

Expectations for Confirmation Students

Confirmation Ministry 2016-2017

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

During 7th & 8th grade, youth will:

- To pray daily (guidance will be given)
 - Attend & actively participate in all Confirmation events, as scheduled & make up missed assignments;
 - Arrive prepared for each Confirmation event having completed Manna and Mercy Assignments
 - Attend & actively participate in four Fellowship and four Service Events with your Small Group;
 - Attend & actively participate in worship. Fill out salmon-colored cards in the pew & place in the Sermon Summary Box in the Narthex;
 - Complete nine sermon summaries per year, turn them into the Sermon Summary Box in the Narthex;
 - Attend the Confirmation Retreat September 30 – October 2, 2016 (see attachment)
 - Make regular contributions to the church during worship
 - Attend an event connected to the Church beyond Prince of Peace:
 - Synod Jr High Retreat “Among the Wolves” November 18-20, 2016
 - Washington DC Servant Trip June 26-30, 2016,
 - Another Synod Events.
 - Serve as an acolyte during worship six times per year (three fall, three spring); and
 - Choose at least one additional position of service during worship and commit to being placed on the schedule (minimum of 8 times for year).
 - **These may include***
 1. Usher
 2. Lector – Reading Lessons
 3. Greeter
 4. Media Team
 5. Bake bread for communion
 6. Create other visual arts for the worship space
 7. Offering your musical talents by participating in any of the POP musical groups or some other musical offering arranged with the Music Director
 8. Altar Guild – setting up and cleaning up for communion
 9. Create stories, poems, etc. to emphasize the Lessons read for a particular Sunday
- *If you are unable to attend service on your scheduled day, it is your responsibility to contact and provide a substitute.***

8th Graders ONLY

- Participate in a Student/Parent conference with Pr. Brett and your Small Group Guide before Confirmation Day.

During the 9th grade, youth will:

- **Complete and turn in to the pastors all required homework and sermon summaries prior to Confirmation;**
- Write a personal statement of faith that may be printed for the congregation. Due September 1, 2017.
- Attend Confirmation Retreat in October and assist with instruction
- Attend Confirmation Retreat Planning Session.
- Attend the rehearsal prior to Confirmation Day; and
- Affirm your Baptism with the congregation during worship service on Confirmation Day in the Fall of 2017. A celebration dinner follows the service.

Every Year All Students will have several opportunities to demonstrate acquired knowledge and integration of important basics of discipleship. If the student actively participates in the program and holds fast to the discipline of prayer prescribed each season, the student will be able to demonstrate 100% mastery by the end of 8th grade.

Expectations of Parents or Guardians of all Catechetical Participants

1. **Attend** worship regularly with my teen.
2. **Assist** my teen in regularly attending Sunday School and Catechetical Instruction. Encourage him/her to take responsibility for missed events.
3. **Support** my teen and his/her fellow small group members by helping make their fellowship and servant events happen.
4. **Support** my teen in congregational activities; and showing by example that each of us has a responsibility to serve in the congregation, at home and in the world according to the gifts each of us has received from God.
5. **Discuss** and show interest in what my teen is learning in confirmation.
6. **Take seriously** any recommendations or requests made to my teen by their Guide or pastor(s).
7. **Ask for help** if you feel overwhelmed with issues concerning you and your teen.

Confirmation Ministry is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church, which helps the baptized child through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Body of Christ and participate more fully in Christ's mission for the life of the world.

During the Rite of Confirmation we renew our baptismal vows of Faith, Love and Repentance. The sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge, the fear of the Lord and the Spirit of Joy in God's presence" is conferred anew to the confirmand. To prepare for these gifts we participate in the in an intentional training program called Confirmation.

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