

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Sunday)
Sheridan Lutheran Church
Spring 2021

Dear Families of 8th Grade Confirmands,

I am excited to share with you this information. As you read through it, please do not hesitate to email me if you have *any* questions. Here are the key dates for you to place in your calendars. The following pages contain the important details that are needed to help prepare for these key dates. In light of the Covid19 virus, please know we will strive to honor these dates to the very best of our ability.

Blessings!

Pr. Michelle
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Key dates for Affirmation of Baptism at Sheridan Lutheran Church

- 1. Recognition Ceremonies** This special ceremony will be done as a small group on either a Wednesday or Sunday during the season of Lent. See the included page for the date and time of your small group's ceremony.

- 2. Wednesday, March 17th, 2021** Faith Statements, Blue Cards and Baptismal Pictures are due.

- 3. Wednesday, April 21nd, 2021: Presentation of Stoles & Verses** Bring your stoles with you to this worship service and plan to leave them here. Also, have your Confirmation verse memorized and ready to share with the gathered community. There may be individual and group pictures as part of this evening.

- 4. Sunday, April 25th, 2021 : Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Sunday) Worship Celebration at 3:00 p.m.**
Invitations will be provided for you, if you would care to use them.

Recognition Ceremonies

This is a special time for confirmands and their parents, when we recognize, bless and pray for each individual confirmand that lasts about 30 minutes. Please make plans to attend and be a part of this powerful opportunity to affirm your child and her/his faith journey.

We ask that you write a letter to your child sharing and affirming all the wonderful things you see in her/him. You are invited to include where you have seen growth, including growth in faith. You will share this letter with your child privately during the ceremony.

Wednesday evening ceremonies will take the place of class time.

Recognition Ceremonies

Sunday, Feb 21st following the 11:00a.m. worship service

Small group of Rachel Thiemann/Samantha Nelson

Wednesday, Feb 24th at 6:30p.m.

Small group of Sheila Johnson/Matt Kimmerling

Sunday, Feb 28th following the 11:00a.m. worship service

Small groups of Debbie Beran/Stephanie Blehm & Ashley & Jared Baker

Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30p.m.

Small group of Sarah Wischhof/Tara Benes

Sunday, March 14th following the 11:00a.m. worship service

Small group of Kristi & Todd Mulliner

Wednesday, March 17th at 6:30p.m.

Small group of Kay Krivolavek/Jodi Hain

Sunday, March 21st following the 11:00am. worship service

Small group of Bradley Hicken/Amanda Champagne

Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30p.m.

Small group of Stacey Agnew/Trevor Walsh

8th Grade Confirmation Faith Statements

Confirmation is all about growing in your faith. This is your opportunity to share about what you have learned, how you have grown, and what you have done. This statement will be shared with all the pastors as well as with your small group leaders.

Your Faith Statement should be printed on a separate paper and double spaced.

Please address all of these questions in your faith statement.

Each response should be at the minimum a paragraph (4 to 5 sentences) long.

You can email your Faith Statement to Pastor Michelle at m.oetken@sheridanlutheran.org or drop it off at the church office.

Please make sure **your name** is on it.

These are due no later than **March 17th, 2021**.

- 1) What do you believe about our God? (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.)
- 2) How have you experienced God in your life?
- 3) Please share about other things you have learned about while in confirmation. (hint: Old & New Testament Bible stories, Life of Jesus, The Sacraments, Serving others, Stewardship, Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, etc.)
- 4) Please share your confirmation verse. Why did you choose this verse and what does it mean to you in your walk of faith?
- 5) After Affirming your Baptism ("being confirmed") you will be an adult, voting member of our congregation. How will you be an Active, participating, giving member? Please be as specific as possible.
- 6) With the help of the Holy Spirit, how do you plan to live out your faith in daily life?
- 7) Is there anyone you want to thank?

Parent & Student Input Form:

In order to make the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Sunday) worship service as meaningful and memorable as possible, we are asking for your input/suggestions. Are there people in this faith community who have been instrumental in the developmental years of this group of students who you believe would like to be involved in the service?

Hospitality:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Communion assistants:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Baptismal Pictures

Please submit to Pr. Michelle a picture of when you were baptized. We will share these pictures to intentionally help us all remember that this special day is all about the gift of Baptism that God gives to us. These pictures can be shared electronically or the physical picture can be shared (you will get it back.) Please make sure the confirmand's name is with the picture.

Baptismal Picture Board:

We will also need a couple of parents who would be willing to create a poster board displaying the baptismal pictures of the confirmation class. All materials will be provided. This will be displayed on the day of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation.) If you are willing to help, please share your name and email here.

- 1.
- 2.

Choose 3 songs you would most like to have included in the Confirmation Service.

- 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**
- All the People Said Amen**
- Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**
- Awesome is the Lord Most High**
- Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)**
- Because of Your Love**
- Blessed Be Your Name**
- Build Your Kingdom Here**
- Come As You Are**
- Come Now is the Time to Worship**
- Cornerstone**
- Days of Elijah**
- Everyday**
- For These Reasons**
- Forever**
- Glorious One**
- Glory to God Forever**
- Happy Day**
- Here I Am To Worship**
- Holy Spirit**
- I Have a Hope**
- I Will Follow**
- Lord I Need You**
- No Sweeter Name**
- Our God**
- Revelation Song**
- Rock of Ages**
- Sanctuary**
- Soul on Fire**
- Thrive**
- This is Amazing Grace**
- Today is the Day**
- We Want to See Jesus Lifted High**
- Where I Belong**
- You are Good**
- You Will Never Run**
- Your Grace is Enough**

Other: _____

CONFIRMAND'S STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Please print clearly and return this card to church NO LATER THAN March 17, 2021

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____ Phone _____

Student E-mail _____ Student Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Gender _____

Father's name _____
First Last

Mother's maiden name _____
First Last

Please list how you would like your name, the name(s) of your parent(s) and your sponsor(s) listed in the confirmation bulletin (i.e. John Doe son of Joe and Jane Doe)

Date of Baptism _____ Place of Baptism _____

Sponsors _____

Confirmation Scripture Verse _____

Please indicate which Newsletters the student would you like to receive via the email address above:

- Weekly eNews (includes Scroll-our monthly newsletter)
- Weekly Devotion
- Women's Newsletter
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- Youth –student grad year: _____
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Confirmation Verses

Deuteronomy

6:5-6
31:8

Numbers

6:24-26

Proverbs

3:5-6
9:10

Psalms

23
37:4
86:11
103:1-2
119:105
121:1-2
121:7-8

Isaiah

40:31
43:1-2
64:8

Jeremiah

29:11

Matthew

5:16
6:33-34
22:37-39
28:18-20

John

3:16-17
6:35
8:12
11:25
14:6
15:5

Acts

20:24

Romans

1:16-17
3:23-24
5:1-2
5:8
6:4
6:23
8:1
8:28
8:31-32
8:38-39
10:9
12:1-2
14:8

II Corinthians

3:18
5:17
5:20-21

Galatians

2:19b-20
5:22-23

Ephesians

2:4-5
2:8-10
5:1-2
6:10-11

Philippians

3:8-9
3:10-11
3:13-14
4:4-7
4:12-13

Colossians

1:13-14
1:19-20
2:6-7
3:14-15
3:16-17

I Thessalonians

5:16-18

I Timothy

4:12

II Timothy

1:6-7

Titus

3:4-7

Hebrews

12:1-2

I Peter

1:3
2:9
2:24-25
3:15
5:6-7

I John

1:8-9
2:1-2
3:2
3:23
4:9-10

Revelation

3:20

Presentation of Confirmation Stole and Memory Verse

We will strive to follow these guidelines. However, our council will provide leadership that helps us to provide the safest space possible. We will provide as much information as soon as we have it.

On Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 we will have a special ceremony in which our Confirmands will present their stoles and their confirmation verses from memory. This ceremony will directly follow worship that evening, about 6:30p.m.

Following this special ceremony we will have a rehearsal for the Affirmation of Baptism worship service. We may or may not take a large group picture.

Your Confirmation Stole

These red stoles are being hand crafted by a member of our congregation. As soon as they are finished I will get them to you. I will be helping our confirmands be prepared for time of sharing.

These things must be on your confirmation stole:

- Your Name
- Your Confirmation Verse

You may also put these things on your stole:

- Baptismal date
- Affirmation of baptism date
- A Symbol of your Spiritual Giftedness/Faith
- A Symbol of how you live out your faith in daily life

Please note – anything you place on your stole you will explain by saying something like: “I live out my faith through ().” For example: If you place a soccer ball on your stole you will share about that by saying, “I live out my faith through soccer.” This is not a place for school names or graduation dates – save those for other locations.

Your Confirmation Verse

Each confirmand will be expected to memorize a verse that they select and share it during this special worship. A list has been provided as a resource. If a Scripture verse is selected that is not on this list, please double check with Pr. Michelle before continuing. If a verse is selected that is not from the NRSV Bible (New Revised Standard Version) please email a copy of the verse written out to Pr. Michelle and include from which version it was taken. (This verse will also be part of their Faith Statement.)

Appropriate Attire for Presentation of Stoles & Confirmation Worship

Please be mindful when choosing attire for worship. There will be times when the confirmands will need to kneel and we will be laying hands and praying over them. Here are some guidelines to go by:

Women:

- † Worship appropriate dress/skirt/dress pants. We recommend practicing kneeling in their dress/skirt to make sure they are able to kneel and get back-up easily.
- † No shorts, jeans, T-Shirts, or sneakers.

Men:

- † Worship appropriate dress pants and button up dress shirt.
- † Suit, sport coat, or tie optional.
- † No shorts, jeans, T-Shirts, or sneakers.