



Zion Lutheran Church

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Dear Confirmation Parents and Students,

The Zion Faith Formation Team and Confirmation Leaders have been working this summer to plan an amazing year of learning and growing together. Some things have changed this year to meet the needs of families as well as to engage students more in their faith and the larger church community.

Please read this letter and the enclosed forms carefully.

Forms are also available on the church website at:

<https://zionstratford.org/faith-formation/7th-9th-grade/>.

**Confirmation Kick-Off - Wednesday, September 14
from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson will kick-off Confirmation with the first CORE class about what it means to be a Lutheran.

This is a required class for all 7-9th grade students and their parents. This is open to the entire congregation as well as your family and friends.

CORE and Elective Classes (see enclosed schedule)

CORE and Elective classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. throughout the year. The

CORE classes will only be held once. **Students must attend the four (4) CORE classes.** They are mandatory.

These courses are difficult to make-up. Please make every effort in your schedule to make these CORE classes a high priority.

There are four (4) options for students to participate in elective classes. **Students must attend two (2) classes.** They are held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. throughout the year. **A form is enclosed with class descriptions and an elective sign-up form.** Please return to the church office or complete online by Wednesday, September 14, 2022. If you sign up for an Elective class and are unable to attend, please contact the church office to pick a different class. There are no make-up sessions.

Service and Activity Opportunities

This year students will need to actively participate in the life of the Church. There are a variety of service and activity opportunities for students to participate in. **Students must earn 20 points from September 2022 - August 2023.** Each activity is worth 1 point unless otherwise noted.

Enclosed is a suggested list of service opportunities and activities. It is not an exhaustive list. Upon completion of the activity, **a Service and Activity Verification form must be turned into the church office or in the basket in the Narthex.** You are welcome to email the completed form to the church office at office@zionstratford.org. Forms must be signed by a non-family member.

Parents will be notified by email periodically throughout the year as to the number of points earned for service and activity opportunities.

Advent, Lent and Holy Week

Advent, Lent and Holy Week are a great time for students to be involved in the worship life of the church. There are many service and activity points students can earn with mid-week and Holy Week worship services and meals. Please note that the Faith Formation Team did not schedule classes during Advent and Lent to make it easier for families to participate in worship.

Serving and cleaning-up Advent meals is required.

Students will earn 2 points for helping with an Advent Meal. Students are required to only help with one of the three meals. Parents are required to help serve and clean-up with their students. **Families will be contacted with date and time by the lead person.** *Families may choose to be reimbursed by the church for any food purchased. You will need to turn in your receipt(s) and complete a form in the church office.*

Parent Involvement

Parents/guardians are important foundations to the spiritual health and growth of a child. Parents or another adult over the age of 21 are required to be present for at least one of the CORE or Elective courses during the year. The parent will assist the leader by actively participating, monitoring behavior issues, and being a second adult in the room in case of emergencies. **Complete the enclosed Elective Form** for your preferred date. If we have too many parents signing up for a particular class, then you will be contacted to choose another date. Thank you for your involvement in your child's faith life. As always, parents are always welcome to any of the CORE and Elective classes.

Forms Online

All the forms enclosed in this packet are also available online at <https://zionstratford.org/faith-formation/7th-9th-grade/>. The schedule for the classes are also available online.

Inclement Weather Days

If school is canceled due to inclement weather, there will be no Confirmation classes held. Please watch the Zion Lutheran Facebook page, website and emails for the rescheduled date.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office, Pastor, or Faith Formation Team at:

Faith Formation Team - faithformation@zionstratford.org

Pastor - pastor@zionstratford.org

Church Office - office@zionstratford.org or 715.687.4110

Blessings in Christ as we grow in faith together,

Zion Faith Formation Team