



# ST. TIMOTHY

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Dear Friends,

Our 2018-19 confirmation year for sixth-eighth graders begins Wednesday Sept. 12th and features a number of changes we hope will be enjoyable for youth and friendly to family schedules and your ability to learn and worship together.

- The Fellowship Hall will be open at 6:15 p.m. and Pastor Dan will be there to have sermon note discussions.
- We will start with a brief time for opening prayer and announcements promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- We will be done at 7:30 p.m.
- You are invited to stay for Ignite Worship, which begins at 7:30pm.

## What and why we learn

- This year our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will learn the same way the church universal learns, by walking seasonally through the life of Jesus in the Gospels and the life of the patriarchs, matriarchs, kings and prophets of the Old Testament. We call this journey the lectionary. The lectionary is the way that churches around the world have chosen to approach and learn about our most sacred texts, the Bible. Each week we as a confirmation class will dive into the very same texts that our church finds that week in our bulletins and hears proclaimed in word, song, and sacrament. This way parents and confirmands, siblings and even friends in other churches will hear the same texts each week and throughout the year.

## Worship

- Corporate worship is the center of our Christian lives. Encountering Christ with one another through Word and Sacrament is the most holy gift the church offers. Our confirmation curriculum this year helps enrich our confirmands understanding of what is going on each time we gather to worship. All families are deeply encouraged to find a worship style and time that fits their needs. Attending worship will greatly enrich what the confirmands get out of confirmation and vice versa. We as Christians learn by doing. As a church we have added a family oriented weekday service after confirmation on Wednesday evenings to make it easier for some families to worship together. But no matter what service you attend on Saturday, Sundays, or Wednesdays there will be opportunities for our confirmands to get involved in worship.

## Sermon notes

- Sermon notes are part of a monthly journey of faith enrichment and discussion. Each student is encouraged to meet with Pastor Dan once a month along with other confirmands in order to talk big picture about how what we hear in church, whether it's the sermon or hymns or other parts of the liturgy, affects our lives of Christians inside and outside of church. These discussions will last around 15 minutes. Show up 15 minutes early to confirmation or schedule another time on a Sunday morning to have these discussions. You can pick up a sermon note guide sheet on the Kids with Christ table in the Narthex.

## Monthly Dinner

- This year will have joint Confirmation/Logos dinners once per month in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that each family sign up for at least one date during the year to provide dinner (homemade, purchased, ordered, etc.). Two families can sign up for the same date together. Plates, napkins, utensils, water, and lemonade will be provided. Once registered for Confirmation you will be emailed the link to sign up for a dinner night.

## Special Days and Camps

- Throughout the year we will be having special events and camps for further fun, fellowship, and growth in faith.
  - Sleep Out Saturday- This year both the high school group and the confirmation groups along with Troop 501 will be participating in Sleep Out Saturday at St. Timothy this year. The event is on Saturday Nov, 3. We will be sleeping out with churches across DuPage County to raise money for Bridge Community
  - Christmas Caroling- Due to time restraints on Wednesdays, we will go Caroling on Sunday evening December 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - LOMC Camp- During the winter/early spring we will go to LOMC for an overnight from Friday night to Saturday morning. Please plan on attending this. This will be important for their faith formation and their connection to the group during the year.
  - Lutherdale Summer Confirmation Camp- Summer camp this year will June 16<sup>th</sup>-June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
  - Bibles for 6<sup>th</sup> graders- We will be giving out Confirmation Bibles to 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am worship.

## Attendance

- We encourage and expect regular attendance. If you cannot make a session, please contact Pastor Dan who will give you session material you can review and discuss at home. We have worked to shape the schedule to avoid major school conflicts.

## Confirmation day

- Saturday, May 18th, 2019, 5 p.m., we will celebrate with our eighth graders and their families as they affirm their faith.

## Registration

- Please pick up a registration form from the Kids with Christ table in the Narthex and turn it in to the office no later than Sun Sept 9th, if possible.

If you have any questions, or need more information feel free to contact me (630-355-1330; [danmiller@sttimothy.lutheran.com](mailto:danmiller@sttimothy.lutheran.com)).

Peace in Christ,

Pr. Daniel Joyner Miller

## Schedule

- \* indicate the nights when we will have our Confirmation/Logos Dinners

September 12	November 7	January 9	March 13
September 19	*November 14	January 16	*March 20
*September 26	November 28	*January 23	
		January 30	April 3
October 3	December 5		*April 10
October 10	December 12	February 6	April 17
*October 17	*December 19	*February 13	April 24
October 24		February 20	
		February 27	May 1
			May 8
			*May 15