

# Calvary Lutheran



## 2017-2018



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## Questions about Acolyte Schedules?

Connect with our AWESOME Communications Director-

Rachel Gilbertson (235-2508)

## Looking for Updated Information?

Check out our church website- [www.calvarywillmar.org/youth](http://www.calvarywillmar.org/youth)

Sign up for our texting program-

- To receive messages via text, text @f7ddee to (612) 223-6538
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Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

## Purpose of Confirmation

Confirmation, otherwise known as Affirmation of Baptism, is an opportunity for young people to examine their faith, and respond to God's call for their life. This call of being a disciple does not begin, nor end, when youth are confirmed. Rather, the confirmation program at Calvary is designed to help young people to hear their call as disciples, as followers of Christ, and to learn how to live out their faith as a disciple of Christ.

It means that Confirmation is more than a class, it is more than a three year program – it is a ministry through which God is active in a student's life. Martin Luther taught that the hallmark of the Christian life is the practice of daily living out our baptismal covenant. Baptism is the foundation of our faith journey.

In baptism God's people make a covenant or promise

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper
- To Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people following the example of Jesus
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Confirmation is a time to practice living out these promises. Some ways we do this are through

- + Sharing in small groups
- + Participating in Worship
- + Praying
- + Participating in group discussions
- + Inviting friends to youth events or worship
- + Attending Sunday education hour
- + Serving at community meals
- + Serving at Lenten suppers
- + Writing worship notes
- + Studying scripture
- + Being a good friend

In the end, confirmation is about helping youth grow into the disciples of Jesus that they were created to be, equipping youth for a life of Christian living. By the grace of God, we continue – each and every day of our lives – to walk our journey of life with God. We look forward to being a part of this journey with you!

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## 2017-2018 Weekly Format

- 6:00 – 6:20 p.m. .... Gathering and Eat
- 6:20 – 6:35 p.m. .... Thrive Time (Group Building)
- 6:35 – 7:15 p.m. .... Class Groups
- 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. .... Small Groups
- 7:45 – 8:00 p.m. .... Responsive Prayer in Chapel

### Collaborative Confirmation

(Gr. 7-9)

**5:30-7:30 pm**

Jan. 3, 2018 @ Vinje  
Jan. 10, 2018 @ Bethel  
Jan. 17, 2018 @ Calvary

Every year, Willmar's ELCA Churches collaborate for three Wednesdays during the school year to dig into faith topics in new and exciting ways. This year we will be exploring Bible Stories.

#### **Our objectives for Collaborative Confirmation are:**

- Youth will gain a deeper understanding of key Bible stories
- Youth will strengthen their Lutheran Identity
- Youth will build community
- Youth will build Biblical knowledge, connecting it to their lives

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## Confirmation Youth Expectations

1. Confirmation youth are expected to regularly attend weekly confirmation classes. If youth are ill and cannot attend class please call the church office. (235-2508) Each youth should bring the following each week:
  - a) 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Bible & a pen/pencil
  - b) 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Bible & Binder<sub>(provided)</sub>
2. Confirmation youth are expected to regularly attend Sunday worship and regularly participate in Holy Communion.
3. Confirmation youth are expected to take worship notes:
  - a) **8** - Sunday worship notes. These notes are to be completed between September 10, 2017 and May 20, 2018.
  - b) **5** - Mid-week Lenten worship notes. There are 8 services available to acquire these notes between Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. *These notes are taken instead of having class.*
4. Confirmation youth are expected to acolyte when scheduled. This is a yearlong service. Training happens each fall.
  - a) In the event of illness or if you have to be out of town, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. If you are changing with someone, please let the office know by Thursday. (235-2508)
5. Confirmation youth are expected to be involved in worship:
  - a) Choose **4** of the following: usher, greet, sound system, altar guild, Sat. communion assistant, reader, song leading team, or special music/musical ensemble (more info. on page 7)
6. Confirmation youth & a parent are expected to practice service by helping with the monthly Community Meal and Lenten Meal when assigned.
7. Confirmation youth are expected to attend the annual Confirmation Retreat for grades 7-9. **This year's retreat will be held over President's Day Weekend, February 17-18, 2018.**



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## Acolyte Schedule

1. Acolyte scheduling is done online through 'Sign Up Genius'. You will receive an email upon being assigned to Acolyte and a reminder from 'Sign Up Genius' when it is your youth's turn to Acolyte.
2. Thank you for taking your turn in serving as an acolyte and for making every effort to follow the schedule. Please be willing to fill in for each other as you are able. We count on your faithful service each week.
3. In the event of illness or if you have to be out of town, **it is your responsibility to find a replacement.** If you are changing with someone, please call the office by **Thursday noon** to let them know (235-2508) so that the names can be printed correctly in the bulletin. We will go by the schedule as printed.
4. Please remember that you are an important part of the worship. We are gathered in God's house and as His people we come to pray, praise, hear His Word, and receive what He gives through the Sacrament. We owe Him reverence and respect. Anything to distract from this worshipful reverence is disrespectful both to God and the worshipers around you. Acolytes are to conduct themselves always with courteous and reverent manner during the service.
5. Worship times are at 8:00 and 10:15. (Except where otherwise noted). **Please be in the work room (connected to the church office) 10 minutes before the start of the service** so that you can get robed and any special instructions for the day can be given. When you are robed, wait in the office until we proceed to the sanctuary.

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## Worship Notes

**Purpose:** To practice listening and engage in the Word.

**Confirmation youth are expected to take notes during worship:**

- 8 Sunday worship notes, September 10, 2017 through May 20, 2018.
- 5 Mid-week Lenten worship notes, Ash Wednesday through Good Friday.

Helpful Information:

- ❖ These notes can be found & turned in on a table before entering the sanctuary for worship.
- ❖ Notes can be taken if you are visiting another church.
  - You can write your three "take aways" on the bulletin and turn it in like a regular worship note.
- ❖ **Worship notes CAN NOT be taken while working during Lenten Meals.** Please attend worship on a day that you are not serving a meal.
- ❖ Worship notes will be looked over, recorded and turned back to the youth. Parents, if you want to see them, please set that precedent with your youth.



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## Worship Involvement

There will be a chance to sign up for these worship involvement opportunities online at 'Sign Up Genius', and [at our Confirmation Kick-Off](#).

Worship Involvement	What this entails	When I can do this	Who can I contact to get involved?
usher	Hand out bulletins, take offering, & check the pews for garbage after worship. Sit in the designated 'usher' chairs near overflow seating	Sun.	Jan./July – Keith Neumann 212-2915 Feb./Aug. - Dennis Eastman 905-0471 March/Sept. - Joel Ruter 995-6266 April/Oct. - Dion Warne 222-0050 May/Nov. – Randy Novak 295-2508 June/Dec. – Brett Aamot 796-5257
greeter	By yourself or with your family. Stand by an assigned door and welcome people to church. Shake hands and smile!	Sun.	Contact- Church Office 235-2508
sound system	Learn from a mentor. Sit in the balcony and be in charge of sound during Sunday services	Sun.	Contact- Randy Novak 295-2349
altar guild	Prepare and make ready communion. Clean up after worship.	Sat. or Sun.	Contact- Sharon Davis 796-2280
Sat. communion assistant	Help serve communion during chapel worship	Sat.	Contact- Church Office 235-2508
Lector (reader)	Read scripture for that day. Sit near the front of church	Sat. or Sun.	Contact- Church Office 235-2508
song leading team	Be a part of a team leading music at 10:15 am service. Saturday rehearsal is required	Sun.	Contact- David Severtson 235-2508
special music/ musical ensemble	Instrumental or vocal piece at any service. Rehearsal with David is required.	Sat. or Sun.	Contact- David Severtson 235-2508

After being involved in worship, (on the day you complete your task) fill out the back side of the sermon note form. There is room for the date, your name, what you did **and a signature** (from someone leading in that area of involvement). Please turn these in, in the same spot you turn in sermon notes.

If you are looking to fulfill your requirements after our initial sign up, please contact the names listed directly. If they do not answer, please leave a message with your name/number & they will get back to you.

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September	Grade 7 & 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Meal
6	Confirmation Kick-Off with Youth, Parents & Small Group Leaders			Subway
13	Jesus' Baptism & Temptation	1st Commandment	Holy Communion, Catechism, Sex, Marriage, Faith Statements	Walking Taco
20	Jesus Calls Disciples	2nd Commandment	"How do I want to live my life?" Vocation- Faith, Faith Statements, Rite of Confirmation Orientation	Arby's
27	Gerasene Demoniac	3-4th Commandment	Guest Speaker- "The misuse of Drugs & Alcohol", Vocation- Faith, Faith Statements	Pizza
<b>October</b>				
4	Small Group Time	Help serve Banquet	Confirmation Banquet	10th Gr. & Parents only
8	Confirmation Sunday			
11	No meal provided. Special Event- "Witnesses" by Paraphrase Theater			
18	School Break- No Class			
25	Feeding of 5,000	5-6th Commandment		Burgers
<b>November</b>				
1	The Rich Man	7th Commandment		Subway
8	Parables- Good Samaritan	8th Commandment		Walking Taco
15	Parables- Lost & Found	9-10th Commandment		Arby's
22	School Break- No Class			
29	The Annunciation	Apostles' Creed- Art. 1		Pizza
<b>December</b>				
6	Birth of Jesus	Apostles' Creed- Art. 2		Burgers
13	The Magi	Apostles' Creed- Art. 3		Subway
20	TBD	Apostles' Creed Review		Walking Taco
27	School Break- No Class			



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January	Grade 7 & 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Meal
3	Collaborative Confirmation @ Vinje			Pizza
10	Collaborative Confirmation @ Bethel			Walking Taco
17	Collaborative Confirmation @ Calvary			Arby's
24	Transfiguration	The Lord's Prayer		Pizza
31	Last Supper	The Lord's Prayer		Burgers
February				
7	Crucifixion	The Lord's Prayer		Subway
14	Ash Wednesday- Midweek Worship/Soup Supper			
17-18	Confirmation Retreat @ Luther Crest			
21	Midweek Worship/Soup Supper			
28	Midweek Worship/Soup Supper			
March				
7	Midweek Worship/Soup Supper			
14	Midweek Worship/Soup Supper			
21	Midweek Worship/Soup Supper			
28	No Wednesday Worship/ No Soup Supper			
29	Maundy Thursday Worship			
30	Good Friday Worship			
April				
1	Easter Sunday			
4	Resurrection	Holy Baptism & Communion		Walking Taco
11	Road to Emmaus	Holy Baptism & Communion		Arby's
18	Pentecost	Holy Baptism & Communion		Pizza
25	Call of Saul	Office of the Keys & Confession		Burgers
May				
2	Love Hymn	Catechism Year Review		Subway
9	Revelation	Catechism Year Test		Arby's
16	Cemetery Clean Up!			Pizza

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## Resources

The most up to date location to find information on Confirmation:

[www.calvarywillmar.org/youth](http://www.calvarywillmar.org/youth)

### ➤ Texting Program:

- To receive messages via text, text **@f7ddee** to **(612) 223-6538** you can opt out of messages at any time by replying, 'unsubscribe @f7ddee'
  - To receive messages via email, send an email to [f7ddee@mail.remind.com](mailto:f7ddee@mail.remind.com). You can leave the subject line blank. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.
- ❖ Texts are used for class cancelations or rare last minute reminders.



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Dig deeper into the Bible: Ask questions- find answers.  
<https://www.enterthebible.org/>



Looking for ways to share faith as a family? Consider using this great resource designed for families of all ages, single people and young adults! <http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/>



### Idea boards for:

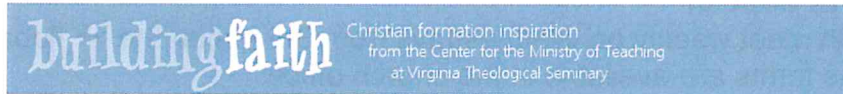
Small Groups, Family Ministry, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Prayer, Service and more!

<https://www.pinterest.com/calvary/>



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## Resources



### The Importance of Faith at Home

Practicing faith at home allows children, youth, and adults to connect with God and put faith at the center of their lives. Along with church and other communities, the household is where faith is formed, nurtured, and passed on. Practicing faith at home is fun! Even a few minutes a day, or one faith practice per week can have strong and lasting impacts.

<http://www.buildfaith.org/home-practices/>

## Faith 5



**SHARE** your highs and lows of the week. Name something good and bad your experience today or this week. Can't think of anything? How about good or bad things happening in the world?



**READ** a verse or story from your Bibles.



**TALK** about how your highs and lows connect to the scripture verse.



**PRAY** for one another.

- Praise God and thank Jesus for your highs. (WOW and THANKS)
- Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. (HELP)
- Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. (HELP)



**BLESS** one another by name. Trace the sign of the cross on each forehead or palm. Use the following blessing or another one of your choice. (Name), child of God, Remember God is with you always.

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## 2017-2018 Youth Events

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- **After School Program- starts Sept. 6!**  
NEW! Confirmation Age youth meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3-6 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Ed. Wing. Registrations forms are available in the church office.
- **Film School- starts Sept. 17!**  
NEW this year! Grades 7-12 will meet weekly on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour (9:05-10:05 am) to watch films and connect them with scripture and faith in daily living!
- **Breakfast Club- starts Sept. 27!**  
Grades 9\*-12 meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am-8:30 am during the school year at The Goodness Coffee House. *\*Transportation to school is not provided.*
- **Youth Group- Starts Oct. 1!**  
NEW this Fall- Grades 9-12 are invited in **October & November** to Youth Group, Sunday evenings in Calvary's Sr. High Room from 7-9pm

### MONTHLY EVENTS

- **Service Squad- starts Sept. 28!**  
Grades 6 and up meet the **last Thursday of the month** from 3:15-5:15 pm to serve our neighbors in the Willmar community. Service projects include helping elderly with yard clean up, helping at the humane society, park clean up and more!

#### SEPTEMBER

- 15<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>TH</sup> Quarter @ Vinje for Gr. 6-8
- 17<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Info Meeting for Gr. 8-12

#### OCTOBER

- 1<sup>st</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Adult Leader Applications DUE
- 6<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>TH</sup> Quarter @ Vinje for Gr. 6-8
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation Sunday (special 11:30 am service)
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Registration DEADLINE for ELCA Youth Gathering! (\$150 deposit due)

#### NOVEMBER

- 17-18<sup>th</sup>- Jr. High Youth Gathering for Gr. 6-9

#### DECEMBER

- 10<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (11:30 am)
- 17<sup>th</sup>- 'Giving Tree' Service Project

#### JANUARY

- 12<sup>th</sup>- KEC/YMCA Night for Gr. 6-8
- 14<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (7:00 pm)

#### FEBRUARY

- 11<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (11:30 am)
- 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation Retreat for Gr. 7-9

#### MARCH

- 9-10<sup>th</sup>- Sr. High Youth Gathering for Gr. 9-12
- 11<sup>th</sup>- "Moving Movie" for Gr. 5-8
- 11<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (7:00 pm)

#### APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Easter Breakfast
- 8<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (11:30 am)

#### MAY

- 6<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Sr. Recognition Sunday

#### JUNE

- 10<sup>th</sup>- 50's Drive In
- 13<sup>th</sup>- Valleyfair for Gr. 6-12
- 20<sup>th</sup>- ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting (7:00 pm)