

# Confirmation Handbook

We thank you for working with us in the faith formation of your youth. If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding the Confirmation Ministry, please contact Pastor Will Johnson or Pastor Kathleen Armstrong at the Church Office.

## 2019-2020



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

## **Confirmation Directory**

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## **Small Group Guides**

### Sixth Grade Guides

Mindy Paddock  
Sean Connolly

### Seventh Grade Guides

Connor Headrick  
Shelby Larson

### Eighth Grade Guides

Rebecca Hofer  
Steve Philipsen  
Matt Porta  
Dawn Stubbs

### Substitute Guides

Kerri Kraft  
Kevin Dahl

## **High School Service Trip (8th Grade Only)**

Current 8th Graders are encouraged to attend the yearly summer High School Service Trip. Our summer service trips have been some of the most spiritually meaningful experiences for our youth. This trip has been a highlight for the youth as they continue to grow their faith.

This usually happens in July. More information will be given out at our meeting on September 15 at 12:15 p.m.

## **Youth Scholarships**

Scholarships are available for anyone going to any Cross of Christ Ministry Activity. This includes: Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp, all youth retreats and activities. Cross of Christ plans summer camp scholarships into our annual budgeting. Fundraising for additional retreats and activity scholarships happen throughout the year.

**Please don't hesitate to ask for help with paying for activities.**

Forms for scholarships are available on the youth board. Summer Camp Scholarships are due by **March 15, 2020**

# Retreats & Summer Camp

## Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp (RTLC)

Cross of Christ supports this vital ministry in many ways. Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is an ELCA Summer Camp located in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains in Southern Colorado.

### RTLC Confirmation Retreat

Get away to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp for a weekend retreat during the fall, where we'll spend time in fellowship and learning with extraordinary RTLC staff. Join us for crafts, team building, activities, outdoor games, and worship.

**October 18-20, 2019**

**COST: \$100**

### RTLC Confirmation and High School Week

During this week long ministry, youth will get a chance at low ropes, high ropes, white-water rafting and hiking. They will experience Bible Studies, arts & crafts, archery, woodcarving and more. We hope that youth go to camp at least once out of the three years of confirmation. Registration opens **November 1** and fills up fast.

Register online at [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org); tentative dates for 2020 are:

**June 21—June 27 Confirmation week #1 (current 5th—8th)**

**July 5—11 High School week #2 (current 8th Graders)**

**Cost: \$460**

### Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering

Join youth from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Texas for music, games, inspirational messages, and service at the Youth Gathering in Estes Park, Colorado!

**January 18-20, 2020**

**Cost: \$180**

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## Purpose & Mission

At Cross of Christ, confirmation ministry is a time to learn, grow, and explore life in Christian community. This journey is an intentional time during a person's life to explore, question, grow and seek transformation. Confirmation is not a graduation, but one more step in the life of faith.

We involve 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in this ministry, with their Affirmation of Baptism taking place in the fall of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

When infants and children are brought to be baptized, parents and sponsors make faith promises for them:

*"You are entrusted with responsibilities, "to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for the world God made, and work for justice and peace."*

In our confirmation ministry, our youth learn what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, and adult member of the church.

Confirmation is a time together, not a time apart. Throughout the confirmation ministry we seek to build relationships between students and the rest of the congregation. We hope to build such strong connections between life and faith that there is no separation, and every moment becomes a "life of faith".

We strive to partner with parents and family members in this ministry – the "church" cannot do this without you. We are together in this ministry, as we set aside intentional time to guide our youth into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

## Confirmation Schedule

December	Winter Break
January 8	The Kingdom of God & What God Wants
January 15	Forgiveness
January 18-20	Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering
January 22	What Is Enough?
January 29	Service Project—Cross Generational
February 5	Trials and Temptations
February 9	Church Visit
February 12	Evil and Deliverance
February 19	Service Project—Cross Generational
Lenten Mentoring/ Worship <b>(February 26—April 12)</b>	
April 22	End of Year Celebration, Trivia, and Review
SUMMER	
June 21—June 27	RTLC Confirmation Camp
July 5—July 11	RTLC High School Week (8th Graders)
TBD	High School Mission Trip (8th Graders)

## **Confirmation Schedule**

(2019- 2020)

September 8	6th Grade Retreat
September 11	Christianity, Lutheranism, Confirmation Intro
September 18	Prayer in the Bible
September 25	Service Project—Cross Generational
October 2	Prayer in Worship
October 9	The Lord’s Prayer, part 1
October 13	Church Visit
October 16	The Lord’s Prayer, part 2
October 18—20	RTLC Confirmation Retreat
October 23	Service Project—Cross Generational
October 30	Reformation Party
November 6	Reformation and the World on Fire
November 13	Seasons of the Church Year
November 20	Service Project—Cross Generational
November 27	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>

## **Mid-week Confirmation Schedule**

Confirmation is part of the Wednesday CONNECT ministry . Wednesday CONNECT meets weekly to build a cross-generational community through fellowship, music, worship, education and service opportunities for all ages.

5:15 p.m.	Seraphim Choir (2nd– 5th grade)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner and Worship
6:45—8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Activities
	Kids Connect (3 year old—5th grade)
	Adult Faith Formation
7:00—8:30 p.m.	Soli Dei Choir Practice

## **Confirmation Curriculum & Format**

The confirmation curriculum is a three year rotation. Every year the youth will learn about and review the Small Catechism (Apostles’ Creed, Ten Commandments, and Lord’s Prayer), The Lutheran Sacraments (Holy Baptism and Holy Communion), Lutheran Church History, and Bible Stories.

2019– 2020	Vocation & the Church (Focus: Lord’s Prayer)
2020– 2021	Vocation & Life (Focus: 10 Commandments)
2021—2022	Vocation & Society (Focus: Bible Stories)

The weekly confirmation ministry has a mixture of Large and Small Group Discussions, Activities, Service and Creative Learning.

### **LARGE/ SMALL GROUP**

Throughout the confirmation journey youth will be in and out of large and small group activities, discussion, and lessons, with small group leaders to walk with the youth. Every class will be a mix of activities with movement and discussion as we all journey and learn together.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The 4th Wednesday of every month, Confirmation Youth, Kids Connect, and Adult Faith Formation will be working together on a community service project.

# Requirements

The following requirements help guide the youth through the confirmation journey. If there are any concerns about the following requirements please contact Pastor Will.

## Bring Confirmation Bag

- \* All youth need to bring their confirmation bags with Bible, Small Catechism, and a writing utensil with them every week.

## Attendance:

- \* Youth need to be present at Confirmation Class.
- \* Make-up work needs to be turned into Pastor Will after all missed classes. Please turn this in within a month of missing the lesson.
- \* Make-Up lessons are located on the CCLC Website, under "Ministries" and then "Confirmation".

## Worship Notes: 15 Worship Notes per Year - 45 total

- \* Worship notes will be carried over year to year. This is a running tally over 3 years of confirmation.
- \* A student can have 5 extra worship notes per year that will be counted towards the next year's total.
- \* Double Sunday will be **October 27, 2019** at the Affirmation of Baptism 11:15 a.m. service. Students will get credit if a parent also turns in a worship note with their student.
- \* Parents must review and sign each worship note.
- \* Turn completed worship notes into the hanging folder on the youth board by the kitchen.

## Church Visits: Attend 2 church visits per year. Church visits will be on **October 13, 2019** and **February 9, 2020**.

- \* Students will be able to make-up church visits by attending the same or a similar church with their family. Please talk with Pastor Will if you cannot make a church visit.
- \* Youth will turn in a family worship note after each church visit.
- \* After each visit we will take time together to reflect on worship.

**Mentoring:** Youth will participate in Lenten mentoring (*Page 10*).

# Mentoring/ Lenten Worship

Mentoring helps build meaningful relationship between the mentor and youth, where both can grow and learn spiritually from each other. Mentoring sessions are designed to give students another adult member in their life who will pray for them and share in their faith development.

Each student will be responsible for finding their own mentor by **January 8, 2019**. They should be a adult member of Cross of Christ. There will be a Parent/ Mentor meeting on **Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.** The mentoring sessions will take place during Lent: **February 26 - April 9, 2020**.

After the Lenten season there will be a follow-up meeting for mentors to debrief and gather feedback.

There will be no class during the season of Lent. We hope students and families attend midweek Lenten worship services.

## Stay Connected

There is a lot that happens in our Confirmation Ministry. Here are a few ways that you can stay connected.

**Website:** [www.cross-of-christ.org](http://www.cross-of-christ.org) (Ministry/Youth/ Confirmation)

**Facebook:** CrossOfChristChurch

**Electronic Weekly Newsletter:** Subscribe on CCLC Website

**Electronic Biweekly Youth Blast:** Pastor Will adds individuals to the list

**Email:** Pastor Will and Pastor Kathy can be reached over email  
If you have not received any emails from Pastor Will , or  
your email address changes, please email Pastor Will  
letting him know you are not on an email list.

**Remind App:** Enter this number: 81010 and text "@cclcyo". You do not  
need the Remind App.

# 8th Grade Requirements

**Faith Statement/Personal Bible Verse:** Youth write a personal statement of faith. In this faith statement youth will answer the question, "What does it mean to me to be a Christian?" They also will choose a Bible Verse to go with their faith statement that has a personal meaning.

**Fall Retreat:** There will be a end of summer retreat for all 9th grade youth. The youth will review the 5 promises that they will make during the Affirmation of Baptism Service. We combine the retreat with the high school youth to welcome all 9th graders into Youth Group.

**Interviews:** Youth will meet individually with either Pastor Kathy or Pastor Will to talk about faith statements, memory work and the confirmation class. This is done in the fall of their 9th grade year.

**Council Meeting:** The youth are invited to **Church Council (October 13, 2020)** to share their faith statements. After all the readings the council votes to affirm the youth as adult members of Cross of Christ.

**Affirmation of Baptism Service** Will be on **Sunday October 25, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.**

**Memory Work:** Youth will be asked to remember two of the following:

- \* Books of the Bible
- \* 10 Commandments, and their meaning
- \* Apostles' Creed
- \* Lord's Prayer

**Seder Meal:** Passover is the ancient Jewish festival of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. For many, many generations, it has been observed with a feast called the Seder, which was once a family meal and a worship service with much praying and much eating. The 8th Grade confirmation students and their parents are invited for a special evening celebrating this festival on **April 7, 2020**.

# Requirements Cont.

## Worship Leadership:

Youth are asked to participate in worship leadership at least 4 times a year—12 total. We encourage and hope youth will participate in more. Please sign up on-line at [www.cross-of-christ.org](http://www.cross-of-christ.org), under "Get Involved". Youth will write on worship notes what part of worship they led.

## Leadership Opportunities:

- \* Lector (Reader)
- \* Assisting Minister (Assist with Worship by reading the prayers and helping with communion. 8th Grade Only. Talk with Pastor Will or Pastor Kathy)
- \* Acolyte (Light candles for worship)
- \* Communion Assistant (Help serve bread or wine)
- \* Usher (Hand out bulletins, pass offering plates, and direct congregation forward for communion)
- \* Music Ministry (Proclaim, special music, and youth choir)
- \* Altar Guild (Set up/ Clean up for communion)
- \* Greeters (Welcome people as they come for worship)
- \* Slides/ Sound Board (help make everyone sound good.)

## Hopes

The following are opportunities we hope your family will participate in during this confirmation journey, and beyond.

## Sunday Morning Faith Formation Hour:

Sunday Morning Faith Formation starts at 10:15 a.m. There are opportunities for the whole family. Middle School youth meets in the Youth Room. Class rotates between activities and Bible Study lessons.

## Faith Conversations at Home:

We encourage families to talk about the lesson after each class. We also hope all families pray or talk about faith on a daily or weekly basis.

## Retreats:

We hope youth attend one of these three retreats each year.  
(see pages 13 & 14 for more info about retreats.)

- \* Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering
- \* Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Confirmation Retreat
- \* Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Summer Camp

Name: Katarina von Bora

Date: 9/8/2019

Grade: 6th 7th 8th

Service: 7:45am 9 am 11:15 am

Preacher: Pastor Will  
(Person who gave the sermon)

Color of Church Season: Green

**Worship Leadership**

I Volunteered with: Example: Greeter, Reader, Worshiper

**Word**

Reading:

**Acts 1:1-11**

Gospel:

**Luke 24:44-53**

What text was used in the Sermon?

**Luke 24:44-53**

List Main Points of the sermon?

- Jesus cares about everyone
- We should act like Jesus did to our neighbor
- Being fair is not always easy
- Sometimes being fair is not what we're called to, but it can be more important to be filled with mercy for others

Check the bulletin for the readings

What was the main message/ Good news of the sermon?

**Jesus wants us to be Jesus to our neighbors**

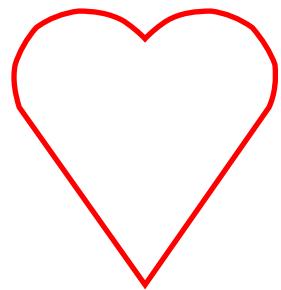
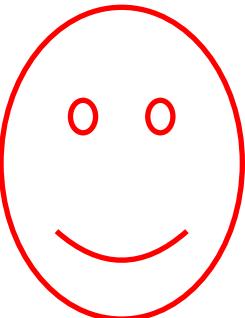
How is the Good News/ message connected to your daily life?

**Jesus wants us to show his Love to others.**

**My Prayers for the week:**

- Grandma /Grandpa
- Math test this week
- My Family

For doodles or thoughts (optional)



Listen Carefully to the prayers in church for ideas

If you were to # the sermon what would you hashtag it?

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**GODLOVESYOU**

My Favorite Hymn/ Song today

**MIGHTY FORTRESS**

Questions from the sermon?

How can I welcome more of the Holy Spirit into my live?

What was something new you learned today?

**Jesus wants us to do more than worship. He wants us to get out and help our neighbor.**

Parents/ Adult Signature:

**Parents Must sign for youth to get credit**

Date: