

**THE UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH  
CONFIRMATION STUDENT MANUAL**



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Requirements and Expectations

**Intake Form:** Each student and their parent(s) must attend the orientation to construct their plan for working toward confirmation. Requirements and expectations will be handed out at this time.

**Weekly lessons** will be taught by trained staff at a designated location and time. Students must show that they have understood the key points of a lesson by achieving an 75% score on an 8 question quiz at the end of each class.

**Students** should be in grade 7 and above (6<sup>th</sup> graders may participate under special circumstances)

**Start Date:** Students may start at any time – yearly programs will begin in September and run through May the next year. There are 64 total classes that will be offered over a 2 year time span. Projected schedule of classes is listed on page 3.

**Attendance:** Students will attend 1 class per week. If they miss a class, they are allowed up to 2 written make-up lessons each year over the 2-year span of the program for missed classes. Extenuating circumstances for attendance must be approved by the Pastor. Students must complete a quiz after each lesson, and must receive a score of 75% or better to get credit for that lesson. If they do make-up work, they must take the quiz for that lesson and score 75% or better to get credit for that lesson. Failure to achieve a 75% will require repeating the lesson or doing extra makeup work.

**Cancellation of class:** If class is cancelled because of weather or other reasons, the message on the voice mail at the TULP office will be changed. If we have your email address, we will also send an email to all students/parents regarding the cancellation. In general, if Bowler Schools are closed, there will be no confirmation class. Cancelled class will be made up as soon as possible – date to be determined.

**Worship Attendance:** Students are required to attend worship services **at least** 30 times during the program. Each congregation will have confirmation attendance cards available for you to complete and put in the collection plate. It must be signed by an adult who is also present at worship. A student who attends worship at a different site should bring back a bulletin signed by the pastor of that site in order to receive credit.

**Confirmation Participation Agreement:** Each student and parent must jointly read and sign a confirmation participation agreement before beginning the class. This ensures that expectations are understood before the student begins classes.

**Projects:** Each student must successfully complete 2 projects as a requirement for Confirmation. Rules for projects are listed on page 4. Project 1 must be completed by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> year (May) and project 2 must be completed by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**Confirmation** will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of June each year unless the confirmands all agree on a different date that is appropriate. Any student who has successfully met all of the requirements and has been approved for confirmation by their congregation will be confirmed at their church.

**Adult Supervision:** No class will be held without a second adult present. **Class will be cancelled if no additional adult is present after 10 minutes.** That missed class will need to be made up at a later date – probably late May. Each family will be assigned weeks (based on a rotation of the students) when they are responsible for providing an additional adult (could be parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent, friend, etc.) If the adult that is assigned to help with class is not able to attend, it is up to them to find an alternate person.

## **Expectations for Confirmation Class Adult Supervisors**

Thank you for being here today. Our confirmation class is enhanced by your attendance! Listed below are a few things with which the teacher may ask/expect you to help:

- If there is a student being particularly disruptive of class, please go and sit beside that student and assist them in staying focused.
- If a student must be sent home, the teacher may ask you to leave the room and call his/her parents so that the teacher may continue to teach (a list of parent phone numbers is included with this sheet)
- When asked, please assist the teachers in handing out and collecting quizzes, handouts, and prayer journals.
- Each week, the class has some sort of activity to do. When needed, you may be asked to assist one or more groups in the class with the completion of the activity.
- At the end of class, the teacher may request that you help pack up the class materials and put everything away. Please stay until all the students have been picked up.
- If there is more than one adult present, please **DO NOT** sit together in the back of the classroom and talk during the lesson. This distracts the kids and sets an example that it is okay to talk during the class.

## Class schedule

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm at the TULP office in Tilleda - Begin with Year A for 2011-2012

An exact schedule of class dates will be handed out separately at the orientation for the current year.

**Year A** classes will include the following **Small Catechism** “Here We Stand” lessons:

1. Martin Luther & the Reformation
2. Commandments Intro
3. Exploring Commandments – Part 1
4. Exploring Commandments – Part 2
5. Exploring Commandments – Part 3
6. Exploring Commandments – Part 4
7. Law & Gospel – Sinner & Saint
8. Love Your Neighbor
9. Creed Overview
10. Exploring Article One
11. Exploring Article Two
12. Exploring Article Three
13. Stewardship of Creation
14. Stewardship of Money
15. World Religions
16. Christian Denominations
17. The Greatest Prayer
18. God’s Kingdom and Will
19. God Gives and Forgives
20. Temptation, Trial, and Deliverance
21. Serving Others Through Vocation
22. Theology of the Cross and Glory
23. Connecting with God through Prayer
24. Forgiveness
25. The Sacrament of Baptism
26. Word with Water
27. The Sacrament of Communion
28. Take and Eat
29. Lutheran Worship Practices
30. Saved by Grace through Faith
31. Sharing Your Faith

**Year B** classes will include the following **Old and New Testament** “Here We Stand” lessons:

1. Creation
2. Human Condition
3. Abraham and Sarah
4. Moses and Pharoah
5. Wilderness to Land
6. Ruth
7. Samuel and Saul
8. King David
9. David and Nathan
10. Solomon
11. Split Kingdom
12. Exile
13. Return
14. Job
15. Psalms of Praise
16. Psalms of Help
17. Annunciation
18. Simeon
19. Wilderness Temptations
20. Call of the 1<sup>st</sup> Disciples
21. Beatitudes
22. Jesus Feeds the 5000
23. The Transfiguration
24. The Sending of the 70
25. Crucifixion
26. Emmaus
27. Pentecost
28. Call of Saul
29. Peter and Cornelius
30. The Philippians Hymn
31. The Love Hymn
32. Resurrection

The listed lessons are subject to change during the year.

## Student Projects

Each student is expected to complete 2 major projects (one per year) during confirmation years. The goal of these projects is to help students experience the God that they are learning about and to hook students up with a faith mentor. Each project should be chosen to utilize the student's unique gifts and interests for the good of the congregation. The student may develop the project idea on their own.

Some example ideas are included below.

- Each project should take about **40 hours** to complete
- All projects need to be **approved by the Pastor** before starting
- Each student will **turn in documentation to the Pastor** (required documentation will be defined when project is approved) by the end of classes in May.
- Students will also **present completed project to their congregation** via a scrapbook, a demonstration, or a talk. This presentation should explain how this project enhanced their faith, using their gifts and interests for the good of the congregation?
- Each project shall be **chosen to utilize the student's unique gifts and interests** for the good of the congregation. They may develop the project idea on their own, but it must be approved by the Pastor. Projects should be chosen and approved by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Once a project has been chosen and approved, **a mentor will be assigned** to assist the student in completing their project
- Project must be **completed by the end of the school year** (May) unless special permission is granted by the Pastor. (i.e. VBS or Confirmation Camp held during the summer)

## Sample Project Ideas

- Attendance at confirmation camp counts as one project for each year attended
- Be an altar guild helper, setting up the altar for 40 weeks of the year
- Be an usher for 40 weeks of the year
- Play an instrument in church or accompany the children when they sing (20 times per year)
- Help with VBS for 20 hours, and also help with setup and cleanup to work up to 40 hours
- Prayer Journal – ½ hour of prayer per week plus ½ hour of journaling per week
- Help pack bags and stock the food pantry – could include organizing a food drive
- Get involved in planning and implementing Project Heart Search
- Spend 8 Saturdays helping Habitat for Humanity with a building project
- Make banners for the church
- Do lawn care or flower beds for your church – 40 hours worth
- Other things you can think of that will be of interest to you and of service to the church

## **The United Lutheran Parish Guidelines for Confirmation Class Project Mentors**

Thank you for volunteering for the important ministry of helping our young people connect their faith with action in their daily lives. The goal of the confirmation class projects is for our young people to connect faith with life and for them to be mentored in adult faith life by one of the members of their congregation.

A few things you should know about mentoring:

- Research has shown that young people who make significant connections with safe adults beyond their own families are much less likely to be at risk of developing problem behaviors
- Mentors are not expected to have all the answers, rather, they are expected to accompany youth on their journeys of faith
- Your pastors are excellent resources for you if you need guidance
- In general, we discourage any youth meeting one on one with an adult. When you work with your student in mentoring, it is advisable to have other adults present. This protects you from false accusations or lawsuits. The parents of the student you are mentoring are great resources to tap for the extra adult presence.

A few things you should know about the projects:

- Your student picked his or her own project idea – deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- You were chosen as their mentor by the confirmation coordinator because you have gifts or knowledge in the area of their project.
- Each student is required to do two projects (one per year) during their time in confirmation
- Each project should take approximately 40 hours of the student's time
- Each project should connect the student's faith and life
- The confirmation coordinator (Diane or the lead pastor) will be in touch with you on the specific requirements for the student's project
- Many projects require the student to get permission from the church council to proceed. It will be helpful if you work with the student to prepare them for meeting with the council as this can be scary for many young people.
- All projects require the student to put together something to present to the church about their project. Usually this is a short written assignment and some pictures. You can help by taking lots of pictures of your student as they work on their project.
- Projects must be completed and presented to the congregation by the end of the school year unless special permission has been granted by the Pastor.

# Student Completion Records – so you can keep track of what you have completed

## Worship Attendance (30 required over length of classes)

Hand in attendance cards each week to ushers or sign up on attendance sheet at Zion

Adult must also sign cards or sheet

Do not take attendance cards home – give them to an usher.

They will forward them to the TULP office. Attendance is granted based on these cards.

Bring signed copy of church bulletin to class if you attend worship at another church.

You can check your class and worship attendance on the TULP web site at

[www.tulpchurch.com](http://www.tulpchurch.com)

Click on “Confirmation Program” on the home page (center column)

Then click on “Confirmation statistics”

If you disagree with attendance records, call the TULP office right away.

(Please note the printed on date – they may not be updated each week)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### Memorization – Year A:

- Lord’s Prayer
- Apostle’s Creed
- 10 Commandments

### Project 1

### Memorization – Year B:

- Books of the Old Testament
- Books of the New Testament

### Project 2

You can mark off which lessons you have completed on page 3 of this book.

## Project Plans

### Project 1

**Description of project:**

**Expected time to complete project**

**How will doing this project enhance my faith, using my gifts and interests for the good of the congregation?**

**Mentor assigned for this project?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Required documentation to be turned in when project is completed:**

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**Project presented to congregation on:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project 2**

**Description of project:**

**Expected time to complete project**

**How will doing this project enhance my faith, using my gifts and interests for the good of the congregation?**

**Mentor assigned for this project? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Required documentation to be turned in when project is completed:**

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**Project presented to congregation on: \_\_\_\_\_**

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# THE UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

## CONFIRMATION STUDENTS INTAKE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ Church membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names and address(es) (if different from your own)

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Contact phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you had First Communion? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you chosen to wait for First Communion to be on your Confirmation Day?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (check with parents, too)

Your School and location: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

In September

Extra Curricular Activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs we need to know about? Y / N (use back of page to describe)

Date starting Confirmation program: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Confirmation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Year

For Student

I have received and read the requirements and expectations of the confirmation program at The United Lutheran Parish, and wish to begin the program as of \_\_\_\_\_.

I plan to have all the work completed and be ready for confirmation on \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand I must have successfully completed all lessons, attended worship at least 30 times, and must have successfully complete 2 projects that have been approved that will allow me to demonstrate my faith and be of service to my congregation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Parent/Guardian

I have gone over the requirements and expectations as presented to my child, and agree to support them on their journey to confirmation at The United Lutheran Parish. I agree to provide adult supervision at confirmation classes on the weeks that I am assigned, and if I cannot supervise personally, I will find a qualified alternate to attend in my place. I also agree to support the teaching team at The United Lutheran Parish and help to provide a safe learning environment that will allow all students to learn and grow in their faith.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_