

2019-2020 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Instruction

PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION / INFORMATION

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CONFIRMATION IS . . .

a public declaration of faith in and commitment to Jesus as your Savior, confirming the grace given in Baptism, along with a solemn promise to remain faithful to Christ for a lifetime of discipleship. This declaration and promise is accompanied by the prayers and blessing of the Church.

What is required to participate in Confirmation? In order to make such a strong commitment to Christ, it is important that each confirmand knows what he or she is committing themselves to! This is why we have a period of **instruction** to make sure that each child knows the overview of the Biblical story of God's redemption and the basic doctrines of the Christian Faith as summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. This **intentional instruction** happens in 7th & 8th grade. In addition to academic instruction, a variety of hands-on projects will demonstrate **faith application** in day to day life (Faith in Action Hours, Worship Summaries, Service Projects, etc.)

Confirmation Instruction is the academic religious instruction that prepares a student for taking part in the **Lord's Supper** at Our Savior Lutheran Church, and is intended to develop a dynamic faith, solid Bible study skills and habits, and regular church participation. This instruction is primarily the **responsibility of the parents**, specifically the father. (Genesis 18:19, Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 6:4-7, and 11:19, Proverbs 1:8, 6:20, and 22:6, Psalms 34:11, 44:1, 78:5, Ephesians 6:4, II Timothy 1:5, and 3:15)

When does Confirmation Instruction Take Place?

For students of Our Savior Lutheran School – Confirmation Instruction takes place as part of our **Christian Studies** curriculum during the school year. Mr. Wright is teaching the 7th grade in depth instruction on the Small Catechism, and Pastor Wangelin and Miss Drinan are teaching 8th grade in life application. Vicar Mussell will be assisting with both classes. Quizzes, memory work, and other assignments are a part of the academic instruction.

For Public School Instruction (PSI) students – Confirmation Instruction takes place within a customized learning plan, working with Vicar Mussell and Pastor Wangelin. The 7th & 8th grade students will cover the overview of God's Salvation Story (Biblical Content) and the basics of Christian Doctrine (Small Catechism). Parents take a more active role in instruction, and will meet with Vicar Mussell or Pastor on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (See page 9 for schedule)

MATERIALS THE STUDENT NEEDS

Luther's Small Catechism
Bible (NIV or ESV), one in which notes can be written
Folder with blank paper for taking and collecting notes
Writing paper
Pen or Pencil

A Given: Students will be confirmed **only when the course work is completed** and they have a **Worship attendance pattern of 50% or more** (obviously, we'd expect and love 100% attendance). Our Savior Lutheran Church cannot in good conscience confirm an individual that has not taken an active role in regular worship here at OSL, even if all academic work is completed. If a student is not active in Worship and church life, the parents are really demanding that the congregation not confirm that student.

EXPECTATIONS

Parents and Students can expect the **Instructors** to . . .

- ❑ recognize the parent as having the primary responsibility in educating their children, specifically the father.
- ❑ assume a teaching role, with the consent of the parents, to assist the parents in fulfilling their God-given responsibility.
- ❑ provide supplemental materials and instructions to clarify concepts and topics, especially as requested by parents.
- ❑ provide regular progress reports to the parents and the student.

The Instructors and Parents can expect the **Student** to . . .

- ❑ come to class prepared to study, with all materials and supplies necessary.
- ❑ establish a regular study pattern and stick to it.
- ❑ attend worship and Bible study regularly.
- ❑ ask questions when material is unclear.
- ❑ complete all assigned homework.
- ❑ discover and complete all homework or assignments when absent.

The Instructors and Students can expect the **Parents** to . . .

- ❑ recognize that, according to God's Word, religious education is the responsibility of the parents, specifically the father.
- ❑ listen to memory work.
- ❑ encourage, push, prod, help, and motivate the student to put forth his or her best effort at all times.
- ❑ fill out accountability sheets regarding service time, memory work, and homework which the student will bring to class weekly.
- ❑ be aware of the student's progress. Ask the instructors for intermittent progress reports if necessary. Get additional information if something is unclear.
- ❑ be aware that homework will involve family participation.
- ❑ establish and maintain a worship life pattern that sets a positive example for the student to follow. This includes weekly participation in worship and Bible study and a daily prayer life. (Proverbs 2:6)

BEHAVIOR

We believe that confirmation is a very important part of our student's spiritual development. As a result, we remind our parents and students that classroom behavior must be such that it does not interfere with the teaching and activities of the class. If behaviors become a problem, instructors will consult with the parents to remedy the situation. Those students who are not ready to exert the maturity and effort are not ready to be confirmed.

NON-OSL MEMBERS

Confirmation is a church rite (not a school function) that is an official act, carried out by the pastor of a congregation. Students are typically confirmed in the congregation to which they belong, by their pastor. There may be some exceptions, where a Lutheran non-member could be confirmed at OSL, but only with the expressed permission of their pastor and a conversation with Pastor Wangelin.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday is May 3, 2020. Thereafter, Confirmation Sunday will be held on the last Sunday of October (Reformation Sunday) for students starting their freshman year of high school. This is to create a stronger bridge from middle school to high school faith life. A few classes will be held for 9th graders and their parents, but no coursework will take place over the summer months.

GENERAL INFORMATION (for PSI & OSL 7th & 8th Grade Students)

The following items pertain to ***all*** students in the confirmation program.

Memory Work

Memory work will be assigned as necessary and appropriate to the truths that we are discussing from Scripture. It will NOT be assigned as mere “busy work.” It is an important part of letting “the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Colossians 3:16). Students may wish to write out their verse on a note card and review it daily. Memory will be tested each time there is a lesson quiz.

Sermon Reflections

Learning how to worship and listen to a sermon is an important part of the Christian life. **7th & 8th Graders** will fill out Sermon Reflections (4 per trimester, 12 per year). These are to be discussed and signed by parents. Reports written legibly and with whole sentences are expected. This is an important part of learning how to worship and distinguish between Law and Gospel. *See page 12 for an example.*

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

A unique time will be set aside for our Confirmands to bond with each other and with adults in Christian fellowship and fun in a retreat setting. During this time, we will provide additional teaching. Since a retreat like this builds confidence, trust, and appreciation of one another as we spend time with and grow with other students, it is a mandatory part of the Confirmation curriculum.

This year’s retreat will be held at Camp Arcadia, October 11 – October 13. For OSL students, the cost is NOT included in your school registration. Please make payments to Our Savior Lutheran Church (memo: *Confirmation retreat*). The total cost is \$145 per student. Submit \$50 registration deposit to Dave Wright by September 11th.

Faith In Action Hours

“It is more blessed to give than to receive,” recounts the Apostle Paul of Jesus’ words. An individual, once he grows older, begins to more clearly understand this truth. In recognition of your growth in Christian maturity, it will be expected that during the following year you will somehow **DONATE (GIVE)** 12 hours (minimum) of your time (4 hours per trimester) in Christian service, **without** receiving any remuneration. This can be accomplished in any number of ways. The following are suggestions: ushering for church service (not chapel), babysitting in the nursery during a church service or function or for a family in the church while the parents attend a church Bible study or church meeting; visiting a nursing home, helping with VBS, Food Bank, helping in the church or school office as needed, assisting a neighbor, working at a local shelter or food bank, or whatever your creative minds can come up with. *See page 16 for other ideas and examples.* Please keep careful track of these hours and turn in the FIA Hours Reporting Form. *See page 15 for the FIA Hours Form.*

Faith in Action Hours are defined as:

1. Time given as a gift – without being paid.
2. Providing meaningful assistance to someone in need or to an organization.
3. Service to your church or community (not your family members, including grandparents)
4. Done on the student's own time – not school time.

It is highly encouraged that parents and siblings participate with the student in these FIA hours. In this day and age, anything that families can do together is a blessing!

Bible Journals

Weekly homework will consist not only of memory work, but of spending time with God's Word in personal devotion. **7th Graders** will be using their Bible Journals for personal Bible reading and reflection. *See page 13 for an example of the Bible Journal Worksheet.*

8th Graders will be reading the Four Gospels and writing a brief reflection based on one of the verses that the student chooses from their weekly reading. Bible Journals should be reviewed and discussed with their parents. Ten (10) weekly Bible Journals should be turned in each trimester. *See page 13 for an example of the Bible Journal Worksheet.*

First Communion Milestone

Instruction on the purpose and meaning of the Lord's Supper is required to take First Communion at Our Savior. This is a significant part of the Confirmation ministry. **Both 7th & 8th graders and their parents** are invited to take the First Communion Milestone classes, and both 7th & 8th graders may participate in the **First Communion Sunday** upon completion of the three classes. [Note: The topic of the Lord's Supper is not covered in 8th Grade Christian Studies. **Participation in the Milestone is required for taking communion and confirmation at Our Savior.**]

The First Communion Milestone classes will be held on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Commons/Cafeteria.

March 1

March 8

March 15

The First Communion Blessing will take place **Sunday March 15th** at late service (**10:45am**). Both 7th & 8th grade students and their parents who have completed all three classes may participate. If students take their First Communion in 7th grade, they do NOT need to retake the Milestone classes in 8th grade.

8th GRADE SPECIAL PROJECTS (for both OSL & PSI students)

The following items pertain to **all 8th grade** students, OSL & PSI

Each 8th grade Confirmation student is expected to complete three special projects during the course of the year.

PROJECT ONE – FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

Your family is asked to do a **Family Service Project** sometime this fall (September – November) that gives meaningful assistance to an individual or organization, such as serving at a soup kitchen or doing a landscaping project for a neighbor. This project must meet the same requirements as the Faith in Action Hours, but must be a minimum of two (2) hours in length, done with at least one other family member. (These hours do not count toward FIA hours.)

The student is then to write a **two (2) page report** on this project, due **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th**, which answers the following questions:

1. What did you do for your family service project, and how did you set it up?
2. Whom did you serve, and what was the need that you assisted with?
3. What did you and your family think about doing this project?
4. What Bible verses or topics relate to your service project?

Students may create a **2-5 minute video** of them explaining their project and sharing their God-sightings. These videos will be shown in class.

PROJECT TWO – FAITH PORTFOLIO

The second project is a Faith Portfolio, and this will be on display for Confirmation Sunday.

The Faith Portfolio is a scrapbook of faith development from Baptism to 8th Grade, to be completed and turned in by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020**. A template that students can fill out will be provided.

PROJECT THREE - FAITH ON DISPLAY

The Faith on Display Confirmation Project is a display of the student's faith, using a creative format that they choose. Please talk with pastor for approval before beginning this special project. The Confirmation Display is due **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020**. This will be accompanied by your previously completed faith portfolio.

Information regarding this project will be given several weeks prior to spring break. The following serve as examples of special projects:

- 1) A paper demonstrating some out-of-class research on a Biblical passage, historical event in Scripture, or historical background of a hymn or spiritual song. The paper, 2-3 pages in length, should show various sources used for the research as well as describing how the passage, the historical event from Scripture, or hymn affected you, how it helped your Christian faith and life. Please ask your pastor or teachers for help on finding reference material if you are having difficulty.

- 2) Some form of original, displayable art—drawing, painting, sculpture, mosaic, jewelry, etc—which is personally significant because of the divine truths that it reminds you of or because of the emotions it expresses in your relationship with God. A one page written explanation should accompany your art piece. Note: if you have a drawing or painting, it should be matted.
- 3) A devotional series (at least five devotions) using a common theme or related Scripture readings. Including an opening and closing prayer, they should be about a page in length. You will have opportunity to share these devotions in class and at home.
- 4) An original poem, song, or hymn (the song or hymn may be sung to an existing melody or you may write your own music) that expresses some relevant Scriptural truths that have been studied. A one page written explanation of why and how you wrote your poem, song, or hymn should accompany this project.
- 5) A drama or play put together with other classmates, with written (typed) script, illustrative of a Biblical truth or story. These plays may then be performed for the rest of the class, Christ Connections, or even in a church service.

NOTE: All papers must be typed, double-spaced, preferably in a Times New Roman or Calibri font—12 pt.

Your Confirmation Verse

A Confirmation verse, chosen by the pastor, will be spoken over them with a blessing on Confirmation Sunday. We ask students to submit any special requests for pastor to consider. (See page 20 for sample verses)

Confirmation verses will be chosen by November 8. Students will need to submit their requests (written or typed) before then.

Confirmation Examination Meeting

Each 8th grade student, along with their parents and Mr. Wright or Vicar, will **meet with pastor** for a discussion on faith and discipleship, demonstrating to the parents and the pastor that the student is ready to be confirmed, and to discuss a spiritual growth plan for high school. These meetings will be conducted in the week of **APRIL 20-23**.

Meetings will be held in the evenings, coordinated between parents and the church administrative assistant, Sue Sundstrom.

OSL Students – 8th Grade

This portion pertains to 8th Grade Students at Our Savior Lutheran School

In this class the students will study the application of Christian doctrine in the life of believers, following Jesus who is the **WAY**, the **TRUTH**, and the **LIFE**. With an emphasis on faithfulness to Scripture, Missional Living, parent involvement, and high school readiness, lessons will lay out how we live as Christians in today's world. In addition to classroom discussion, various activities and projects will be assigned for students to experience how doctrines are lived out in the daily Christian life.

Jesus is the **WAY** – Teaching disciples the way of Jesus (1st Trimester)

- This Faith is YOURS
- Legacy Verses
- Christ in the Old Testament
- How to Listen for God's Calling

Jesus is the **TRUTH** – Teaching disciples to discern truth from error (2nd Trimester)

- Catechism Review
- Church History & Christian Denominations
- World Religions & Christianity
- Apologetics – Atheism, Creation & Evolution, Defending the Faith

Jesus is the **LIFE** – Teaching disciples the life of faith (3rd Trimester)

- God's Plan for Marriage & Family
- Missional Living
- Beat the Culture
- Life with My Church

Your Christian Studies Class grade will be based on a number of factors: your class participation and respect for others present; weekly quizzes, memory work, sermon reflections, Bible Journals, and your trimester project. We are not endeavoring to grade your faith, but rather your academic proficiency. The following is how the student's confirmation grade is assessed:

Unit Quizzes	35%
Sermon Reflections (4 a trimester)	20%
Weekly Bible Journal (10 a trimester)	20%
Trimester Project/Homework	25%

ABSENCES: If a child is absent from class, he/she is responsible for getting the assignment from the teacher or another student. All of the work is expected to be turned in upon return to class. Tests/quizzes will be made up as agreed upon by the teacher and student. NOTE: **Incomplete work** (including that due to absences) will not only seriously affect your grade, but it may jeopardize your confirmation. When you are absent during the school year, it is the student's (or parent's) responsibility to discover all homework or assignments given during that time.

Public School Instruction (PSI) Confirmation

PSI students in 7th & 8th grade are to come to class with memory work and Bible Journals completed.
Class is held Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Bring your Bible, Catechism, and pen/pencil.

Fall - 2019

Month	Date	Topic	Memory
September	15	What is Confirmation? Getting to know you	(none)
	22	Ten Commandments	Commandments 1, 2, 3
	29	Ten Commandments	Commandments 4, 5, 6
October	6	Faith Five Family Hour	(none)
	13	<i>No Class</i> (Arcadia Retreat)	(none)
	21	<i>No Class</i>	(none)
	27	One Service 9:30 (Commitment Sunday)-No Class	(none)
November	3	Ten Commandments	Commandments 7, 8, 9, 10
	10	Ten Commandments	Commandments 1 through 10
	17	Creed 1 st Article	1 st Article and Hebrews 11:1-3
	24	<i>No Class</i> (Family Service Sunday)	(none)
December	1	Creed 2 nd Article	2 nd Article
	8	Creed 2 nd Article	Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-10
	15	Creed 2 nd Article	Romans 1:16-17; 3:23-24

Spring 2020 - With Parents

For the spring, parents attend PSI classes. During the initial fifteen minutes, parents will meet with Pastor Wangelin while students begin class with Vicar Mussell. Then, the parents and Pastor Wangelin will join the class, and we will do the lessons together. Adults are welcomed to contribute during class.

Month	Date	Topic	Memory Work
January	5	Creed 3 rd Article	3 rd Article; Romans 10:17
	12	Creed 3 rd Article	Apostles Creed
	19	<i>No Class</i>	(none)
	26	Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer
February	2	Baptism	What is Baptism; Matt. 28:19
	9	Baptism	What are the Benefits of Baptism; Mark 16:16
	16	<i>No Class</i> (winter break)	(none)
	23	Confession	What is Confession; What sins should we confess?
March	1	First Communion Milestone	(none)
	8	First Communion Milestone	(none)
	15	First Communion Milestone	(none)
	22	<i>No Class</i>	(none)
	29	<i>No Class</i>	(none)
April	5	<i>No Class</i> (Palm Sunday)	(none)
	12	<i>No Class</i> (Easter Sunday)	(none)
	19	Table of Duties	Confirmation Verse
	26	Joyfully Lutheran	(none)
May	3	Confirmation Sunday!	

Confirmation Coordinator(s)

By September 24th we hope to have in place the Confirmation Coordinator(s). The individual(s) chosen to be Confirmation Coordinator(s) will organize the details leading up to Confirmation Sunday. To help you accomplish the items listed below, there is a complete file with records from several past years. This will be most helpful in carrying out your responsibilities.

A list of the details and duties that the Coordinator(s) will accomplish through committees of 8th Grade Confirmation Parents:

- 1) Arrange meetings and contact parents (OSL & PSI)
- 2) Communication - parent meetings; notes; etc.
- 3) Robes - measure Confirmands, order and distribute robes.
- 4) Reserve photographer; set up schedule (pictures taken between services on Confirmation Day)
- 5) Info & photos to Sue Sundstrom (set deadline date with Sue) in preparation of Confirmation Screens
- 6) Order or prepare flower arrangements for church
- 7) Take care of gifts for Pastor & Vicar
- 8) Rehearsal Day & Dinner - be sure to inform all confirmands - OSL and PSI (Wed. before Confirmation Day at 6:00 pm).
- 9) Other arrangements as desired or decided by confirmation class

7th Grade Checklist

Seventh Graders participate in Confirmation Ministry through the following:

- ☐ 7th Grade Christian Studies at OSL or 7/8 PSI Instruction on Sunday Mornings
- ☐ Arcadia Confirmation Retreat
- ☐ Bible Journals
- ☐ Sermon Reflections
- ☐ Lord's Supper Milestone (*optional*)
- ☐ Tool Time Tech Lock-In (*optional*)

8th Grade Checklist

Eighth Graders participate in Confirmation Ministry through the following:

- ☐ 8th Grade Christian Studies at OSL or 7/8 PSI Instruction on Sunday Mornings
- ☐ Arcadia Confirmation Retreat
- ☐ Bible Journal
- ☐ Sermon Reflections
- ☐ Lord's Supper Milestone (*optional*)
- ☐ Tool Time Tech Lock-In (*optional*)
- ☐ Faith in Action Hours
- ☐ Trimester Projects
- ☐ Confirmation Interviews
- ☐ Confirmation Rehearsal & Confirmation Sunday

DATES TO REMEMBER

Confirmation Blessing

Sunday, September 15, 2019 both services

Confirmation Retreat, 7th & 8th Grade

Friday, October 11-13, 2019 at Camp Arcadia

Project One, Family Service Project and Confirmation Verse

Due date Friday, November 8th, 2019

Project Two, Faith Portfolio

Due date Friday, February 21st, 2020

First Communion Milestone Classes

Sunday, March 1

Sunday, March 8

Sunday, March 15, followed by First Communion Blessing at 10:45 service

Project Three, Faith on Display - Confirmation Project

Due date Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Interview

Each confirmation student will have an interview with a pastor and vicar or Dave Wright during the **week of April 20-23, 2020**. Definite times will be announced. It is expected that at least one parent attend.

Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the 10:45 am worship service. Confirmation pictures will be taken during the Bible class hour (9:30-10:30 am) as scheduled with the photographer.

Camp Arcadia (Alpha Teen Retreat), Arcadia, MI

June 7-13, 2020

Cost of camp last year was \$422. Camp Arcadia has scholarships available upon request. Go to www.camp-arcadia.com to register.

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SERMON REFLECTION

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He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message that has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

Name _____

Date _____

Church _____

Pastor _____

Sermon text _____

List at least three of the pastor's main ideas in his sermon. Briefly explain each of the points.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

LAW: SHOWS OUR SIN - *Three uses of the law (curb, mirror, guide)*

What messages of God's law did you hear in the sermon that can help you realize your own sin?

GOSPEL: SHOWS OUR SAVIOR

How did the pastor share the gospel reminding you of the forgiveness you have in Christ Jesus?

FAMILY CONNECTION: BRINGING THE MESSAGE HOME

As a family, what guidance for action in daily living did this sermon give to you?

Parental Encouragement: In recognizing the importance of passing on faith in Christ to the next generation, I have taken time to talk with my child about the sermon. Initials: _____

BIBLE JOURNAL

Confirmation Ministry

NAME: _____

PARENT'S INITIALS: _____

God tells us that His Word—the Bible—is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, we encounter the Living Word, Jesus, and are given direction, guidance, encouragement and assurance. The goal of Bible Journals is to train students in regular Bible reading and reflection. Begin each Bible Journal with prayer, saying the Lord's Prayer and asking God to open your heart and mind to His Word.

READ THE ASSIGNED BIBLE PASSAGE FOR EACH ENTRY. WRITE A BRIEF PARAGRAPH REFLECTING WHAT YOU READ. USE THE CATEGORIES BELOW TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND, REMEMBER, AND WRITE ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. *IN EACH WEEK USE AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. Turn into Christian Studies Room 130 on Monday morning before school or at PSI.**

- a. A new thought about God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit.
- b. A praise or thanks to be given to God.
- c. A sin or punishment to be avoided.
- d. A command to obey.
- e. A blessing to enjoy or a promise from God.
- f. A truth to remember.
- g. A prayer that has been inspired from the reading.

Entry 1 Date: _____ Scripture: _____ Category: _____

Entry 2 Date: _____ Scripture: _____ Category: _____

Entry 3 Date:_____ Scripture:_____ Category:_____

Entry 4 Date:_____ Scripture:_____ Category:_____

Entry 5 Date:_____ Scripture:_____ Category:_____

Faith in Action Hours

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Please turn in completed and signed to Christian Studies Room 130 or to Vicar/Pastor at PSI.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Name of Service Project / Activity: _____

Date Completed: _____ Number of Hours: _____

Summary of Activity: _____

What were your 'God-sightings' during this activity? _____

Service Project Leader/Adult Comments: _____

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Student Signature

Project Leader/Adult Signature

Service Project Opportunities & Suggestions

There are a variety of service opportunities for “Faith in Action” hours or a *Family Service Project*. This is a list of examples – if your family comes up with a creative way to share God’s love through service, bounce it off of Vicar or Pastor Wangelin to be sure it meets the criteria.

Worship at Our Savior

- Usher
- Nursery Worker
- Screen & Projection operator
- LiveStream operator

Volunteering with Church, School & Community Events

- Assisting with Christ Connections, or children’s ministry events
- Volunteering at the concessions stand or admissions table
- Helping with local sports programs (OSL or community sports)
- Assisting Mr. Smelker with facility care (after school hours)
- Setting up & cleaning up for special church functions
- Volunteering for the Living Nativity, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

Volunteering at Food Banks

- Our Savior Food Bank – loading and unloading food on Mondays, organizing shelves, cleaning, etc. Contact Sharon Miller at 882-7750.
- Greater Lansing Food Bank – they will set up a time slot for you and your family. Go to www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org and click on “Volunteers.”

Serving your Neighbors

- Shoveling Snow
- Raking Leaves / Yard Work
- Washing your neighbor’s car / windows / house
- Light construction projects
- Baking goodies and delivering them to neighbors
- Assembling Care Packages for college students, military, shut-ins, etc.

Social Ministries

- Soup Kitchens / Homeless shelters
- Lansing City Rescue Mission – help serve food, custodial projects, etc. Call 485-0145.
- McRee House / McLaren Hospital – volunteer serving families with loved ones in the hospital long-term. Contact Volunteer Office at 975-6900.

Visiting People

- Visiting Shut-ins
- Visiting people at a nursing home or retirement facility
- Christmas Caroling

Sample Confirmation Verses

Your confirmation verse is a Scripture passage for you to take with you through high school and your entire life. It expresses faith, hope, trust, and confidence in God's salvation. Pastor Wangelin will prayerfully select a confirmation verse just for you. If you have a request, you may submit it to him by November 8 in writing (typed or written, hand delivered or emailed).

Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Psalms 23:1 - The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Psalms 27:1 - The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

Psalms 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalms 55:22 - Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 28:20 - And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 8:12 - I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:31-32 - To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 10:27-28 - My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 14:6 - I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 15:5 - I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Acts 16:31 - Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

Romans 1:16 - I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

1 John 4:19 - We love because he first loved us.

Revelation 2:10 - Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Confirmation Commitment Form

PARENTS:

Please sign this form and also have your child sign it. Return **this page only** of this packet to Pastor Wangelin or the church office by Sunday, September 15, 2019.

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I desire to have my child receive instruction for confirmation at Our Savior Lutheran Church. I have read the information in this Confirmation Packet and have discussed this with my child. I will encourage my child to be responsible for meeting the requirements.

Signature of **Parent**

Date

Signature of **Student**

Date

Students Full Name - (First, Middle, Last)

Parents Names

Mother: _____

Father: _____

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Confirmation Coordinator

I would like to serve as a Confirmation Coordinator and/or assist with Confirmation Sunday this year.

Name _____