



Dear friends,

When a child is baptized, grown-ups and sponsors make certain promises to nurture the faith of that child as they grow and mature. They also promise to do the following:

*“...to live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer” (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 228)*

In Confirmation, your students now have the unique opportunity to learn more about those promises and to choose to make them their own. They now have the ability to learn about what it means to be a “Christian” and a “Lutheran.” They have the freedom to ask questions and to doubt. They have the space to consider the deep mysteries of life: mysteries of meaning, purpose, and belonging. This is the moment when they are given the chance to affirm those promises that you made for them when they were young and when they couldn’t fully understand or answer on their own.

Confirmation is a choice, but it’s a choice that your students must make. It’s often treated as a milestone (like a graduation), but I think that misses the point. Of course, we pray that these students find their faith to be a meaningful part of their lives and that they choose to be confirmed. On the other hand, however, Confirmation is ultimately about exploration and learning. Students may complete this program and still not be ready to say “yes.” That’s ok! After all, this is not about reaching a “destination” but about choosing a “pathway” for life. Confirming one’s faith is a big decision and if done with integrity and honesty, it can be life changing. We don’t want to force it or to get in the way of what God might do in their lives! So, we pray, and we support their journey!

I am so excited for this year and am honored to walk alongside your students. The mentors and I are looking forward to being the cheerleaders that encourage them to keep learning and growing in the faith that you all have instilled in them up to this point.

In Service,  
Rev. Heath Queen

## Overview

Confirmation will meet every Wednesday night (see schedule), beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 5:30PM in the fellowship hall and class will begin at 6PM. Families of our confirmation students take turns providing dinner to our confirmation class and mentors throughout the year (sign-up's will be made available).

## Requirements

Over the course of three years, Confirmation students are expected to complete the following (you are strongly encouraged to do more than what is listed here):

- Attend all confirmation classes and required worship services.
- Serve as an acolyte in worship on scheduled Sundays.
- Attend confirmation camp at least once.
- Complete 45 sermon notes (15/yr).
- Complete 25 service hours (8-9/yr).

In your last year and before Confirmation, you will also be required to do the following.

- Choose a life-verse from the Bible and recite it publicly.
- Attend a workshop and write a "faith statement" that outlines what you believe about God, the church, and life. You will read this at the faith statement luncheon.

## Expectations

In addition to the requirements for confirmation, we also expect the following:

**Regular Worship Attendance:** Worship is important for our lives, and we hope that students/families will be present in worship, even when it's not required. We invite you to make church and worship a priority. Set a good example for your students.

**No Cell Phone/Electronics:** During confirmation classes, we will not tolerate the use or presence of cell phones. Students will be asked to place their phones in a bin at the beginning of class and will be able to retrieve them when class ends. We will also not tolerate ear buds or other distracting electronics that focus a student's attention elsewhere. We encourage parents to be vigilant in helping us to enforce this.

**Family Ministry Nights:** On several occasions throughout the year, we will gather all our children, youth, and families together for a "family ministry night." This is where we engage you all in activities and Bible study as a family. We strongly encourage parents and students to attend (grandparents are also welcome). See the schedule for details.

**No Bullying or Harassing Behavior:** We hope to create a safe space for all our students to learn, grow, and ask questions. We will not tolerate bullying behavior.

## **FAQs**

### **What if I am unable to attend confirmation class?**

A: Every student will be allowed 3 absences throughout the year. Please communicate with Pastor Heath and your mentor if you will not be present.

### **What about weather closings and cancellations?**

A: If Tri-City United cancels school or closes early due to weather, confirmation will also be canceled. We will make every effort to communicate these changes.

### **What can count as service hours?**

A: Service hours include any volunteer work done outside of worship assistance (i.e., acolyte and reading in worship do not count). Examples include serving at Oktoberfest, VBS, assisting with the church livestream, and at other local/community events.

Students should bring supporting documentation to demonstrate that they were a part of the activity. Pastor Heath is happy to answer questions about this.

### **Do I have to go to the confirmation camp that the church selects?**

A: All students should plan to go to the camp/dates that we have selected. However, in rare/special circumstances, other camps might be accepted to meet this requirement.

### **What do I do if I start confirmation late and am behind on requirements?**

A: Talk with Pastor Heath to make a plan to catch up and to be confirmed on time.

### **What if I am unable to make my scheduled acolyte day?**

A: You are responsible for working with other students to make trades and changes.

### **What is a faith statement and how do I write one?**

A: All third-year students will receive instructions to guide them in writing their statements. They will also be asked to attend a workshop which will help provide them with directions.

## **2025-26 Mentors & Teachers**

Rev. Heath Queen – Pastor

Barb Krohn – Confirmation Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_ - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor

Lisa Simon & Jessica Whipps – 8th Grade Mentors

Jane Sapp – 9th Grade Mentor

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## St. Paul Confirmation Schedule (2025-2026)

**Theme: The New Testament (Gospels & Epistles)**

| Date       | Class Topic                | Date      | Class Topic                                   |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 10th | Welcome, Team Bldg.        | Jan. 14th | Letters                                       |
| Sept. 17th | Church Skills              | Jan. 21st | Paul & The Early Church                       |
| Sept. 24th | The New Testament          | Jan. 28th | Family Ministry Night                         |
| Oct. 1st   | Jesus                      | Feb. 4th  | Paul's Theology                               |
| Oct. 8th   | The Gospels                | Feb. 11th | Romans                                        |
| Oct. 15th  | No Class (MEA Break)       | Feb. 18th | Required Ash Wed. Service                     |
| Oct. 22nd  | Matthew                    | Feb. 25th | Required Lent Service                         |
| Oct. 29th  | Family Ministry Night      | Mar. 4th  | Required Lent Service                         |
| Nov. 5th   | Mark                       | Mar. 11th | Required Lent Service                         |
| Nov. 12th  | Luke                       | Mar. 18th | Required Lent Service                         |
| Nov. 19th  | John                       | Mar. 25th | Required Lent Service                         |
| Nov. 26th  | No Class (Thanksgiving)    | Apr. 1st  | No Class (Holy Week)                          |
| Dec. 3rd   | Gospel Parallels           | Apr. 8th  | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians |
| Dec. 10th  | Christmas Party & Review   | Apr. 15th | Galatians                                     |
| Dec. 17th  | No Class (Christmas Break) | Apr. 22nd | Family Ministry Night                         |
| Dec. 24th  | No Class (Christmas Break) | Apr. 29th | Revelation                                    |
| Dec. 31st  | No Class (Christmas Break) | May 6th   | Year End Party!                               |
| Jan. 7th   | Acts                       | May 13th  | 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only                    |

### Special Reminders:

- Family Ministry Nights are geared towards all ages and are required for all confirmation students. Additionally, we encourage grown-ups/guardians to attend with their kids.
- During Lent, students are required to attend midweek services and to fill out a sermon note. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these services with their students.
- Faith Statement Workshops: For those 9<sup>th</sup> graders who need to write a faith statement, Barb Krohn will be hosting workshops on Wednesdays from 6-7pm during the season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week) and after worship on Sundays in March.

### For those who will be confirmed this year (9<sup>th</sup> graders), mark your calendars:

- Faith statements & Bible verse selections are due by EOD on Sun, April 19th.
- Faith Statement Luncheon – Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Time TBD)
- Confirmation Sunday – Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> (Time TBD)