

# Confirmation Handbook



**Here We Stand**

*Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis*

Bethel Lutheran Church  
2008-2009

## Notes:

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### Nightly Regular Schedule:

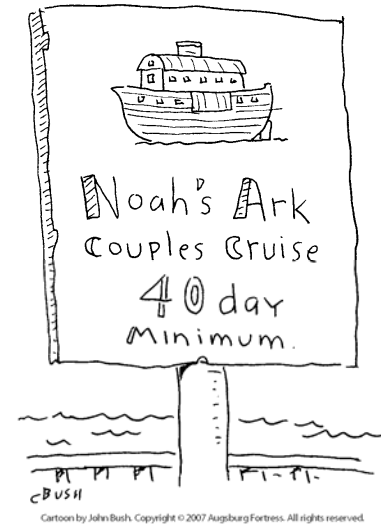
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6:40-7:15 pm	-7-8 grades lecture -9 <sup>th</sup> grade small groups
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8:00-8:20 pm	Closing Worship

# Confirmation calendar

Old Testament

Spring ~ 2008-2009

Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 7	6:30 <u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Event – Gospel of Mark</u> – Pr. Gary
Jan 14	6:30 “King David” 8:30 Guide Huddle
Jan 21	6:30 “Solomon”
Jan 28	6:30 “A Split Kingdom”
Feb 4	6:30 “Israel”
Feb 11	6:30 “Esther”
Feb 18	6:30 “Daniel”
Feb 25	6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship
March 4	6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 <u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Event ~ Baptism~ Pastor Julé</u>
March 11	6:30 Lenten Worship
March 13-15	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat – Red Willow Bible Camp</u>
March 18	6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 <u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Event ~ Funeral ~ Vertin-Munson</u>
March 25	5:30 <u>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Instruction – Pr. Julé</u> 6:30 Lenten Worship
April 1	5:30 <u>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Instruction – Pr. Gary</u> 6:30 Lenten Worship
April 5	9:00am and 11:11 am ~ Palm Sunday Worship
April 9	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 10	Good Friday Worship
April 12	EASTER Worship!
April 15	6:30 Parent Meeting with their student ~ Guest Speaker
April 22	6:30 “Psalms”
April 29	6:00 meal – Year End Celebration! 7:30 <u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Sunday practice</u>
May 3	1:30 <u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Sunday Worship!</u>
May 6	6:30 Guide appreciation event at Prante’s



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# 2008-09 CONFIRMATION EXPECTATIONS

## All 2008-09 Confirmation Students:

- \*Be at church on time ready to begin at 6:30 pm.  
    \*end time will be honored at 8:20 pm.
- \*Attend classes regularly.
- \*Bring your Bible each week.
- \*You may keep your Lutheran Handbook at the church to be used in confirmation weekly.
- \*Be open-minded and willing to learn and experience new things.
- \*Be respectful of your surroundings and the other people that are here.
- \*Be respectful and leave your hats and electronic devices at home and your cell phones off.
- \*No fighting, name-calling, or making fun of other people or their opinions.

## Confirmation Guides and Leaders Expectations:

- \*Be here on time and ready!  
    (9<sup>th</sup> Grade Guides attend 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation retreat.)
- \*Find a substitute if you cannot make it.
- \*Provide an atmosphere of love and learning for all.
- \*Answer every question to the best of your ability and with respect.
- \*Respect people's differences of opinion.



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Fall ~ 2008-2009

Sept 3	6:30 All Grades - Confirmation orientation 7:30 Acolyte training for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Sept 7	<u>Rally Sunday</u>
Sept 10	6:30 Mentor Meeting (all grades with mentors) 7:30 Guide Huddle
Sept 17	6:30 "Creation" – Genesis 1-2
Sept 24	6:30 "The Human Condition" – Genesis 3-4
Oct 1	6:30 "The Flood" – Genesis 6-9
Oct 8	6:30 "Abraham and Sarah" – Genesis 11-12
Oct 15	6:30 "Sarah, Hagar, and Abraham" – Genesis 12-25
Oct 22	6:30 Parent Meeting with their student
Oct 23-24	<i>NDEA convention</i>
Oct 29	6:30 "Isaac and Rebekah" – Genesis 22-25
Nov 5	6:30 "Jacob and Esau" – Genesis 25-36 8:30 Guide Huddle
Nov 12	6:30 "Joseph" – Genesis 37-50
Nov 19	6:30 "Judges" – Judges 1-21
Nov 26	<i>off</i>
Nov 27	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Dec 3	6:30 "Ruth" – Ruth 1-4
Dec 10	6:30 "Samuel and Saul" – 1 Samuel 1-11
Dec 17	6:30 "Moses" (The Prince of Egypt)
Dec 24	<i>off</i>
Dec 25	<i>Christmas</i>
Dec 31	<i>off</i>

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

\*Acolyte your assigned times or the equivalent number of times over the course of the year - be prepared to find a replacement if you cannot be there.

\*Attend at least 2 fellowship events ***with your small group*** over the course of the year.

\*Attend at least 2 servant events ***with your small group*** over the course of the year.

\*Submit at least 7 sermon notes over the course of the year.

\*Find a mentor by January 1st and finish the 7<sup>th</sup> grade mentor booklet over the course of the year.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

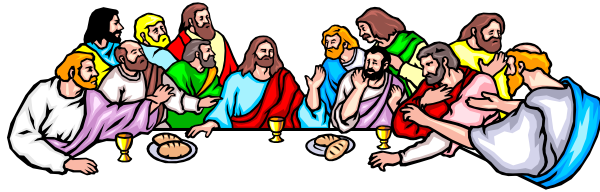
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\*Attend at least 2 fellowship events ***with your small group*** over the course of the year.

\*Attend at least 2 servant events ***with your small group*** over the course of the year.

\*Submit at least 9 sermon notes over the course of the year.

\*Continue your mentor relationship and finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade mentor booklet over the course of the year.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

\*Attend at least 2 fellowship events *with your small group* over the course of the year.

\*Attend at least 2 servant events *with your small group* over the course of the year.

\*Submit at least 14 sermon notes over the course of the year.

\*Attend 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat

\*Continue your mentor relationship and finish the 9<sup>th</sup> grade mentor booklet over the course of the year - also attend all 3 Mentor Events with your mentor.

~ January 7 at 6:30 pm

~ March 4 at 7:30 pm

~ March 18 at 7:30 pm

\*Attend ALL Holy Week Worship Services and fill out 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Holy Week booklet. (*Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter*)

- Have feet washed on Maundy Thursday during worship.

\*Schedule and attend Final Confirmation interview in April

### Parents Expectations:

\*Joyfully and faithfully bring your child to learning, fellowship, and servant events as well as worship on time.

\*Attend two parent meetings along with orientation

\*Support your child with love and encourage them on their faith journey.

\*Journey with your child as they grow in faith.

\*Communicate with your child and church staff if any questions or problems arise.

\*Remember the *baptismal promises* you made to your child at their baptism:

\*Faithfully bring them to worship

\*Teach them the Lord's Prayer

\*Teach them the Apostles' Creed

\*Teach them the Ten Commandments

\*Place in their hands the Holy Scriptures

\*Provide for their instruction in the Christian Faith.

\*Assist with Wednesday meal prep or/and clean-up twice a year.

\*5:45 pm – meal preparation

\*6:15 pm – meal clean-up

### Mentor Program:

\*All 7-9 confirmation students are expected to have a mentor (please use the same mentor for all 3 years.)

\*8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students need them at the beginning of the program year (Same as last year's mentor.)

\*All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students need one before January 1, 2009.

\***Definition:** a trusted counselor or guide.

\*A mentor is an individual, usually older, always more experienced, who helps and guides another individual's development. This guidance is not done for personal gain.

\*Confirmation Students: This is an important relationship. Choose someone you want to spend time with, someone you respect, who you wish to be at your school activities, someone who is not a relative.