

About Confirmation in 2026-2027

In years of transition we are unclear in the expectations of our programming as we assess and reorganize our life together. As new ways of doing education are still being formed the following is guidance for those who are preparing to affirm their baptism.

This can start at any age and go for as long as needed. The following recommendations are for the student and their family to practice on their own timeline as a means of figuring out (discerning) when they're ready to affirm their baptism (be confirmed) and continue in the covenant God made with them in baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Pastor Manda will keep notes on student's participation for the new pastor so that families and students do not have to start from scratch when the new pastor arrives. If you have any questions or want help please reach out to her (text or call) at 773-915-3455.

Recommendations

Here are some ways to practice for the promises that you will make at your confirmation. There are lots of choices and none of them are required in order to affirm your baptism. Information about these things can all be found on the [church website](#).

To live among God's faithful people

Get to know people who practice their faith. Some of the ways you can do this are:

- Go to worship at least 2 times per month
- Participate in Family Church Day
- Write letters to our Kitowo partners after worship every 3rd Sunday of the month
- Invite someone from church to your house for dinner & tell them it's a Confirmation assignment to get to know them.
- Go to the Encounter Youth Retreat in October
- Go to the Youth Gathering this summer
- Get elected to be a voting member at Synod Assembly
- Go to the Bishop's installation in October

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

To hear the word of God means not only studying the Bible but also hearing other peoples ideas about God, Jesus, and faith. To share in the Lord's supper means to receive and share Holy Communion. Here are some ways you can do these at our church:

- Go to Sunday morning worship at least 2 times per month
- Serve in worship at least 12 times per year in roles such as: Altar Guild, Acolyte, Assisting Minister, AV Booth, Band, Communion Server, Reader, or Usher
- Attend special holiday worship such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve
- Study the word of God with others from our community such as:
 - ◆ Family Church Days
 - ◆ Encounter Youth Retreat
 - ◆ Youth Gathering
 - ◆ Bible study

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

To practice living like you follow Jesus you could:

- Sign up to serve in worship at least 12 times per year (see above)
- Study the [Small Catechism](#) as a family and memorize:
 - ◆ The Lord's prayer (and other prayers)
 - ◆ The 10 Commandments
 - ◆ The Apostle's Creed
 - ◆ Confession
- Give an offering every month with your name on it and not your parents/guardian
- Join the pop up choir at Christmas or Easter
- Join the handbell choir

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

You don't have to serve people through church alone. If you serve people in another setting, let the pastor know about it by writing a note about what you do.

Or you can try these things our church does:

- Make quilts with the quilting ladies at church (they can teach you and you can do it at home)
- Pick an ornament off the Christmas caring tree
- Volunteer your time with the Backpack ministry
- Deliver our donations to the Food Shelf
- Sign up for at least 4 hours of shifts at County Fair Parking
- Drive the bus with one of your parents to pick up elders for worship at least 12 Sundays in the next year

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Here are some things you can do to practice / strive for peace & justice. If you can think of & do other things, write pastor a note telling her what you did.

- Attend the Youth Gathering this summer
- Make quilts with the quilting ladies at church (they can teach you and you can do it at home)
- Pick an ornament off the Christmas caring tree
- Volunteer your time with the Backpack ministry
- Deliver our donations to the Food Shelf
- Sign up for at least 4 hours of shifts at County Fair Parking
- Drive the bus with one of your parents to pick up elders for worship at least 12 Sundays in the next year
- Give a monthly offering to the church or other organization that serves people who are marginalized or oppressed