

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**  
*Information & Registration*  
**2016-17**

**CONFIRMATION AT HOPE**

In Hope's Confirmation Program, the basic doctrines and teachings of the Christian faith will be shared from our Lutheran perspective. Students will use the Bible as a foundational resource in the Confirmation classes, along with Luther's Small Catechism. The Confirmation Program will prepare students to personally affirm their baptismal faith, to receive Holy Communion, and to live as adult members of the church.

**REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS**

- Attend all scheduled Confirmation classes, retreats, and special events. Contact Small Group Guide (SGG) in case of absence for illness or emergency.
- Attend weekly worship services. Attendance will be tracked through the pew pads found in the worship pews. Please use them.
- Complete seven worship summary sheets per year (one for Advent, one for Lent, and five weekend services). Summaries should be turned into SGG's on: September 28, October 26, December 7 - Advent, January 4, February 8, March 15, and April 5 - Lent. Discuss these with your children and fill them out together.
- Complete all assigned Confirmation memory work. Students are responsible for: the Apostles' Creed and meanings, the Lord's Prayer, and the meaning and benefits of Holy Communion as defined in the Small Catechism.
- Additional Expectations:
  - Attend weekly Sunday school classes and Youth Ministry activities. Attendance will be tracked through sign-up sheets in the classroom.
  - Create time at home to discuss lessons, worship summaries, and memory work with your child.

**REGISTRATION**

Confirmation at Hope is normally a two-year program, beginning in Grade 5 and concluding in Grade 6. The registration form for Grade 5 students is available on Hope's website ([www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Get Involved –Youth, 5 & 6 Grade Confirmation"). Please register immediately.

Parents of older students should speak with Pastor Wayne Puls, Pastor Lew Upchurch, or DCE Beth Agner for program and registration details.



## **ORIENTATION**

An important Orientation Session for all new first-year students and parents will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 6:30-8:00 PM, in Room 301. This meeting is mandatory for all first-year Confirmation students and parents. Please make sure your calendar is clear for the Orientation Session.

## **CLASS SCHEDULE**

Class sessions are normally held from 6:30-7:30PM on Wednesdays. Attending all class sessions is required. A preliminary class schedule for the 2016-17 year is enclosed with this mailing. A final class schedule will be distributed at the Orientation Session.

## **CLASS MATERIALS**

A binder with worksheets and supplementary materials will be provided for each student at the Orientation Session.

Each student should bring a Bible to every Confirmation class session. Any modern Bible translation will be appropriate, but we strongly encourage students to use the New International Version (NIV) or the English Standard Version (ESV). No King James Version (KJV), please. An ESV Teen Study Bible will be available for purchase (\$25) at the Orientation Session.

Confirmation students will be provided with a paper copy of Luther's Small Catechism for class and study use. A hard-cover version of the Small Catechism, with excellent supplementary materials, will be available for purchase (\$15) at the Orientation Session.

## **QUESTIONS**

Please call Pastor Wayne Puls, Pastor Lew Upchurch, or DCE Beth Agner in the church office (919-554-8109) if you have any questions about Hope's Confirmation Program. We are looking forward to helping your child grow in the Christian faith, and establish a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ!