

**Confirmation Guides**  
Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Duluth, Minnesota

Confirmation Guides love God and love our youth. Guides are mentors in the faith. This does not mean that we are giants in the faith or experts in scripture, theology and church history. It does mean that we take seriously Jesus' call to grow in discipleship regardless of our stage in faith and life. It means that we are willing and eager to be fellow sojourners in our life of faith along with our youth.

As Confirmation Guides we seek to continue to grow personally in the seven Faith Practices: pray daily, worship weekly, study lifelong, give generously, serve willingly, encourage lovingly, and invite enthusiastically. It is particularly important for our youth to see us regularly at worship. We also keep the youth in our small group in our prayers.

**Wednesday Supper, Evening Prayer, and Teaching Time:**

Confirmation Guides are with our groups throughout the evening. We participate with the youth during supper and Evening Prayer, and we encourage them during the teaching time. Guides assist the groups in staying attentive and engaged.

**Small Group Time:**

Small groups go to various areas throughout the church to allow for conversation and some movement. Guides facilitate the conversations during this time. We give our youth opportunity to share their "highs and lows," allowing each person permission to share or to pass. We then move on to the discussion questions. It is important that each youth writes the answers to all of the questions and that the discussion questions, along with the teaching outline, be kept in the confirmands' notebooks for future reference. When we don't know the answer to a question, we promise to try to learn the answer by next week. We close our small group time with brief prayer, encouraging the youth to lift up specific prayer concerns.

**Student Records:**

Part of our role is to encourage our youth to be responsible and diligent. Bethany will provide regular updates on each student's progress regarding requirements. Some students will easily keep "on track" while others will need encouragement. It is important that we are sensitive to each student's individual situation.

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