

CONFIRMATION



GREAT TO HAVE YOU

We're excited you're joining confirmation! This year will be a blast as you go on retreats, events, study scripture, and grow in your faith!



ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

We do at St. Mark is watching our students stand before God and the congregation, and profess their faith in Jesus! We get to confirm their baptism - that the Holy Spirit gave them faith, and through confirmation they learn the foundations of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This faith isn't just a stage (like when I put highlights in my hair in the 8th grade because *NSYNC did!) but rather it's a lifelong process of growing closer to God and understanding of scripture. Confirmation is an opportunity to read through almost the entire Bible, and learn how to apply it to our lives. We will also learn the 6 chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism taught in a relevant, sermon series style. My hope is that the next three years of your life will be a fun and meaningful experience, and one day be able to publicly declare the Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior!

- Mike Edge

FUEL

SUNDAY NIGHTS FROM 4:00-5:15PM

3 Year Program to dive deep into God's Word, and apply it to our lives. This year, we are on Calendar A.

Calendar A

Genesis - Deuteronomy

Lord's Prayer, Baptism and Communion

Calendar B

Joshua - Nehemiah

Apostles' Creed, Baptism and Communion

Calendar C

New Testament

10 Commandments, Confession, Baptism and Communion

FORMAT

DURING FUEL

4:00 - 4:35 p.m.

Students will engage in food, games, and activities that are fun and welcoming.

4:35 - 5:15 p.m.

Mike Edge will give a talk that is based upon Luther's Small Catechism and will teach the essentials of the Christian faith by relating it to the world around them. Students will take notes on the topic (like sermon notes) and those will be used to study for the tests. Videos will also be recorded and posted online so if a student misses he can easily receive the content.

Testing

2 times each year students will be tested on what they've learned at Fuel. Tests will be conducted the last Fuel class of the semester.

Homework

Students will be given reading summaries of scripture (this year: Genesis - Deuteronomy), and are to be shown to Mike Edge for completion monthly. Students will purchase Lutheran Study Bible (\$40, ESV not NRSV) and optional Luther's Small Catechism (\$15)

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

GROW CLOSER TO GOD THIS YEAR

INVESTMENT

Both students and parents will need to heavily invest this year.
Confirmation is NOT just another extra curricular activity - make your faith a priority
You're busy, so plan ahead

FUEL

ATTENDANCE

80% attendance
6 absences allowed
throughout the year

4

SERVE

Pick a ministry to
serve - greeter,
usher, POW WOW,
coffee, chancel,
events, etc.

FUEL NOTES

100% completed,
Take notes during
FUEL. If you miss,
watch online

5

SERMON NOTES

Students will attend
worship
Year 1: 10 Notes
Year 2: 15 Notes
Year 3: 20 Notes

READING

SUMMARIES

100% completed,
turned in monthly

6

ESSAY

Year 3 students will
write a 3-4 page
essay on their faith
story and what they
believe.

NEW - CULTURE SERIES

Three times throughout the year (October 1, November 19, and March 3) we will address an issue relevant to our culture and how it affects teenagers. These topics include drugs/vaping, sexual culture, human trafficking, and more. We will watch a video of a keynote speaker, or invite a speaker to give a presentation and allow Q&A. Parents are invited to attend these evenings, so they can be given awareness and tools to combat this ever-changing culture.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY NIGHTS FROM 4:00-5:15PM

Dates listed we will meet, unless otherwise noted

Fall Semester

August 13 - Kickoff Sunday

August 20

August 27

September 3 - No Class, Labor Day

September 10 - Reading Summaries due

September 17

September 24

October 1 - Culture Series #1

October 8 - No Class, Fall Break

October 15 - Reading Summaries due

October 22

October 29

November 5 - Reading Summaries due

November 12

November 19 - Culture Series #2, First Communion at 11:00am

November 26 - No Class, Thanksgiving

December 3 - Test and Reading Summaries due

December 10 - Christmas Party

Spring Semester

January 7

January 14

January 21

January 28 - Reading Summaries due

February 4

February 11 - No Class, Super Bowl

February 18

February 25 - Reading Summaries due

March 3 - Culture Series #3

March 10 - No Class, Spring Break

March 17

March 24

March 31 - No Class, Easter

April 7 - Reading Summaries due

April 14 - Essay due for Year 3 students

April 21

April 28

May 5 - Last Day of Class, Reading Summaries due, Test

May 12 - Confirmation Sunday at 11:00, No Class due to Mother's Day

May 19 - August 4 - Summer Fuel

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