

# Confirmation Orientation Meeting

Wed. October 7, 2020 6:30pm

## Welcome (Prayer & Introductions)

### Confirmation Youth Ministry

- All of Zion's Youth Ministry is based on 3 things Bible Study, Service and Fun.

### Expectations of the Church

- Masks are required inside the church building at all times.
- We will need everyone to check in at the table in the lounge before proceeding class.
- If your child or anyone in your immediate family are showing signs of COVID19 or have been exposed to someone who has a confirmed case, PLEASE keep your child home.
- We will hold class this year downstairs in the large Fellowship Hall. We will have the students sitting 6 feet apart.
- Masks will be worn during class.
- We will not be sharing food. If your child brings food because they haven't had time to eat before coming to class, which does happen, they can not share it with others.
- We cannot share supplies, so if your child comes without their personal supplies, books, pencils, we cannot let them share.
- The Fellowship Hall will be sanitized before each class.

### Expectations of Parents

- As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.
- Make sure your student attends Worship and Sunday School.
- Make sure your student is at church when scheduled to acolyte.
- Make sure your student arrives on time to Confirmation class.
- Make sure your student has homework completed and is prepared for class.
- Sit in on class if asked or assigned.
- If we change to online classes, make sure your child is signed in
- Flexibility
- **Bible**                      **\$28**
- **Catechism**                **\$18**

### Expectations of the Students

- Attend Worship and Sunday School, nudge your parents if needed.
  - Online services count, as long as sermon notes are completed.
    - Worship Attendance (at least 2 times a month)
    - Sermon notes (20 Sermon notes for the school year)
    - USE CLIPBOARDS
    - Sunday School (at least 2 times a month)
- Make sure you attend church when you are scheduled to acolyte or get a sub. If you get a sub, let the **office know** there is going to be a change by Thursday before the service if possible.
- Attend Confirmation class, both body and mind.
- Come to class prepared with your homework completed.
  - Bring books to class
    - Catechism/ Bible/ Study Material/ My Devotions
    - Writing Paper & Writing Utensil
    - Due to COVID19, we cannot share, and borrowing is not going to be allowed, if you don't bring your own supplies you will be out of luck. 😞
- Servant activities
  - Soup Kitchen (at least 1 time per school year) 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 4-6:30pm If available, currently the soup kitchen is closed to in-person meals.
  - 10 additional service hours – approved by Pastor Steve or your parents
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### Passion Play

- Our Confirmation classes and church family are on a 3-year Lenten cycle. Due to COVID19 last years Passion Play was canceled. We are hoping to do the Passion Play this year. That is still all subject to social distancing requirements.
- 1 year Seder Meal
- 1 year nothing special
- 1 year Passion Play
  - is a REQUIREMENT of Confirmation.
  - The Passion Play takes place during the 6pm Good Friday Worship service (April 2) and 6am Easter morning sunrise service (April 4). There are also practices that are listed on the Confirmation Calendar. We will use part of all of the Lenten Confirmation Classes to work on parts.
  - Parents are needed to make this work. With costumes, stage set up, lighting and sound as well as making sure the students stay focused and have meals.

### Worship responsibilities

- The confirmation students will have some worship service responsibilities.
  - Acolyting, Crucifer, Usher, Altar helpers.

### Schedule

- If the Brainerd schools are closed due to weather, then confirmation will be canceled.
  - This will be different since we are now in the world of home leaning. The possibilities of schools being closed.
  - This would be those times when in-person learning is canceled.
- If other schools are closed i.e. Pequot or Pillager check with pastor.
  - We will look at doing Zoom classes if needed.
- Early dismissal days we will still have confirmation as scheduled

### Secret Angel For 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

- Each 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will be assigned a Secret Angel. These are volunteers from the congregation who have agreed to pray for the student and offer them encouragement anonymously. Their identity will be revealed to the student on Confirmation Sunday. The Secret Angel will be assigned during the 7<sup>th</sup> grade year, and will continue until Confirmation. For New 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, an Angel will be assigned to them.
- To participate, please have the student fill out the form and attach a recent photo and return it to Susan at Confirmation class ASAP.

### Confirmation retreat

- Friday-Sunday Jan. 29-31, 2021 at Lutheran Island Camp (LIC).
- Cost roughly \$130 per student Covering: travel, lodging, meals and activities (Not canteen \$)
- The church has LIC Scholarship fund that covers half of the cost of all youth attending camp at LIC for confirmation, youth events or for summer camp.
- So we would probably be looking at a cost of around \$65 or less per student.
- Also if anyone is interested in hosting a fundraiser please let pastor know.
- If there is anyone needing additional assistance, the church will make sure \$ is available, there are some donors who love helping kids go to camp.

### Closing Prayer