

Confirmation 2016-2017

Deuteronomy 6:1 – 3

These are all the laws that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you. Obey them in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. As long as you live, you and your descendants are to honor the Lord your God and obey all his laws that I am giving you, so that you may live in that land a long time. Listen to them, people of Israel, and obey them! Then all will go well with you, and you will become a mighty nation and live in that rich and fertile land, just as the Lord, the God of our ancestors, has promised.

Important Dates to Remember

Day	Month	Date	Activity
Wed.	Sept.	7	Confirmation Orientation ~ 6:00 p.m. All 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th graders and their parents must attend!!!
Wed.	Sept.	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri-Lutheran Rally on 5th Street! • 5:30 pm Meal and Games • 6:15 pm Worship
Sun.	Oct.	2	Service Project Opportunity – Crop Walk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration at 12:00pm; Walk begins at 1:00pm
Wed.	Oct.	5	Pharm Property – **Parent's Night** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30-7:30pm • ADULT HELP NEEDED!
Sun.	Oct.	9	Service Project Opportunity – Community Meal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00-7:00pm (sign up for shifts)
Sat.	Oct.	15	Service Project Opportunity – Hwy Clean-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at the church at 1:00pm • ADULTS NEEDED!
Wed.	Oct.	19	No Confirmation - MEA
Sat.	Nov.	5	Service Project Opportunity – Feed My Starving Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00am-12:00pm • ADULTS NEEDED!
Wed.	Nov.	23	<i>No Confirmation (Thanksgiving Break)</i>
Sat.	Dec.	3 & 4	Service Project Opportunity – Bake Sale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 3 dozen cookies to church by Noon on Dec. 2nd
Wed.	Dec.	14	Christmas Event – **Parent's Night**
Wed.	Dec.	21	<i>No Confirmation (Christmas Break)</i>
Thurs.	Dec.	24	Service Project Opportunity – Luminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help set up starting at 12:00pm • Help clean up after the 10:30pm service
Wed.	Dec.	28	<i>No Confirmation (Christmas Break)</i>
Wed.	Jan.	4	Confirmation Re-orientation
Sun.	Jan.	29	Service Project Opportunity – Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am – 1:00pm

Sat.	Feb.	4	Feed My Starving Children Family Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Project Opportunity • <i>More Details To Come</i>
<i>NO CLASSES DURING LENT (March 1 - April 12)</i>			
Fri.- Sat.	March	24- 25	Confirmation Retreat – 7 th & 8 th Graders ONLY
Sat.	April	8	Service Project Opportunity – Palm Sunday Brunch Prep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00-5:00pm
Sun.	April	9	Palm Sunday Brunch
Wed.	April	19	Parents Night ~ No Meal Outing to Oakwood Cemetery
Wed.	April	26	Confirmation Class for 8 th Graders only!!
Sat.	April	29	Service Project Opportunity – Hwy. 61 Clean-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at the church at 1:00pm • ADULTS NEEDED!
Wed.	May	3	Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner (7 th & 8 th Graders ONLY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30pm Dinner • 6:00pm Rehearsal (parents encouraged to attend)
Sun.	May	7	Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Retreat:

This year, the retreat will be held at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN. The dates will be March 24-25 (Friday-Saturday) and is **required for both 7th & 8th grade confirmation students**. The fee has not been confirmed for this year, but has been \$35 in the past and scholarships are available. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at the church. We will sleep and gather in a large lodge. We will be back to the church around 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Service Projects:

Each student needs to do six service projects. At least 3 of these must be done with church activities. If a student creates an independent service project, he/she should spend at least two hours on that project.

Service Project Opportunities:

- Crop Walk - Sunday, Oct. 2 (begins at 1 pm) – **BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLES!**
- Highway 61 Clean up - Saturday, Oct. 15 (1-4 pm)
- Loaves & Fishes Meal - Sunday, Oct. 9 at United Methodist Church
- Feed My Starving Children – Saturday, Nov. 5 (8am – 12pm) **Need Drivers!!**
- Provide min. three dozen homemade cookies baked & delivered to church, by Noon Dec. 2nd
- Christmas Luminaries – Wednesday, Dec. 24 (noon lighting and clean up after late service)
- Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 29 (10:30am – 1:00pm)
- Feed My Starving Children Family Event – Saturday, February 4(details TBD)
(4:00pm departure on Friday; will attend 9:30am service on Sunday)
- Loaves & Fishes Meal – Sunday, March 12 at United Methodist Church
- Palm Sunday Brunch Prep – Saturday, April 8 (3-5pm)
- Highway 61 Clean Up – Saturday, April 29 (1-4pm)

Additional Service Project Opportunities:

- **Ushering** – 2 Sundays = 1 service project
 - o 8:00am or 9:30am service
 - o Sign up with the other service projects
- **Nursery** – 2 Sundays = 1 service project
 - o This is beyond your two Sundays to attend in church
 - o Sign up with the other service projects
- **Lawn Mowing**
 - o Sign up with the other service projects
- **Altar Guild** – Help for one month = 1 service project
 - o Saturdays at 9:00am
 - o Sign up with the church office

PARENTS: We need you to sign up for the following!!!!

- to bring food for a minimum 3 confirmation meals during the year
- help drive for service projects, especially the ones your child is participating in
- retreat chaperones
- Plan on joining us for Parent's Nights during the year!!!!

Parent Nights: September 7 (Orientation Night), October 5, December 14, February 15, and April 19. These Wednesdays are specifically set aside for an event with parents. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. There will be no meal served on that night, but we will plan activities for parents and youth to share together. Some of it will be fun. Some will be educational. Some will be worshipful.

Looking Ahead: We have been depending on a few adults to lead small groups. We would love to have a larger number of adults willing to do this. There is a user friendly and consistent outline to follow.

Confirmation requirements

Web site: stpaulsredwing.org

Worship Attendance – Students need to be at worship at least two weekends a month. They will sign an attendance card at the ushers' stand and have it initialed by the pastor or an usher. Sermon notes will only be assigned if a student attends less than two times in a month. Attendance on a Saturday night and Sunday morning of the same weekend will only be counted as one attendance. Occasionally bulletins from other churches may be turned in to make up for a Sunday. However, students may not fulfill their requirement by repeatedly turning in bulletins.

Service projects – Students will be asked to participate in six service projects throughout the year. At least one of those projects needs to focus on serving our own congregation. At least one of the projects needs to focus on serving in the community beyond our congregation. Other than that, the student can decide how to divide the emphasis of these service projects. Each one should require approximately 2 to 4 hours of work.

Acolyte responsibilities will NOT fulfill this requirement. However, other activities (Sunday School aides, Vacation Bible School aides, etc.) WILL count towards service projects.

Education – Attendance at Wednesday night Confirmation Class will fulfill most of this requirement. We will have occasional retreats or special events planned. Students and parents will be given ample notice of these additional events. Eventually, we will plan to have a retreat each year for both classes.

Classes will include group activities, projects, memory work and quizzes as well as traditional instruction. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for at least one activity or project during the year. This can be providing a meal, chaperoning a youth activity, helping as a small group leader, or joining in a service project.