

Messiah YOUTH ON WEDNESDAYS (YOW!)

Preconfirmation and Confirmation Information | 2018-2019

All events are on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

October

- 3 Kick-off and pizza night!
Parent orientation 6-7:00 p.m.
- 10 Lesson #1
- 17 Lesson #2
- 24 **Trunk-or-Treat 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- 31 **NO CLASS**

November

- 7 Pizza Night
Lesson #3
- 14 Lesson #4
- 21 **No Lesson-Thanksgiving**
- 28 Advent Walk

December

- 5 Pizza Night
Lesson #5
- 12 Lesson #6
- 19 Lesson #7
- 26 **No Lesson-Christmas break**

January

- 2 **No Lesson-Christmas break**
- 9 Lesson #8
- 16 Lesson #9
- 23 Lesson #10
- 30 **No Lesson**

February

- 6 Pizza Night & Lesson # 11
- 13 Lesson #12
- 20 Lesson #13
- 27 **LENT WALK**

March

- 6 **Ash Wednesday** (soup supper at 6:30 p.m. & worship at 7:00 p.m.)
- 13 Lent Schedule (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 20 Lent Schedule (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 27 **No Class**

April

- 3 **No Lesson**
- 10 Lent Schedule (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 17 Lent Schedule (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 20 **Saturday**-(parents and youth)
Easter Breakfast Prep (9-11:00 a.m.)
- 21 **Sunday**-(parents and youth)
Easter Breakfast (8-10:30 a.m.)
- 24 **No Lesson**

May

- 1 Last lesson and party
- 8 Ninth grade interviews
- 11 **Confirmation, Saturday at 5:00 p.m.**

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PRECONFIRMATION—A TIME, A PLACE, A

PLAN: Pre-Confirmation is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at Messiah unless otherwise specified. Please be on time. On service event/experiential learning evenings we will meet at the church before traveling to the event location, if necessary.

Preconfirmation is a two-year program for students in 5th and 6th grades designed to encourage faith formation and exploration through prayer, service, fellowship, and an in depth study of the bible and bible stories. These elements are aimed at preparing students not only for the Confirmation program but also helping students put their faith in action. Evenings will be tentatively structured as follows:

YOW! Large Group Assembly in the

Community Room: Both preconfirmation and confirmation students will begin each Wednesday evening together for community time, bible verses, faith feed lesson, announcements and birthdays.

Rose, Bud and Thorn Small Group Check:

The groups separate with preconfirmation students going downstairs and confirmation students staying in the community room. Both groups will meet in small groups to check-in and connect with one another.

Large Group Lesson and Activity:

Each evening is centered on a specific bible story from the New Testament. We are using the SPARK curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. Students will work through interactive and engaging worksheets.

Prayer: End in large group with a prayer or blessing

BRING: Students should bring a **BIBLE!!!** (Please let Teresa know if you do not have a bible and we will provide one.) We will provide a folder.

SERVICE EVENTS: A community service event is scheduled several times a year, usually on a Wednesday evening. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend these to chaperone and assist with driving.

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP: Even though every night of pre-confirmation is an evening full of fun and fellowship, a “**FUN NIGHT**” events are scheduled throughout the year. *FUN Night* activities also include service projects and will occasionally involve travel to a community location. Friends are always welcome to participate in all **FUN NIGHT** activities and events.

WORSHIP: Students are expected to regularly attend and participate in worship services.

ON THE ROAD TOGETHER:

Preconfirmation is a journey not only for the students, but parents, small group mentors, program leaders, and the Messiah community. We encourage you to be involved in all aspects of the preconfirmation program and your child’s worship life and faith journey.

BE THERE: An important element of preconfirmation is being present, participating and establishing relationships with peers and adult leaders. We are aware that the youth are engaged in many activities and events that may occasionally prohibit their attendance. Please contact Teresa prior to class if a student will be absent in order to coordinate make-up plans.

TEACHERS: Kathy Robinson, Sherri Neill Glori Laundrie and Kathy Zastrow.

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Please be on time. On service event/experiential learning evenings we will meet at the church before traveling to the event location, if necessary. Confirmation is a three-year program for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students designed to encourage faith formation and exploration through prayer, service, fellowship, and an in depth study of the bible and bible stories. Evenings will be tentatively structured as follows:

YOW! Large Group Assembly in the Community

Room: Both preconfirmation and confirmation students will begin each Wednesday evening together for community time, bible verses, faith feed lesson, announcements and birthdays.

Rose, Bud and Thorn Small Group Check:

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Large Group Lesson and Activity:

We will focus on the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments and how we are called to live in community with one another and put our faith into action. As part of this unit we will discuss social justice and areas of injustice in our society, world hunger, poverty and care for creation. Experiential learning opportunities for this year include walking a labyrinth, volunteering at the River, and visiting with residents of a local nursing home.

Prayer: End in large group with a prayer or blessing

BRING: Students should bring a **BIBLE!!!** (Please let Teresa know if you do not have a bible and we will provide one.) We will provide a folder.

SERVICE EVENTS & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

OPPORTUNITIES: We schedule several service and experiential learning opportunities (ELOs) throughout the year that take us out into the community or are special events done in-house. Possible ELOs include volunteer opportunities with The Road Home, The River Food Pantry, and several places of worship.

Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend these to chaperone and assist with driving.

WORSHIP: Students are expected to regularly attend and participate in worship services and are required to complete **6 sermon notes during the 2018-2019 year**. The forms for sermon notes are available in the church office in a labeled folder on the desk. Completed forms should be returned to the folder.

ON THE ROAD TOGETHER:

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BE THERE: An important element of confirmation is being present, participating and establishing relationships with peers and adult leaders. We are aware that the youth are engaged in many activities and events that may occasionally prohibit their attendance. Please contact Teresa prior to class if a student will be absent in order to coordinate make-up plans.

Small Group Leaders: Scott and Ann DeBroux, Griffin Jones, Ryan Krebs, Phil Neppel, Teresa Palumbo, Brynn Schulte, Mary Sweeney and Pastor Jeff Vanden Heuvel.

Messiah Lutheran Preconfirmation, Confirmation and Youth Program

ULTIMATE PERMISSION SLIP for 2018-2019

As the parent or guardian of the person listed below, I give permission for my child to attend, be transported to and from Preconfirmation/Confirmation and Youth program events including service projects, and youth night activities, and participate in activities related to these events. In the event that my child may require medical attention, I expect that reasonable efforts will be made to contact me; however, permission is granted for the leaders of the event to seek emergency medical attention for my child. I also understand that participation in any Confirmation program or activity is a privilege. If for any reason my child violates that privilege, I agree to come or make the necessary arrangements for my child to be picked up.

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone numbers where I may be reached:

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Other: _____

Our Physician is: _____ Telephone: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Medical Information or Comments (medications, allergies, medical conditions):

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YOUTH EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Participation in Confirmation program events is a privilege. All persons are expected to honor and respect all others in attendance and obey rules as stated. All events are drug, alcohol and smoke free. Possession of or being found in the presence of any of these substances may result in the removal from the event.

Name of parent/guardian (please print): _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____