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## CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK

Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully? Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

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*Suggested verses:* Revelation 2:10; Matthew 6:33; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 13:5; John 10:27-28; Acts 16:31; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Luke 11:28; John 8:12; John 3:16; John 14:6; Joshua. 1:9; Psalm 37:5; Psalm 55:22; Romans 1:16; Matthew 21:22; Psalm 23:1; John 14:27; John 15:5; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 27:1; Psalm 46:1; John 8:31-32; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 28:20

## **SERVANT EVENTS**

During each year of Confirmation ministry, students are expected to complete 5 hours of service projects, either at the church or in the community. Hours worked are reported using the "Confirmation Service Hours" sheet included in your folder.

During each year, students and parents will also work in small groups to develop and implement a service project.

## **RETREATS**

Participation in one Confirmation retreat each year of Confirmation ministry is expected. Individuals may choose to participate in the Iowa District West Jr. High Gathering, October 21-22, or the Wichita Quake, Feb. 2-4, 2024. Cost for the retreat will be \$95. (Please be sure to include your name and the convenience fee if you pay online.)

## **CONFIRMATION FAITH PROJECT**

In the third year of Confirmation ministry, each student will be responsible for completing a Faith Project. The details and requirements for this project will be provided in the third year of Confirmation.

## **THE DAY OF CONFIRMATION**

### **WHEN IS CONFIRMATION DAY?**

After completing the three years of study and activities, the student is Confirmed on the first Sunday of May.

### **CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION VERSE**

An important part of the Confirmation worship is a Confirmation verse given to each Confirmand. Each student is asked to determine what verse of Scripture they would like to have as their Confirmation verse. In order to have the entire Scripture included on the Confirmation certificate, the selection must be limited to 45 words. The following is a list of suggested verses, but you are not limited to choosing one of these verses. If you would like a verse to be assigned for the student, please speak with the Director of Christian Education.

## **WHY CONFIRMATION MINISTRY?**

Confirmation ministry provides a means for young people to grow in their knowledge of God's Word, His means of grace and in their commitment to living a life in which they continue to be more like Christ. On their Confirmation day, each Confirmand will be asked to confess their faith and to state their intended faithfulness to participation in the sacraments and the study of God's Word. Confirmation ministry is intended to help young people develop the tools and their faith which allows them to make such confessions.

Through the Confirmation ministry at King of Kings, it is our desire that each young person will grow in their knowledge of God, His love for them, and how they can live out such knowledge and love in their daily life. It is also our desire that each young person will come to know more about the ministry of the church and how they are a part of it now and can continue to be part of it in the future.

To that end, may God richly bless each Confirmation student and their family as God works in their lives through the Confirmation ministry!

## COMPONENTS OF CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

### **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

\*Confirmation instruction is held every Wednesday night from 6:00-7:00p, September—April (excluding Advent and Lent).

\*Throughout Advent and Lent, Confirmation students will gather each Wednesday from 6:15-6:50.

### **PARENTAL PARTICIPATION**

In an effort to assist parents in teaching the faith to their children, parents will be assigned to attend Confirmation instruction classes with their child as well as answer an assigned faith based question when they attend. In addition, parents and children are to work together to complete the "parent discussion" questions on the student's homework sheets.

There will also be 2 class periods during each of the three years of the Confirmation ministry that parents will be required to attend. These classes are indicated by "Night with Parents" on the class schedule.

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Throughout the three year Confirmation ministry, each participant will be expected to read each of the four Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The readings assigned for each class period and any related questions are detailed in your student's assignment book.

### **MEMORY WORK**

An important part of studying God's Word includes committing portions of it to memory. Therefore, memory work is an essential part of Confirmation ministry and each student is expected to complete the memory work detailed in their assignment book. Parents are asked to sign off on the assignment page when their child has successfully recited their memory work.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

It is required that Confirmation students will also participate regularly in the study of God's Word through Sunday School. Sunday School attendance of at least 50% is required for each of the three years (September 1—August 31) of Confirmation ministry participation.

### **WORSHIP REFLECTIONS**

Worship participation is essential to one's continuing growth as a disciple of Christ. Confirmation students are expected to complete 32 worship reflections throughout the three years of the Confirmation ministry. These are to be completed and submitted to the DCE for review.

### **MENTOR RELATIONSHIP**

During the three years of the Confirmation ministry, each youth will choose an adult member of the LCMS, other than their parent, in which to enter a relationship designed to further develop the youth's faith. As part of this relationship, students will be assigned a question per week to discuss with their mentor.

### **MINISTRY PARTICIPATION**

During the three years of Confirmation, students are required to serve as Acolytes for worship as indicated at the beginning of each year. In addition, during each of the three years of Confirmation, each student is expected to choose and be involved in one church ministry for one month. After their participation in the ministry they are to complete and have an adult participant sign a one page written report explaining the purpose of the ministry and how participation in it serves God. NOTE: A different ministry must be chosen in each of the three years.

Ministries to consider include but are not limited to: Choir, Ushering, Board of Youth, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Social Ministry, Board of Properties, Board of Stewardship, Sunday School ministry, Altar Guild, Streaming Team, and provide special music for a worship service.