctuary, pass out bulletins, count the number of people in worship. On communion Sundays, direct people forward to receive communion, then collect the offering.

**refreshments** | Make coffee to be served with provided cookies or donuts after worship and then clean up the refreshment station when everyone is finished.

**greeter** | Greet people. Arrive 15-20 minutes before worship.

**reader** | Read the scripture lesson at worship. The assigned reading will be emailed to you ahead of time.

**communion assistant** | Assist the pastors with serving communion to the congregation.

## service opportunities

It is the requirement for confirmation students' grades 6 through 8 to **complete two service opportunities during each school year**. *Please have your student fill out the back side of the Faith In Action Talk Sheet with the details for their service work*. We highly encourage families to participate in these opportunities together. These service opportunities and more will be promoted through our weekly Tuesday email, Sunday bulletin, quarterly newsletter, and sign-up sheets at the SignUp Center.

For more information or to sign up for any of these offerings you can also contact **Jill Cornell**, *Director of Shared Ministries* ( [JillC@TrinityLongLake.org](mailto:JillC@TrinityLongLake.org) ).



**walk for water** | Two options to participate:

- Saturday, Sept 20 at 9am | Upper Landing Saint Paul
- Sunday, Sept 21 at 10:15am | Trinity

Join the walk, raising awareness for access for clean water. Text WATER.

**fall serve weekend** | October 24-26

A variety of projects on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Some will take place at Trinity while others will take place at the location serving.

**simpson shelter lunch** | year-round opportunities

Upcoming dates: Sept 27, Oct 11 & Nov 8 | 10:30am-1:30pm

We serve lunch monthly at Simpson Shelter. Meet at Trinity and carpool together (or meet at the shelter). Text SIMPSON.

**agape gift market** | November 15 & 16 | Trinity

Help with a shift before, during or after the market. Text AGAPE.

**salem lutheran church** (our partner church in North Minneapolis)

Opportunities will be available during the year to help with their Christmas store (Dec 20), community meals (2nd Tuesdays), State Fair dining hall and other ways. Text SALEM.

**community meal** | Sept 25, Dec 18, March 26 at 4:30-7:30pm | Trinity

Help on one of these nights when Trinity hosts the meal.

**we care bags** | February

Help deliver these special bags to members of Trinity. Each family will have a few bags to deliver and share kindness to others.

**spring serve weekend** | April or early May

A variety of projects on Friday & Saturday. Some take place at Trinity while others will be offsite.

**summer nights** | Wednesdays, June–August

Help setup, serve the meal, welcome others, or clean up. Text NIGHTS.



Additional opportunities will happen during the year including helping with **donation collections/drop off, Giving Tree** and more.

## lenten mentoring 1:1 program

Studies show that *healthy youth have 2-3 other influencers* (besides parents) who they can trust and talk to. We believe that **Faith Mentoring** helps provide these important relationships!

**FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25**

**During Lent**, regular Confirmation classes pause so youth can participate in our Lenten Mentoring. Each student will **select a trusted adult mentor** (age 18 or older, not a parent or grandparent, and preferably a Trinity member or regular guest) to walk alongside them in faith. Youth and their mentors are expected to **attend Wednesday evening worship together** and **meet for 20–30 minutes** each week to talk about what they experienced. To support these conversations, mentors will receive an outline with discussion starters prior to Lent. **Wednesday night dinners will shift from first Wednesdays to weekly during Lent** (5-6:15pm). Students & mentors are encouraged to **eat together before 6:30pm worship**, which can also serve as their weekly check-in time. The purpose of Lenten Mentoring is to help youth connect with caring adults outside their families who can encourage, support, and share in their faith journey. Students should begin considering who they would like to ask as a mentor, as we will collect names in the weeks leading up to Lent.

## parent/guardian opportunities

As a parent, you have the most important role in your child's faith development, and we are here to support you! **Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in opportunities at Trinity** this upcoming year including worship, Huddle Group leadership, *Summer Nights*, adult ministry opportunities, special events, and service projects. Trinity is open to all members and nonmembers. Check our website, weekly emails, bulletins, worship announcements, and monitors to find ways to get involved. Text ADULT.

### middle school parent connection

Parents gather once or twice monthly for informal conversation relative to being a parent of a MS youth. Meet in the Fireside Room. Suggested meeting time: before or after Wednesday night worship.

group is currently seeking someone to lead  
contact Pastor Ann ([AnnF@TrinityLongLake.org](mailto:AnnF@TrinityLongLake.org)) if interested



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## 9th grade confirmation experience

Below are the expectations that need to be met as confirmation students enter their ninth-grade school year prior to Confirmation Sunday the end of October.

### faith statement or faith project

Each confirmation student needs to write a two-page statement of their faith or do a Faith Project due by September 15 of their 9th grade year.

#### Examples of possible Faith Projects are:

- If the student is a dancer, they could create a 3–5-minute dance that represents their faith.
- If the student is a painter, they could paint a picture that represents their faith.
- If the student is a musician, they could write a song about their faith, or perform a song that they feel represents their faith.
- If the student is comfortable with their project being shared on Confirmation Sunday, either during the worship service or in the gathering space before/after worship we will want to know that during your faith conversation.
- All Faith Projects need to be approved by a pastor, so students have enough time to finish the project before Confirmation Sunday.

### bible verse

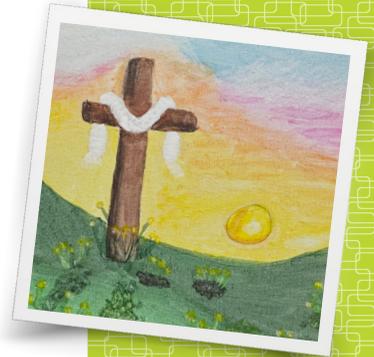
Each confirmation student will select a Bible verse that is meaningful to them.

### faith conversation

Each confirmation student is required to meet one-on-one with Pastor Adam or Pastor Ann before being confirmed. The sign up for the Faith Conversations will be emailed at the beginning of August. For this 30-minute Faith Conversation, students should be prepared to discuss their Faith Statement, bible verse, and confirmation experience.

### confirmation class retreat

An overnight retreat with your confirmation class and Huddle leaders in fall of your 9th grade year. Specific details spring/summer.



*Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.*

- TIMOTHY 4:12



# frequently asked questions

## WHAT IF I MISS A WEDNESDAY NIGHT?

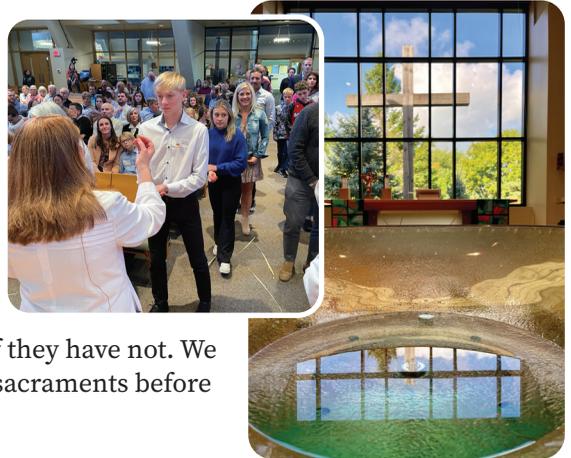
Attendance is expected. This ministry is dependent on your participation. If you are making the choice to register for Confirmation, we expect that all students make a strong commitment to prioritize being present in worship and Confirmation. We will take attendance each week to monitor participation.

## WHAT IF I DON'T MEET THE EXPECTATIONS?

It is important that students meet the basic expectations set forth by the program listed in this handbook and on our website (regular attendance, Faith In Action Talk Sheets, service projects, etc.). If they are unable to do so, we will sit down with the parent(s) and student and decide together whether the Rite of Confirmation is something they'd like to pursue. We need to be fair to the students and parent(s) who did meet the necessary requirements and uphold the commitment made by students and families to experience the value of the full program. Parents, please communicate with us well in advance if you see that there is a concern for meeting the basic expectations.

## WHAT IF I HAVEN'T BEEN BAPTIZED OR RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION?

Since this Rite of Confirmation service is called an Affirmation of Baptism, if a student has not been baptized, they will need to be prior to being confirmed in 9th grade. Please contact Pastor Adam or Pastor Ann to arrange a meeting/instruction time and to set a date for this special occasion to take place. We will also have opportunities for students and families to take communion together if they have not. We encourage students to partake in both sacraments before they are confirmed.



## WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A BIBLE?

All confirmation students will receive a confirmation study bible.

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# confirmation covenant

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## *As leaders of Confirmation, we will do our best to*

- Love and encourage you, support you and your family
- Provide instruction through the Confirmation ministry for your spiritual growth
- Be available to you for discussion as well as provide a meaningful worship each week for your whole family
- Conduct the **Rite of Confirmation** for you when you have completed Confirmation at Trinity

## *As a Confirmation student, I will do my best to*

- Attend and participate in worship
- Complete (8) **Faith in Action Talk Sheets** a year
- Complete (2) service projects a year
- Attend all scheduled Wednesday Confirmation nights —and be on time
- Meet with my mentor during Lent
- Be respectful of others and the church building; treat everyone the way I would want to be treated
- Not use electronic devices during Confirmation
- Respect myself—which includes not using non-prescription substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, vaping products) while at church and in life in general
- Have fun building meaningful relationships with other students while learning about God and growing in my faith!

## *As your parent(s), I/we will do my/our best to*

- Make sure my child is on time for all Wednesday nights
- Encourage my child to attend other Trinity middle school activities such as **Friday Nite LIVE**
- Attend the **Parent/Student Nights**
- Work with our child to complete the required **Faith in Action Talk Sheets** together
- Help where needed in the two service projects required each year
- Make sure my child attends the confirmation retreat at the conclusion of 8th grade.
- Attend worship regularly with our family be it Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings
- Pray regularly for and with our child for their spiritual growth & development
- Pray for the Small Group Huddle Leaders and church staff as they strive to instruct my child in faith
- Serve as a parent volunteer to organize, lead, or assist in needed areas of ministry
- Work with our child's Huddle Leader to resolve any problems that may arise





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