

**Our Confirmation Program**  
**Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Duluth, Minnesota**  
**2011-2012**

The Confirmation program at Concordia is three years—sixth, seventh, and eighth grades—and the first two months of ninth grade. Ninth graders who have completed the program make their Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) on Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday in October.

The curriculum alternates each year, with all the Middle School students being together throughout the year. The three-year curriculum includes:

- Year 1: Old Testament: “What Does the Old Testament Say About God?”
- Year 2: New Testament: “Who Do You Say That I Am?”
- Year 3: Luther’s *Small Catechism*, the Church Year, Faith Practices and Discipleship

This year we will be in Year 1.

In addition, service projects are built into the schedule each year.

Requirements for Confirmation include attending or making up all lessons; participating in worship by serving as acolytes, ushers, lectors; writing Worship Notes; and participating in service projects. In addition, attending the synod Middle School Gathering in November and Bible camp in the summer is strongly encouraged.

Ninth graders meet with the other high school youth during September and October and participate in a retreat.

Teaching is led primarily by Bethany Klemetsrud, a senior at UMD, who has served on the Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) staff for two summers as well as on the UMD Campus Ministry Board. Confirmation small groups are facilitated by adult guides/mentors (see separate sheet). These faith mentors facilitate small group conversations where students share their “highs” and “lows” and the teaching sessions are reviewed, and connections are made between faith and daily life.

A light supper is served at 6 p.m. (suggested donation of \$3). Parents are asked to assist in the preparation and serving, as able.

Prayer & Praise, a time of informal worship with camp-style songs and prayer, begins at 6:30 p.m.

Please let us know if you know of any Middle School students who are not engaged with a church and who might be interested in our program. Also, please be open to God’s Spirit moving in your heart to offer yourself as one of our Confirmation guides. All that is required is a passion for young people, a desire to grow in your own faith, and the willingness to commit. When we ask young people to commit their lives to Christ, they look to us and examine our willingness to commit.