

# Freshman Confirmation

After nearly 3½ years of studying what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and follow Him, learning about our Lutheran beliefs, and discussing what it means to live a Christ-like life, you are almost ready to be confirmed. In some ways you might have thought or felt as though Confirmation is just about acquiring a bunch of religious knowledge and checking off all the right boxes. It's not! Confirmation is serious business. The instruction you have received is only a small part of our church's efforts to fulfill its mission of growing lifelong disciples.

We want you to stay connected to the Body of Christ – the Church – because a disciple of Christ is never done growing in faith! In fact, on your Confirmation Day (Sunday, October 22), you will stand before God's altar and the whole congregation to make a promise that you will be faithful to God in the way you live, worship, continue studying the Bible, and being active in the life of the Church.

What follows is an outline of what 9th grade Confirmation will look like for students and families. Please note the important dates to block off right away.

## **Sunday Night Youth Group (SNX)**

Starting **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00-8:00pm in the Family Life Center, all 9th grade Confirmation students should join the other high school youth for SNX – the high school youth group. SNX is an important opportunity for you to build relationships with other high school students you could see during the week at school. SNX's goal is for every high school student to continue growing in relationship with Christ and other Christians your age. Confirmation Group Guides will join you as we worship and participate in SNX life groups.

## **Confirmation Review Night**

Mark your calendars for **Monday, October 2nd** from 6:00pm-8:00pm for a mandatory Confirmation Review Night, which will be held on Trinity's main campus. On that night confirmands will work on their personal statements of faith, review all material, rehearse for the Confirmation service, and take the final examination.

## **Nights of Witness**

Our Nights of Witness provides confirmands with a beautiful opportunity to stand up and proclaim their faith. Each confirmand will have an "examination" interview with one of our pastors to ensure they have a good understanding of the Lutheran faith. Afterwards, each student will stand and share their statement of faith, confirming their love and faith in Jesus Christ. This is a night we also encourage family and friends to attend. The evening will conclude with an ice cream party for everyone in attendance.

Each student will be assigned and must attend one of the following dates.

**Wednesday, October 11, 6:30-9:00 PM**

**Thursday, October 12, 6:30-9:00 PM**

### **Confirmation Weekend**

All students will be confirmed on **Sunday October 22nd** at either our **8:30am** or **11:00am** service. Students should arrive at least 30 minutes before the set service time. Families will be contacted to schedule the service times. Each student will be confirmed with their parents and a pastoral blessing.

Currently, there are no restrictions on the number of people attending. We will update you if that changes.

### **Communion Training**

If you have not been trained to receive communion, please contact our Director of Christian Education and Discipleship Coordinator, Dr. Kevin Borchers ([borchersk@trinityroselle.com](mailto:borchersk@trinityroselle.com); 630-894-3263 x276) to schedule training. All students must be trained before they can receive the sacrament. This must be done before the Confirmation Service.

### **Confirmation Banner**

Each year the confirmation class has a banner representing their class. It is a long-standing tradition. In the past we have had a "Banner Committee" of moms and dads who step up to help create a banner. This year we will have a handmade banner or a printed banner. Please reach out to Brenda Connolly ([brenda.connolly@trinityroselle.com](mailto:brenda.connolly@trinityroselle.com)) if interested in serving with the banner team.

### **Robes & Confirmation Certificate Information**

Families should have received emails from DCE Kevin Borchers and Confirmation Assistant Brenda Connolly with information requests about Confirmation robes and certificates. If you have not already done so, please send your child's height (for robe sizing) and exact spelling of their name for the Confirmation certificate.

### **Important Dates**

Sunday, August 20	SNX Kickoff	6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, August 27	SNX	6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, September 10	SNX	6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, September 17	SNX	6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, September 24	SNX	6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, October 1	SNX	6:00-8:00 PM
Monday, October 2	Mandatory Review Night	6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, October 8	SNX	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, October 11	Night of Witness 1	6:30-9:00 PM
Thursday, October 12	Night of Witness 2	6:30-9:00 PM
Sunday, October 15	SNX	6:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, October 22	Confirmation Services	8:30 or 11:00 AM
Sunday, October 22	SNX Confirmation Celebration	6:00-8:00 PM