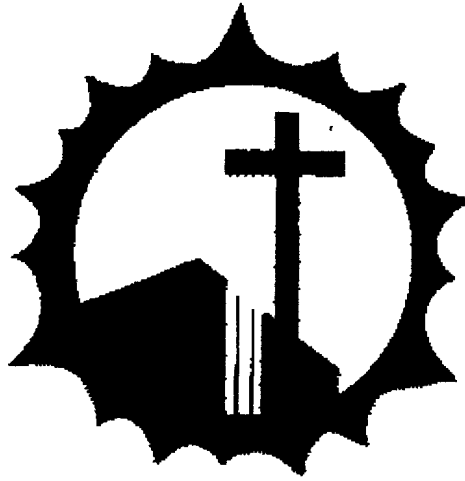


# McFarland Lutheran Church



## Confirmation Program 2011-2012 2-Year Program/7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

### **Student & Family Syllabus**

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## Confirmation Program Outline 2011-2012

The McFarland Lutheran Church Confirmation Program is a two year program for students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The Confirmation Program includes annual requirements in the areas of worship, education, and service. Students are encouraged to worship weekly. The education curriculum consists of a Small Catechism Year and a Bible Year. Students are asked to help serve their church, community, and the world. The goal of the Confirmation Program is to joyfully worship, learn, and serve. The program prepares individuals to willingly be received as members of the church at the time of Confirmation. The formal Confirmation ceremony takes place after completion of the program requirements; typically in the fall of their freshmen year in high school.

The commitment to be confirmed is the Affirmation of your Baptism. Confirmation is the fulfillment of a promise previously made by your parents on your behalf.

The promise of Holy Baptism includes:

- Faithfully attending worship services in God's house
- Learning the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments
- Studying the Scriptures and learning to live in the Christian faith
- Leading Godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ

Confirmation marks the completion of the Church's program of ministry; a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Upon completion of the confirmation program, those who willingly fulfilled the promise made at Baptism are welcomed as official members of the church.

The Confirmation Program focuses on three areas: Worship, Education, & Service.

### Worship Services

We encourage all members to worship weekly. A variety of weekly worship services allows members and families to worship at various times. In addition to the traditional services, we encourage members to worship at the midweek Advent and Lenten Wednesday evening services.

### Confirmation Classes (Small Groups & Large Groups/Family Time Matters)

The Confirmation curriculum includes a Small Catechism Year and a Bible Year. The program consists of 31 weeks of class during the school year with vacations around the holidays. Large Group (Family Time Matters) classes are typically held on the first Sunday of the month. The pastoral staff typically leads these classes and parents are encouraged to attend. Small group classes are held on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. A team of two teachers lead each small group class.



## **Confirmation Program Outline 2011-2012 (continued)**

### **Service Events**

Serving our Church, Community, & World is part of living out Christian faith. Students are required to service in these areas with help from the Church, pastoral staff, families, and friends. The goal is to joyfully serve whenever there is a need.

### **Fellowship Events**

Participating in fellowship opportunities is part of personal and community faith building. Students are required to participate in Church fellowship events with help from the Church, pastoral staff, families, and friends.

### **Faith Talks**

In addition to discussions and conversations with teachers, family, and friends, students are encouraged to talk with the pastors and ministry staff. Students are required to have two faith talks per year. These opportunities allow for discussion of your faith journey. The goal is to check-in near the beginning of each confirmation year and then again near the end of the year. The final faith talk prior to being confirmed will be with a Pastor.

### **Summer Experience**

Students are required to attend one summer experience or summer camp during their confirmation years. The Church organizes annual summer experiences for students to attend. The goal of this experience is to combine all focuses of the confirmation program and provide an opportunity of fun and faith formation.

### **Summary of Annual Requirements "60 Assignments for 60 Minutes"**

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- ✝ 20 Worship Services**
- ✝ 20 Confirmation Classes**
- ✝ 10 Service Events**
- ✝ 8 Fellowship Events**
- ✝ 2 Faith Talks**

**One Time Requirement:**

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- ✝ 1 Summer Experience**



## **Confirmation Program Requirements**

### Annual Requirements: "60 Assignments for 60 Minutes"

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#### **† 20 Worship Services**

Sunday Morning Worship  
Saturday Evening Worship  
Wednesday Advent or Lent Worship  
Worship at another Church

#### **† 20 Confirmation Classes**

Small Group Classes or Completion of the Lesson Assignment  
Large Group Classes/Family Time Matters

#### **† 10 Service Events**

##### **Congregational Service Ideas**

MLC Community Meal or Hospitality Server  
Vacation Bible School Teacher  
Church Property Care or Office Projects  
Worship Usher, Greeter, Nursery Attendant, etc.

##### **Community Service Ideas**

Adopt-A-Highway  
Food Pantry  
Nursing Home/Assisted Living Visitation  
Prayer Shalls

##### **Global Service Ideas**

Global Mission Event (Oct. 8 & 9)  
Lutheran World Relief Kits  
Plan or Participate in a Fundraising Event

#### **† 8 Fellowship Events**

Church Social Events  
Church Meals or Celebrations  
Retreats or Camps

#### **† 2 Faith Talks**

Informal conversation discussing your faith journey and use of your God given gifts with a pastor or the youth ministry Coordinator  
Final faith talk prior to being confirmed will be with a pastor

### One Time Requirement:

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#### **† 1 Summer Experience**

**Confirmation Curriculum 2011-2012**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bible Year Curriculum</u>	<u>Week</u>	
	<b>Introduction to the Bible</b>		
Sept 11	Getting Started with the Bible	1	Intro/Large Group
	<b>Prehistory and Patriarchs</b>		
Sept 18 or 21	Creation	2	Small Group
Sept 25 or 28	The Human Condition	3	Small Group
Oct 2	World Religions & Christian Denominations	4	Large Group
Oct 9 or 12	The Flood	5	Small Group
Oct 16 or 19	Sarah, Hagar, and Abraham	6	Small Group
Oct 23 or 26	Joseph	7	Small Group
	<b>Moses</b>		
Oct 30 or Nov 2	Moses and Pharaoh	8	Small Group
Nov 6	Wilderness to Land	9	Large Group
	<b>Israel Becomes a Nation</b>		
Nov 13 or 16	King David	10	Small Group
Nov 20 or 23	A Split Kingdom	11	Small Group
Nov 27	<i>No Classes – Thanksgiving</i>		
Dec 4	Exile and Return	12	Large Group
	<b>The Message of the Prophets</b>		
Dec 11 or 14	Prophets of Israel & Prophets of Judah	13	Small Group
	<b>Jesus' Birth and Early Life</b>		
Dec 18 or 21	The Birth of Jesus	14	Small Group
Dec 25	<i>No Classes – Christmas Day</i>		
Jan 1	<i>No Classes – New Year's Day</i>		
Jan 8	The Sacraments	15	Large Group
Jan 15 or 18	The Magi	16	Small Group
Jan 22 or 25	The Wilderness Temptations	17	Small Group
	<b>Jesus' Ministry</b>		
Jan 29 or Feb 1	Jesus Calls the First Disciples	18	Small Group
Feb 5	The Beatitudes	19	Large Group
Feb 12 or 15	The Feeding of the Five Thousand	20	Small Group
	<b>Jesus Teaches in Parables</b>		
Feb 19 or 22	The Good Samaritan	21	Small Group
Feb 26 or 29	Parables of Lost and Found	22	Small Group
Mar 4	The Greatest Prayer	23	Large Group
Mar 11 or 14	Sheep and Goats	24	Small Group
	<b>Holy Week and Easter</b>		
Mar 18 or 21	The Last Supper	25	Small Group
Mar 25	<i>No Classes – Spring Break</i>		
Apr 1	<i>No Classes – Spring Break</i>		
Apr 8	<i>No Classes – Easter Sunday</i>		
Apr 15 or 18	The Crucifixion	26	Small Group
Apr 22 or 25	The Resurrection	27	Small Group
Apr 29 or May 2	The Road to Emmaus	28	Small Group
	<b>Pentecost and the Start of the Church</b>		
May 6	Pentecost	29	Large Group
May 13 or 16	The Call of Saul	30	Small Group
May 20 or 23	The Book of Revelation	31	Small Group