

Confirmation 2010-2011

First American Lutheran

Welcome!

Confirmation is a special experience in a young believer's life. It comes when a young person's eyes are opening to the world in new ways. It comes in adolescence, when all kinds of questions and challenges are beginning to emerge. In Confirmation we take those questions seriously and begin to probe life's deepest mysteries through the study of the Old and New Testaments, and through the wisdom of Luther's Small Catechism. Our purpose is to communicate the Christian faith and begin to initiate our young people into the adult Christian community.

We continue our current approach to our Confirmation/Youth Education Ministry Wednesdays will be HIGH FIVE NITES. Faith Formation, Food, Fellowship, and Fun. We'll gather for a meal from 5:30-5:50. Faith Formation will take place from 5:50 - 6:45. There is a Chapel Service each Wednesday from 7:00 to 7:40 p.m. –a good time to conclude the evening with Worship of our Lord whose Word we study and share.

Please note: This year (2010-2011) begins a new plan for our Confirmation program. Instead of Confirming our young people at the beginning of the 9th grade, they will be confirmed at the end of the 9th grade. The new plan expands the Confirmation program from two to three years. In the 7th grade students study the Bible (Old and New Testaments). In 8th grade the curriculum involves study of Luther's Small Catechism. 9th grade students will meet once a month with Pastor for a variety of spiritual, educational, and servant events. The purpose of the third year program is to allow students to pick up on basics that may have been missed in the first two years of the Confirmation program, as well as, to provide an opportunity for students to remain connected with the faith community as they transition into their high school years.

*Both 7th and 8th graders this year (2010-2011) will participate in the three year program.

REQUIREMENTS

Worship Attendance:

- Weekly (Sunday morning OR Wednesday Chapel)
- 1 Other Non-Lutheran Worship Service (Baptist, Methodist, etc.)
- *Students are expected to attend worship at FALC during the months.*
- Record worship attendance at FALC via attendance notebook in narthex.
- Record attendance away from FALC by turning in a bulletin (signed by the pastor) from the church attended.

Acolyte:

Serve as an Acolyte for FALC worship services as assigned. In the event that a student is unable to serve on the Sunday (or other day) assigned, it is the student's responsibility to arrange for a substitute *and* to notify the church office.

When signing in on the attendance notebook, be sure to note that you have served as an acolyte for a particular service.

Assignments: All projects must be completed by the end of the year. If there are special reasons why certain work cannot be completed as assigned, alternative plans can be worked out with the instructor.

Sermon Notes:

Ten sermon notes will be required during the year. Worship note forms are available in the narthex. Ten are required in 7th and another ten in 8th grade.

Confirmation Camp:

All students are expected to attend Camp Blast:

Imago Dei Village near Clintonville - November 12-14, 2010

OR

Pine Lake near Wausau - October 22-24, 2010

Camp Cost..... \$75.00

- \$30.00 (*church scholarship*)

Final Cost to student.....\$45.00

Register early – events have limited openings.

In case of special need, please talk to Pastor Mary.

Service / Fellowship:

1. All Confirmation students are expected to take part in at least two service projects at FALC. Projects will be announced as they are planned. (i.e. church cleaning, serving Harvest Meal, etc.)
2. Students are expected to participate in a minimum of one "Fellowship Event" at FALC. (*Harvest Meal, Italian Meal, Tailgate, Movie Night, etc.*)
3. Students are strongly encouraged to attend Youth Meetings and events.

Statement of Personal Belief: At the completion of the second year, each young person will write a statement of personal belief and share it with the pastor in a private interview. This is not a test. It's a tool to help the youth come to awareness of what they personally believe. Pastor, parents, and sponsors are there to help them in their spiritual journey.

Mutual Covenant. For our part as staff, we will do everything in our power to teach and represent the Christian faith in an exciting, hospitable way. If a young person falls behind in any requirement, or checks out of the program emotionally, we'll try to encourage them. If that fails, we'll inform the parents. If the problem persists, we'll consult the parents again. Every effort will be taken to address a young person's need. But if all that fails, the Ministry of Education Team and Pastor will review that young person's readiness for confirmation. We will not confirm youth who are not ready for it. We ask the parent's cooperation in this.

Class Schedule: 2010-2011

Meal: 5:30 pm

Class: 5:50pm – 6:50 pm

Chapel: 7:00 pm

2010 _____

September 8 Orientation 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Acolyte Training 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

September 15, 22, (29 – No class due to Harvest Meal)

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, (24 – No class due to Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service)

December 1, 8, 15 (22 – No class due to Christmas schedule)

NOTE: Christmas Program Sunday, December 19th. More info to come.

2011 _____

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

NOTE: March 9th is *Ash Wednesday* – students are expected to attend worship service as well as throughout the season of Lent.

In addition, students are encouraged to attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services)

April 6, 13, (20 – no class due to Holy Week schedule),

Students are expected to attend services:

21 – Maundy Thursday, 22 – Good Friday

27 class

May 4 Final Class