

2026-2027

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Confirmation Ministry



**Empowering youth to experience
and share God's love.**

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Confirmation Ministry

A Family Commitment

Confirmation at OSLC is a time set apart for young people to explore and grow in the promises made to them on their baptism day. It concludes with young people making public affirmation of their belief in Jesus Christ. During this time, we want to challenge their minds and hearts and surround them with pastors, adult leaders, and fellow students who can help them understand what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation is not a sacrament in the Christian community, but it is connected to the sacrament of Holy Baptism. It is available for all who wish to learn more about their faith and the church. We encourage students to participate in discussions, ask questions, share ideas, pray, and complete memory work. It is essential that parents are involved in their child's confirmation experience. Please monitor their progress completing the required program components, attend worship with them, and get to know their small groups.

The decision to participate in Confirmation affects not only the student involved, but the entire family. Please carefully and prayerfully examine the program requirements and expectations. Discuss as a family whether you are willing to make this kind of commitment. We place a high value on our Confirmation program and expect it to be taken seriously.

Confirmation ministry is a three-year program for students in grades 7-9. Older students who desire to make public affirmation of their faith are also welcome to participate.

Relationships are the core of this ministry. Each student is placed into a small group that will be the primary setting for Confirmation. It is our hope and prayer that positive Christian relationships will be formed for the students with their small group members, guides, SALT leaders, pastors, and other adults in the congregation. Most importantly, we pray that a relationship with their Lord Jesus Christ is nurtured and deepened. Topics that will be discussed include: The Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, Holy Communion, Baptism, Lutheran doctrine, both Old and New Testaments, and selected relevant issues.

Yearly Requirements

- Attendance at Sunday evening workshops
- Attendance at small group Fellowship/Servant Events (scheduled by the Confirmation Guide)
- Completion of 15 Service Hours per year (at OSLC)
- Completion of 15 Sermon Notes per year (at OSLC, in-person)
- Memorization Work
- Attendance at a Retreat each year
- Faith Stepping Stones (7th and 9th graders)

Ninth graders are also required to write a Faith Statement and memorize/recite a confirmation Bible verse.

Sunday Evening Workshops

Large Group Gathering

All students gather in the sanctuary for an hour of worship and praise with music and skits. An overview of the evening's lesson is presented.

Small Group Gathering

Students meet with their assigned small groups of 5-6 students, and an adult Guide. The small groups discuss the lesson of the night, share each other's highs and lows, and pray together. The adult Guide may be assisted by a Jr. Guide, a member of our High School Student Action Leadership Team (SALT). Every attempt is made to help this small group be a place of trust, growth, and learning. Students are expected to be on time, cooperate with the guide, and listen when someone else is talking.

Fellowship/Servant Events

Each small group will complete at least two servant events such as packaging food at Feed My Starving Children or helping at the food shelf, etc. Each small group will also complete at least two fellowship events such as a movie and dinner, skiing or snowboarding, etc. All these events will be completed by the end of the program year. *Each small group will determine what, when, and where these events will happen.* It is helpful when a parent offers to help plan these for their child's Guide. Note: these events do not count toward individual service hours.

Service Hours

All confirmation students are required to complete 15 hours per year of in-church service at Our Savior's as a way of learning the importance of serving in their church and participating as the Body of Christ. They will also be able to meet and grow in relationships with other OSLC members.

There are a variety of ways that students can serve, such as:

- *Reading scripture*
- *Being a communion server*
- *Preparing for communion (one Sat. month)*
- *Ushering or greeting*
- *Attending a mission trip*
- *Helping in the nursery*
- *Assisting with Vacation Bible School*
- *Playing bells, singing in the choir, playing a musical instrument*
- *Serving cookies during fellowship*
- *Helping with Youth Club on Wednesdays (doing dishes, leading a craft or sports, assisting with meal clean up, or helping in the kitchen)*

Service Hour Forms are located in the church narthex. Completed forms can be placed in the "Confirmation Box" in the cabinet below the forms.

Service Hour requirements refer only to service done to benefit ministries of OSLC. It does not include hours spent doing community service. Group Service Events do not count toward individual student service hours. **Students are responsible for turning in their own service hours.**

Sermon Notes (Faith Hours)

A Sermon Note is a summary of the sermon and reflections regarding worship. Each student is expected to attend Sunday morning worship on a regular basis. Listening to God's Word can strengthen faith and reinforce the lessons that are being taught in Confirmation. We require that all students complete 15 sermon notes throughout each year. *Parents:* please attend worship with your youth and talk over the sermon with them. You may assist them with the form. The preaching pastor will read all sermon notes.

Sermon Note Forms are located in the narthex. **Students are responsible for filling out the forms and turning them in.** Completed forms can be placed in the "Confirmation Box" in the cabinet below the forms.

Exceptions can be made for students who live in two households and attend two different churches. Please talk to the pastor in charge of Confirmation if this applies to you. It is important that students worship with other members of OSLC so they can grow in relationship together. Sermon notes from televised/internet/podcasted sermons will not be accepted because Community Worship is important.

Attendance Policy

If you are unable to attend a required function (workshop, servant event, fellowship event, or retreat) you must notify your small group Guide and the Confirmation Pastor prior to the event. Make up worksheets must be completed for missed workshops and retreats.

Behavior/Discipline Policy

If any behavior or discipline problems should arise, the small group Guide will be instructed to send the student to meet one-on-one with an adult or pastor to discuss the behavior issue. Parent(s) will be informed of any unresolved behavioral or discipline issues.

Parental Involvement

Parent(s) are required to assist with the Confirmation program (please sign-up on the registration):

- Guide (small group leader)
- Substitute Guide
- Technology helpers
- Help with a retreat
- Other (such as a youth event chaperone)
- Provide a meal for the SALT team
- Assist with a Stepping Stone
- Assist with No Equal (band)

Retreats

Each student is required to attend the retreat scheduled for their grade level. Activities will include large group workshops, games, singing, free time, small group time, quiet time, and worship.

The 7th grade retreat will be held at Our Savior's.

The 8th and 9th grade retreat is held at Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp in Amery, WI. Parents are invited to attend the closing worship at 11 am. The retreats will rotate so that by the end of confirmation, each student will have focused on grace and the reformation, as well as the body of Christ and the Apostle Paul's letters.

If a student is unable to attend their retreat, he/she must contact the Confirmation Pastor prior to the retreat. A make-up essay will be substituted to fulfill the requirements. *Many students and parents have said that the retreats are the best part of the program!*

Faith Stepping Stones

Faith cannot be sustained by the church alone, but families must make a commitment to faith development in the home as well. This ministry involves parents in the faith development of their children at critical stages of their development. Confirmation has two Stepping Stones, one as the student begins the program, and one as they complete it. These sessions are intended for the student and one or both of their parents/guardians.

Tuition

The Confirmation tuition helps to cover the cost of the curriculum, supplies, retreat costs, administrative assistance, and other miscellaneous program expenses. The registration fee is \$150 per student. Financial aid/payment plans are available upon request; please see registration form.

Other Youth Ministry Opportunities

In addition to confirmation ministry, join us for Church on Wednesday (COW) during the school year on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm in the youth room. Students who attend a Bible Study COW night can earn Sermon Note credit (Faith Hours). There is also Centennial Area Summer Stretch, fellowship events, and a mission trip in the summer months. Information for youth opportunities can be found on the bulletin board, in the Pulse, on Facebook, in the Confirmation Newsletter, or in the bulletin. Please keep informed! Friends are welcome!



Register Here



Permission Slip

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Stepping Stones & Workshops: 6-8 pm

Retreats: 9 am to noon (parents are invited to worship at 11am)

	7th Grade Stepping Stone
	Workshop #1
	7th Grade Retreat at OSLC
	Workshop #2
	Workshop #3
	Workshop #4
Nov. 14-15	8th & 9th Grade Retreat at WAPO
	Workshop #5
	Workshop #6/STILL Worship
	Workshop #7
	Workshop #8
	Workshop #9
	Workshop #10
	Workshop #11
	Workshop #12
May 2	9th Grade Stepping Stone
May 15	Confirmation Rehearsal/Photos from 8-10 am
May 16	Confirmation Sunday from 1:30-3 pm