

St. Luke Confirmation Class 2023 - 2024 Expectations and Requirements

While Interim Pastor Dave Patterson is Serving at St. Luke

"Confirmation instruction is intended to be a partnership of the Parents and the Church Staff, working together to help the child grow in faith, knowledge and discipleship."

EXPECTATIONS OF CONFIRMATION PARENTS

*"Do not provoke your children to anger,
but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. " (Eph 6:4)*

1. Support the Confirmation Program with prayer, willing participation in helping with activities, and open communication with the Interim Pastor and the teaching/youth staff.
2. Ensure that your confirmand attends the Sunday Confirmation Classes that begin on Sunday, September 10th, and will be held every Sunday beginning at 8:30 AM and ending at 9:15 AM. We know that there may be schedule conflicts. When these arise on my end, I will let you know in advance; and please let me and/or the Church Office know if your confirmand cannot attend. The Church Office phone number is 920-467-6149, the email is office@stlukeshebfalls.org. When the confirmand has to miss class, and/or there is not an in-person class, Pastor Dave will make available by email a PDF of the weekly assignment, most of which the parent(s) and confirmand can complete at home. If there is only one confirmand in attendance, a parent will be asked to sit in the class.
3. Attend Worship each week with your confirmand. Once per month we would like the confirmand to complete a Sermon Note that will be available in the Confirmation Class area. (We know you and your child(ren) are busy, and we understand when you need to miss on occasion. On those Sundays that you cannot attend in-person worship, you may watch and/or listen to the services at <https://www.stlukeshebfalls.org/home>.
4. Grow in your own faith by reading the Bible/a Christian Daily Devotion, and finding opportunities for in-person and/or on-line Bible Study.
5. After class, talk with your child(ren) about weekly class assignments.
6. Listen to your child's weekly Memory Work recitation.
7. Second year parents will help with the year-end Exam program for those ready to Affirm their Faith and their families.
8. Parents of those being confirmed will invite to the Affirmation of Baptism Day Service (probably in early Spring) the God-parents of the Confirmands and/or other relatives who have helped the child grow in faith. These relatives, along with the God-parents and parents will participate in the Confirmation Blessing during the Affirmation of Faith Worship Service.
9. Let Pastor Dave know if you have ideas for Confirmation Class church/community work projects, fellowship/fun events, and/or other youth events, please be willing to help organize, chaperone and/or drive during these extra-curricular activities.
10. If asked by the Youth Leaders and/or Pastor willingly help and support Youth Fund-raisers.



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REQUIREMENTS OF CONFIRMANDS

"From childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." II Tim 3:15

1. Pray for, and cooperate with other classmates and the confirmation staff.
2. If you feel ill, have your parent contact Pastor Dave and/or the church office to let the pastor know you will not be attending class.
3. Worship each and every week. We understand you cannot attend every Sunday Worship Service. On those Sundays that you cannot attend in-person worship, you may watch and/or listen to the services at <https://www.stlukeshebfalls.org/home>.
4. Plan on completing and turning into the Pastor one Sermon Note/month. These will be available at the Confirmation class area.
5. Attend all weekly scheduled confirmation classes, which begin Sunday, September 10th. The classes will be held from 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM. If there is a schedule conflict and the confirmand cannot attend class, as soon as possible, please have your parent(s) notify the church office at 920-467-6149, or by email which is office@stlukeshebfalls.org. Your parent may also call/text Pastor Dave at 262-366-8040, or send him an e-mail at davidpatterson@wi.rr.com.
6. Complete all weekly written assignments. If you miss a class, ask your parent for a copy of the class worksheet that the Pastor will send to the parents each week as a PDF. Please complete as best as you can the worksheet with the help of your parent(s).
7. Recite to parents the weekly memory work listed on the class worksheet.
8. Participate during the year in service projects organized by the Education Board, Youth Leaders, parents or pastor to help the church and/or community.
9. Help lead worship - acolyte, usher, do audio-visual, read the lessons or perform special music as your schedule permits.
10. Second year students will write a year-end "Faith Essay", entitled, "What my Faith, the Church and Jesus Mean to me".
11. Second year students will successfully complete the final oral examination before parents and peers.



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EXPECTATIONS OF THE CONFIRMATION STAFF

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." (Mark 9: 37)

1. Live a pure life that is a fine example of the Christian calling.
2. Respect and celebrate each child as a unique and precious creation of God, made in God's image.
3. Pray for, and challenge the Confirmation Class children and parents to grow in their faith.
4. Provide a safe class environment. Agree follow safety protocol, and the Child Abuse Prevention guidelines of St. Luke Lutheran Church, and the Greater Milwaukee Synod.
5. Prepare weekly class lessons and present them in a meaningful manner.
6. Ensure that the Confirmands become knowledgeable in the Bible, Church History, Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments.
7. See that supplies and curriculum are purchased, rooms are conducive to learning, and an atmosphere of safety, openness, cooperation and enthusiasm is fostered.
8. Seek to involve the Confirmands in the Worship and Mission of St. Luke Lutheran Church.
9. Communicate with Confirmands, Parents, Sunday School Teachers and Congregation leaders to ensure that the Confirmation Program is an integrated and meaningful part of the child's development.
10. Seek to involve the Confirmands during the post-confirmation years.



Confirmation Class Support Members

- **St. Luke Office, Andrea Meyer: 920-467-6149; email: office@stlukeshebfalls.org**
- **Interim Pastor David Patterson: Phone: 262-366-8040; email: davidpatterson@wi.rr.com.**
- **Congregation President - Aaron Strassburger: Phone: 920-2071352; email: president@stlukeshebfalls.org**
- **Congregation Vice President - Laura Meyer: Phone: 920-838-2347**
- **Education Chairperson - Becky Kuhlow: 920-207-2515; email: rak930@hotmail.com**
- **Council Education/Youth Coordinator - Jarvis Klassy: 920-207-8860; 920-287-9373; email: jklassy@hotmail.com**

*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints and also members
of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19*

