



# Confirmation Program Guide

*“...live among God’s faithful people; hear the word of God and share the Lord’s Supper; proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; serve all people following the example of Jesus; and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.”*

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
affirmation of Baptism Blessing, pg 236*

## 2017-2018

## AN OVERVIEW

### **I. The meaning of Confirmation:**

*Confirmation is both a rite of public affirmation of one's Baptism and a life-long journey of faith.*

1. Through our Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection the door to new life in Jesus Christ was opened for us. As we journey into adulthood we understand and appreciate what our Baptism means for everyday living. The Affirmation of Baptism is the event at which one reaffirms one's Baptism in a public way. Based on their public profession of faith, the church offers the youth membership in the church and greater responsibilities in the Christian community and its mission in the world.
2. Affirming and living out the call of our Baptism is a life-long journey of faith. It is a journey which is sustained by God's grace and full of new discoveries.
3. To enable our youth to grow in grace and the knowledge of their Christian faith, Bethel Lutheran has established a program of study which begins with mid-week instruction in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade year and leads toward the Affirmation of Baptism in the Spring of the 8th grade. Through classes, social concerns projects, and at least one Friday evening at the church. We hope that the Good News of God's love is made real to each young person.

*It is necessary for those who wish to be confirmed to fully participate in the congregation's program. The pastor will work with youth and families to accommodate those joining the church amidst the program year.*

## **II. Goals of the Confirmation Program:**

\*To teach our young people an overview of the Lutheran expression of the Christian faith and impart skills which will enable them to deal with issues concerning their faith journey.

\*To help our young people to make connections between our study of the faith and acting out our faith through social concerns activities.

\*To provide opportunities for our young people to build meaningful relationships with others in the program and with adults in the church.

\*To encourage our young people to gather for worship and service in their congregation, community, synod and church-wide.

## **III. Length and Grade Levels of the Program:**

The confirmation mid-week sessions will be two years in length and will involve the 7th and 8th grades.

## **IV. The Rite of Confirmation:**

The Rite of Confirmation will take place in the spring of the 8th grade year.

## **V. Program Outline:**

1. Our instruction time will meet for about an hour + from 6:30pm to 7:45pm on Wednesday evenings, during the LOGOS Bible Study time. I also plan to gather the youth for an evening to be scheduled in the Fall. During these gatherings I plan to do some group building as well as instruction in faith formation.
2. Beginning this program year, we will be adding each of the lessons to our website. In the event that your son or daughter is unable to attend please have them go to [www.bethelmt.org](http://www.bethelmt.org), youth programs, point at confirmation and select the missed lesson from the drop down. Email Pastor Steve for the password which will be the same for any missed lessons, [bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.pastor.steve@gmail.com). Youth and parent will work on this together and there is a short “quiz” on

the bottom of the lesson page to fill out and submit for Pastor Steve's review.

3. Worship and Service will also be an integral part of this program. Scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. The 7th graders are encouraged to attend worship with their families and during Logos when scheduled. The 8th graders are also encouraged to attend worship with their families and write a statement of faith paper. Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be involved in the service projects arranged during the program years.
4. Prior to the Rite of Confirmation, the 8th graders and parent(s) will meet with the Pastor to discuss their statement of faith paper and any other questions that they might have.

Rite of Confirmation: **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 9:30am.**

**Confirmation Program  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
2017 – 2018**

**Confirmation orientation retreat for youth and parent(s) will be held on Wednesday, Sept 13 at the Great Falls KOA (1500 51st St S) from 6pm to 8pm.**

**7th & 8th Grade - Mid-Week Program**  
(Wednesdays: 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.) Logos Bible Study time

**Year Two 2017-2018 (Catechism II)**

Who Is God? (Apostle's Creed); Martin Luther/Lutheran Living; Overview II: Holy Communion & Baptism; Encouragement (Living the Faith in Community); Life-Long Faith Formation (Devotional Life); Can I Get a Witness? (My Story/God's Story)

Focus on Discipleship: Overview II: Holy Communion & Baptism; The Life of Martin Luther; The Church: Living in Community; How to Stay Connected: Daily Devotion; Sharing the Faith.

**Eighth Grade Parent/Student Conferences: Weeks of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**The Rite of Confirmation for 8th Graders  
Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Year One 2018 - 2019 (Catechism I)**

Bible, Means of Grace (Sacraments), Worship, Prayer, Giving.  
Focus on Discipleship: Bible 101; Overview I: Holy Communion &  
Baptism; Prayer (Lord's Prayer); Giving (Holy Stewardship!)

**Discipline Philosophy**

We believe that maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect and love is crucial for effective Christian education. We believe that teachers, parents, youth, and administrators need to work together to create a loving, positive environment where youth are encouraged to develop self discipline and grow in their Christian faith. We will work together to attain these goals, maintaining an awareness that all are treated with love and to be seen as through the eyes of God, all equally children of God. It is in this arena that we practice "Kingdom of God Living."

**STEPS IN DEALING WITH INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

1. One warning given for inappropriate behavior.
2. Should behavior not change, the student will be removed from the group by another adult to address ways to change the behavior.

If cooperation and change of attitude does not occur parents will be asked to help with the solution.

## LOGOS Schedule for 2017 – 2018

DATE	THEME & MENU	SPECIAL EVENT
September 20	Welcome Back Sack Lunch	Party in the Park
September 27	Camping Sloppy Joes	
October 4	Fiesta Tacos in a Bag	Family Meal and Worship
October 11	Superhero Sub Sandwiches	
October 18	No regular LOGOS	Service Project to be determined
October 25	Under the Sea Seashell Pasta	
November 1	Classic 50's Burgers	Family Meal and Worship
November 8	Circus Corn Dogs	
November 15	Luau Shish-ka-bobs	
November 22 <b>NO LOGOS!</b>	=====	=====
November 29	Down on the Farm Chicken	
December 6	Taste of Italy Spaghetti	Family Meal and Worship
December 13	Pajama Night Waffles	

DATE	THEME & MENU	SPECIAL EVENT
January 10	Pirate Pulled Pork	Family Meal and Worship
January 17	That's Amore Lasagna	
January 24	SDRAWKCAB Pancakes	
January 31	CANstruction Hamburgers	
February 7	Tailgate Sloppy Joes	Family Meal and Worship
February 14 <b>NO LOGOS!</b>	=====	Ash Wednesday
February 21	Cereal Food Drive Cereal	
February 28	Beach Party Fish-n-Chips	
March 7	Black & White Bowtie Pasta	Family Meal and Worship
March 14	Jump Up Fiesta Tacos in a Bag	
March 21 5:30-7:00 p.m.	End of Year Party Pizza	

