

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod



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September 4, 2020

Dear confirmation families,

It's a bit hard to believe, but we are starting confirmation this coming Wednesday, September 9th! As you can imagine, classes will be a bit different this year, at least to start off with. First, there will be some changes to the time that students are expected to be in class. Last year, students gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a snack at about 5:00 p.m. and then confirmation went from 5:15 p.m. to roughly 6:30 p.m. However, with our Wednesday evening Communion Services every week at 7:00 p.m., we will need some more time in between to sanitize the sanctuary after using it. Therefore, confirmation classes will end at 6:15 p.m. every week for the foreseeable future. Also, please consider signing up to provide or help serve the snacks at 5:00 p.m. before confirmation. This will not be able to continue unless we get a good number of volunteers. You may contact the church office at 352-7121 to receive more details if interested.

6<sup>th</sup> graders will be in class with Karla Sawvell in a separate classroom, but it is our plan for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to meet with both of the Pastors in the sanctuary for class. Unlike the Communion Services, they will choose a pew that is marked off with blue tape, to prevent overlap with the later Communion Service. When they come in, they will receive a packet with that evening's lesson and a blank page at the end. When they leave, we are asking them to tear off that last page and place it where they sat that evening. Lastly, a very important note about our mask policy for confirmation: we will be requiring all students to wear masks while in the building, at least for the month of September and possibly beyond.

However, depending on your family's health concerns or reservations, in-person confirmation may not be a fit for your student(s). For this reason, we are also offering a livestream confirmation option. By going to [mtcalvaryhuron.org/livestream](http://mtcalvaryhuron.org/livestream), the student will be able to observe and hopefully participate in the lessons in real time as we go throughout the year. We have made some adjustments with our livestream capability that will allow us to have two simultaneous streams, one for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and one for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Just like online classes for their regular schooling, this option will require both you and your student to be extremely diligent in completing assignments and staying engaged in class. We have found that it is easier for students to fall behind if we are not able to have them in the room with us. One additional new feature this year will be the confirmation page on our website. We intend to post things like assignments, due dates, cancellations, and other items there on a weekly basis. Hopefully, this will help everyone to stay a bit more organized and be a helpful resource for you. You will be able to find it by going to [mtcalvaryhuron.org/confirmation](http://mtcalvaryhuron.org/confirmation).

Though there will be obstacles that we will need to navigate, we pray that the Lord would grant us a wonderful year, full of much learning and growing in the faith. If you have questions, feel free to get in contact with us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Chris and Pastor Kevin

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Dear Confirmation Parents,

In addition to the general letter enclosed, we are writing to inform you of a new opportunity connected to Confirmation at Mt. Calvary.

Starting September 16th, at 5:15 p.m. we will be leading a class for parents of confirmation students. While one of the pastors will be leading the young people through their lesson in the sanctuary, the other will lead the adults in theirs.

We are introducing this new component for several reasons. First, the task of raising a family and parenting is only becoming more challenging because of the increased influence of our secular culture and ever-present tyranny of electronic media. We hope to support and encourage you as you deal with a multitude of issues within and without. Second, many of you have expressed a keen interest in increased communication within the Confirmation process and youth ministry at Mt. Calvary. We see personal conversation and study in the Word as our most effective tool in meeting that need. We also believe that we can grow this ministry through the relationships we develop through this effort (Our time together would also be an appropriate pathway to membership in the congregation for an adult seeking to be confirmed). Third, this will be a way that we can work together to role model all that we hope to teach to these children of God in Christ. Confirmation always begins and ends in the home.

While we realize that it is impossible for every parent to attend every week, we also expect that we can work together in Christian fellowship to enable your broad participation and reasonable representation from each family.

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