

Faith Foundations

Is your child ready to start confirmation?

The Confirmation Program at Trinity Lutheran Church is designed to build upon what parents and families are already teaching their children at home. There is no possible way that the pastor (or church) can, in just a few hours every week for 2 years, can teach the full richness of the Christian Faith.

Because the program is designed to further the level of knowledge, below is a list of things that kids need to know **BEFORE** they start confirmation. This is not an exhaustive list, nor is it a check-off list. This list is designed to help you, the parent, prepare your student for taking a deeper look at their faith. The decision to begin confirmation is one that includes conversation with the pastor, the student, and the parents. Students are able to start confirmation as early as 5th grade and are encouraged to be finished with the program (2 years) by the end of 9th grade.

The Basics:

- God's Word
 - Is our foundation
 - Doesn't change
 - Major divisions (Old and New Testament)
 - Origins
- The Gospel is the good news
- The Trinity
- How to look up a passage in Scripture
- The Books of the Bible (in order)
- Difference between Law and Gospel
- Seasons of the Church
- How to follow along in worship
- How to sing a hymn

Primeval History

- God created all things
- The Fall of Man into Sin
- Noah and the Flood
- The Tower of Babel

God's Covenant People

- Abraham
- Isaac and Rebecca
- Jacob and Esau
- Joseph

The People of Israel

- Moses' Birth and Call
- The Plagues
- Exodus
- Giving of the 10 Commandments
- Spies into the Promised Land
- 40 Years in the desert

History of Israel

- Joshua
- Judges (Deborah and Sampson)
- Kings (Saul, David, Solomon)
- Prophets (Samuel, Elijah)
- The Kingdom Splits
- The Exile (Esther and Daniel)
- Return to the Land (Ezra and Nehemiah)

Jesus

- Angels announce TWO births
 - John
 - Jesus
- The Birth of Jesus
- Jesus' Baptism
- Jesus' Temptation
- Calling the 12 disciples

Teaching of Jesus

- Sermon on the Mount
- Zacchaeus
- Mary and Martha

Miracles of Jesus

- Water into Wine
- Feeding of the 5,000
- Walking on Water
- Calming the Storm
- Raising of Lazarus

Parables of Jesus

- Wise and Foolish Builders
- Good Samaritan
- Lost Sheep and Lost Coin
- Prodigal Son
- The Sower
- The Mustard Seed

Jesus in Jerusalem

- Palm Sunday
- Last Supper
- Arrest in the Garden
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- Ascension

The Church Grows

- Pentecost
- Saul/Paul's conversion
- Paul's missionary journeys
- The qualifications for a pastor
- The End Times

Things to Know By Heart

Each of these is found in the booklet "*Learning By Heart*" which is available at the church office or online at trinityfarmington.org

- Ten Commandments
- Apostles' Creed
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- Confession and Absolution (Office of the Keys)
- The Sacrament of the Altar