



Prairie Lakes Parish Confirmation Program 2020 - 2021

Confirmation Program

By Pastor Kathy

In the Prairie Lakes Parish tradition, students who are at least 7th grade are eligible to begin our Confirmation experience which is a two-year program. This year will be new. I'm hoping that it will be a time of getting to know one another as we consider our faith in relation to the many things that impact our lives.

We will meet monthly and have church and community members help us consider a variety of topics and how faith is experienced. For example, our first time together will be a discussion of Faith and Justice. Cindy Saufferer, a member of our Blooming Grove congregation and the newly appointed Parish Justice Coordinator will lead a conversation around justice; what justice is and how our faith is lived with justice. Cindy will be consecrated as a United Methodist Women Deaconess in the coming Spring.

Some of the other topics we'll experience will be:

- Faith and Grief
- Faith and Music
- Faith and Career
- Faith and Fun
- Faith and Friendships
- Faith and Social Media
- Faith and My Confirmation

Karen Olson is my co-leader for our Parish Confirmation experience. Karen has a heart for our youth! Any family members are welcome to any of our gathering times. I'm looking forward to the possibilities and fellowship this year!

We know that COVID is still very real. At this time, the Parish Leadership Team decided that it is up to each family to decide what is right for their children. Mask wearing and vaccinations are family decisions. Karen and I support your decisions. We are both available anytime if you have questions or concerns.

Confirmation Class



Our meeting dates will be:

1. September 19, 2021 Faith and Justice at Saufferer farm-Cindy Saufferer
2. October 17, 2021 Faith and Fun
3. November 21, 2021 Faith and Grief at Dennis Chapel-Aaron Omtvedt
4. No meeting in December
5. January 16, 2022
6. February 20, 2022
7. March 20, 2022
8. April 2022 Faith and My Confirmation at El Molino's WV-Pastor Kathy
(2nd year Confirmation)

We will meet in different places that will facilitate our topic. Our September meeting will be at Brad and Cindy Saufferer's farm. I am happy to pick up youth and drop them off if need be. You will receive email reminders of our meetings the week prior.

Along with our monthly meetings, we like to see Confirmation students in worship when it's possible. Our Sunday online worship services are available at 8:00 each Sunday morning on our Prairie Lakes Parish of the United Methodist Church Facebook page. They remain available until Facebook archives them. When youth and families are busy on Sunday mornings, I hope there's a chance for them to view at least ½ of the service—always including the sermon time.

May through August for first year confirmands is a time for a service project of their choice. (A few examples: help out at your church or community's summer events, creating artwork for one of the parish churches, record a Scripture reading for one of our online services.)

As I get more information about our meeting locations, I will be sure to pass that along to all of you. I'm looking forward to the holy moments of our gatherings.

If you have questions, contact Pastor Kathy or Karen. We are happy to help. Feel free to call, text, or email.

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