

# New Confirmation Preparation Program

## Confirmation Orientation (September 8, 2024 – 5:30 pm)

- \* SMLS Parents and students considering possible confirmation
- \* Non-SMLS Parents and students considering possible confirmation

## Calendar for 2024-2025 School Year

- \* Wednesday Nights: September 11, 2024 through May 7, 2025 (allowing for holiday breaks)
- \* Oral Examination: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 (5:30 pm)
- \* Rite of Confirmation: Sunday, May 18, 2025 (11:00 am)

## Curriculum

- \* *Enduring Faith Confirmation Curriculum* (Concordia Publishing House, Copyright 2018-2019)
  - “Catechism Study” (30 Lessons Version; and 60 Lessons Version)
  - “Bible Overview” (30 Lessons)
  - “Apologetics Study” (30 Lessons)

## SMLS Route to Confirmation

- \* Bible class as part of the school curriculum, two sessions per week.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Church History
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: “Catechism Study” (60 Lessons Version)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: “Bible Overview” (first semester); “Apologetics Study” (second semester)
- \* 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade combined in 2024/2025 school year doing the 60 Lesson Version of the Catechism Study
- \* 8<sup>th</sup> graders in 2025/2026 school year will be in a separate class from 7<sup>th</sup> graders and start the yearly pattern
- \* SMLC worship attendance is expected (on the weekends and midweek during Advent and Lent)
- \* Participation in Middle School Fellowship Events with non-SMLS students (organized by parents)
- \* Participation in Middle School Servant Events with non-SMLS students (organized by parents)
- \* Ministry Activity (serving in worship as an acolyte, usher, greeter, or in the tech control booth)
- \* Participation in the Oral Examination
- \* Completion of the Faith Essay
- \* Public Confession of the Faith in the Rite of Confirmation

## Non-SMLS Route to Confirmation

- \* Wednesday evening Confirmation Class (5:30 pm to 6:30 pm)
  - Year A: “Apologetics Study” (30 Lessons) - 2025/2026 School Year
  - Year B: “Bible Overview” (30 Lessons) - 2026/2027 School Year
  - Year C: “Catechism Study” (30 Lessons) - 2024/2025 School Year
- \* 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students mixed together, but divided into two groups and taught separately
- \* Parental attendance is optional
- \* SMLS student attendance is optional
- \* SMLC worship attendance is expected (on the weekends and midweek during Advent and Lent)
- \* Participation in Middle School Fellowship Events with SMLS students (organized by parents)
- \* Participation in Middle School Servant Events with SMLS students (organized by parents)
- \* Ministry Activity (serving in worship as an acolyte, usher, greeter, or in the tech control booth)
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