

GSLC Confirmation Plan

Beginning in the Fall of 2016, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have a three-year plan for the confirmation process. We will use materials from “*Collaborate Lutheran Confirmation*,” published by Spark House, a branch of Augsburg Fortress.

Collaborate has four units of fifteen sessions each (60 total). These units are 1) Old Testament, 2) Lutheran History & Catechism, 3) New Testament, and 4) Lutheran Living.

Each of the three years of Confirmation studies at GSLC will consist of:

1. fifteen sessions (one hour in length) using the curriculum from one of the first three units,
2. a one-day retreat (covering 5 sessions of unit 4 each year), and
3. additional requirements.

Year 1: Old Testament (fifteen sessions)

- Retreat topics:
1. Justification by Faith
 2. The Cross
 3. Law and Gospel
 4. Saint & Sinner
 5. The Church

Year 2: Lutheran History & Catechism (fifteen sessions)

- Retreat topics:
1. Freedom of a Christian
 2. The Neighbor
 3. Grace
 4. The Word
 5. Bondage of the Will

Year 3: New Testament (fifteen session)

- Retreat topics:
1. Two Kingdoms
 2. Vocation
 3. Worship
 4. Devil
 5. Doubt

Additional Requirements

1. The pastors will provide a “safe shut-in” list for the students. The students will be required to make three visits per academic year to anyone on the list. They will make these visits with a parent or with another adult who is willing to participate in the visits (e.g. Don Caughman). The student is required to report each visit to the pastors.

2. Four times per month (between September and May) the student must attend Sunday School or submit Sermon Notes or conduct a Generosity Interview with someone in the congregation that is previously approved by the pastors. Any combination is fine, as long as four per month are recorded.
3. One time per month (between September and May) the student must meet with their confirmation mentor. They can discuss Sermon Notes (if meeting after a worship service) and/or what has been learned in Confirmation sessions (this information will be provided in advance to mentors by Pastor Kris).
4. Attend a week of Confirmation Camp at Lutherock at least once (preferably after the 7th Grade year).
5. Prior to the rite of Affirmation of Faith, a student shall complete a “What My Faith Means to Me” project. This will be presented at their Confirmation Banquet, and displayed in the narthex on the Sunday that they are confirmed.

Schedule for 2016-2017

Fifteen sessions, 4pm to 5pm:

September 11, September 25

October 9, *October 23**

*November 13**, November 27

January 8, January 22

February 12, February 26

March 12, March 26

April 23

May 7, May 21

*1pm start

Day Retreat at Camp Kinard: TBD

Week at Lutherock: TBD

Confirmation Covenant

Covenant n. - a promise made between God and God's people; a way of God proclaiming promises to God's people.

Famous covenants in the Bible: Genesis 9:8-13, Genesis 17:2-9, Deuteronomy 5, Luke 22:19-20

We the undersigned enter this covenant in order that we may learn more about God's love and promises for us. We understand that the Confirmation experience is a commitment of time and energy and will strive to do the following to the best of our abilities:

The Student

- To attend every and participate in every class.
- To have three shut-in visits each year between September and May.
- To complete four times per month (September to May) a combination of Sunday School attendance, Sermon Notes, and Generosity Interviews during each year of Confirmation.
- To meet with their Confirmation Mentor one time per month (September to May) each year.
- To attend one week of Confirmation Camp.
- To complete a "What My Faith Means to Me" project at the end of the Confirmation experience.

The Parent

- To help their student meet all of their expectations.
- To engage their student in conversation about what they are learning and how it impacts them.

The Pastor and other Adult Leaders

- To provide a grace-based positive learning environment.
- To provide communication in an efficient and timely manner.
- To be available for conversation with the students along the journey.
- To pray for each student throughout the Experience.

Student

Parent(s)

Pastor