



St. Michael Lutheran Church & School

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Dear St. Michael Middle School families,

Our 2024-2025 Confirmation year is almost upon us! We are very much looking forward to learning and growing with you all in the faith and knowledge of our Lord. Confirmation is a very important step in faith formation, as our youth continue to internalize and take personal ownership of the faith in which they have been raised.

Just what is confirmation?

- Confirmation Class is a way the church helps parents teach the faith to their youth.
- Confirmation Class is a way for youth to learn what we believe as Christians about God, His Word, and the world around us.
- Confirmation is the beginning of the road for youth to take responsibility for their life of faith. In their confirmation they affirm their baptismal vows of the past and commit to making them a present and future reality.

Confirmation is not a sacrament in that it is not instituted by Christ and it has no physical element to which God has attached His Word and promise of grace and forgiveness. But even so, Confirmation is an ancient rite of the church that affirms one's infant baptism. The instruction that leads up to it is important for Spiritual growth and development toward more mature faith, and it helps in preparation for worthy reception of the Lord's Supper.

For our incoming sixth graders, welcome! To our concluding eighth graders, we have enjoyed our journey together!

September 8 will be our first meeting all together at 5:30 pm in our Sanctuary. This will include both confirmation students, as well as parents/guardians. We will be covering the year's materials, goals, expectations, and calendar. Please plan on attending this very important meeting together.

God bless you all, as we all grow closer to our Lord in knowledge and trust. He loves you and so does your St. Michael family!

In Christ,

Pastor Maske

Worship Saturday 5:00 pm -- Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:00 am