

Confirmation Requirements

Confirmation class is held upstairs in the Youth Room on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month & will be held following worship & coffee hour at approximately 10:30 am & will last one hour.

- **Memory Work:** students will memorize a minimum of 6 memory items. Three consist of items that we say regularly in worship (Gloria or Glory to God, Doxology and the Lord's Prayer). The three others are of your choice from the list given to you. The Apostles' Creed will also be recited while facing the Congregation on the day of Confirmation so that also needs to be learned by heart as best as you are able.
- **Worship Worksheets:** available on the welcome table each Sunday. Approximately Fifteen (15) should be submitted each year, for a total of 30 sheets during 2 years of Confirmation. For second year students, if you were over fifteen sheets last year, the extra sheets will be added to your total for this year.
- **Community Service:** such as helping in Sunday school, waiting tables at various dinners, helping with work days, Sunday School Christmas Pageant practice, etc. Also, you can do work in your neighborhood such as babysitting for free and submit a voucher signed by the person you worked for. School and scouting volunteer activities are also acceptable. Working to feed the hungry such as the Loaves and Fishes project will also be included. Thirty (30) hours of community service are required over the course of two years.
- **Trailblazer's Class:** The class is held the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month during the school year. (September through May). Students will be required to attend half of the classes during the school year but are highly encouraged to attend all Trailblazer's classes. Youth group meetings are also held on the 2nd Sunday following Trailblazers.
- **Prayer:** Students will commit to pray for each other. This is not something that will be tracked, but encouraged throughout confirmation.
- **Youth Group:** Students are required to attend 3 – 4 youth group social activities such as Noah's Ark Trip, Lock-in's, Bowling, Laser tag, etc. Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10:30am.
- **Retreat:** Students will attend a Youth retreat, at least one time during their two years, presented by the Wisconsin Conference UCC. Cost will be paid by the church youth fund. This year's options are **Feb. 23-25, 2018**. More information will follow.
- **Participation in Worship Service:** Students will be placed on a schedule to Acolyte throughout the two years of Confirmation. If they are unable to Acolyte on a specific date they are scheduled for, it is up to them to find another student to trade with. The students will also be called upon to serve as liturgist or in other positions throughout the two years.

We will provide an update about progress in January.

An adult/parent should remain in the class through the whole session. This is mandated by the "Safe Sanctuary" policy of E&R Church. These adults will take attendance, listen to memory work, and help keep order in the class. Two adults need to stay until the last Confirmand is picked up. One adult should never be in the building alone with one child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Mary Ann Proffitt** at **262-650-0216** or **mazproffitt@gmail.com**.

The following are the suggested things to learn by heart:

Lord's Prayer (required)

Our Father who (which) art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Glory Be (required)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it now and ever shall be, world without end, amen.

Doxology (required)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Apostles' Creed (This will be recited by the class while **facing the congregation on the day of Confirmation** in May)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker (Creator) of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only (begotten) Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of (by) the Holy Spirit (Ghost),
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and (was) buried.

He descended into hell (hades). The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits (is seated) at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence (whence) He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (Christian) church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and (the) life everlasting.

Amen.

From the following, pick 2 others . . .

Names of the 12 disciples

The original twelve disciples / apostles are listed in Matthew 10:2-4: "These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, **Simon** (who is called Peter) and his brother **Andrew**; **James** son of Zebedee, and his brother **John**; **Philip** and **Bartholomew**; **Thomas** and **Matthew** the tax collector; **James** son of Alphaeus, and **Thaddaeus**; **Simon** the Zealot and **Judas Iscariot**, who betrayed Him."

Psalms 23 (In any translation – the one most well-known is from the King James Version)

New Testament books: See the table of contents in your Bibles.

Ten Commandments (Located in two places in the Old Testament – Exodus 2:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21)

Simplified version:

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make any idols (or make anything you love into an object of worship)
3. You shall not make wrongful use of God's name (shall not take God's name in vain)
4. You shall honor your father and mother
5. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (this is not quite the same as "lying.")
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to someone else.

Luther's Evening Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

A choice of any other Psalm: The shortest psalms are, 15, 41, 54 (ignore the word "selah"), 93, 98, 100, 113, **117**(the very shortest!!!), 120, 121, 127, 128, **131,132,133** (these last three are the next shortest), 150 (the last psalm)

Heidelberg Catechism: Selected Questions and answers

Question 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Question 22. What then must a Christian believe?

Answer. Everything God promises us in the gospel. That gospel is summarized for us in the articles of our Christian faith— a creed [Apostles' Creed] beyond doubt and confessed throughout the world.

Question 24. How are these articles of the Apostles' Creed divided?

Answer: Into three parts;

- the first is of God the Father, and our creation;
- the second of God the Son, and our redemption;
- the third of God the Holy Ghost, and our sanctification.

Question 26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

Answer: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.

Question 29. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus", that is a Savior?

Answer: Because he saves us, and delivers us from our sins; and likewise, because we ought not to seek, neither can we find salvation in any other