

# **RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Confirmation Guide 2020-2021**

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## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bible Year Syllabus**

Dear Confirmand,

Welcome to this year of confirmation! In this packet you will find all the resources needed for a successful year.

Confirmation is an important process for Lutheran Christians. When we were baptized our parents, God parents/sponsors, and congregation made promises to help us realize the faith in which the sacrament rests. They promised to support us, to bring us to God's Word, to bring us to the sacraments, and to instruct us in the basics of Christian discipleship. Confirmation is the process by which these promises are fulfilled. At the end of this program you will confirm the faith of your baptism publicly before God, your family, and your congregation.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade year is one given over to biblical instruction. You will embark on a journey through the Old and New Testaments as you learn the history of salvation.

This year, progress through your course work will be kept through Fish Points. Each assignment, activity, and quiz will be weighed a certain amount of points.

As this is an important time in the life of the faithful our expectations of you are high, so are our hopes. There will not be any busy work, everything that we ask you to do has purpose and meaning. As such we ask that you take advantage of this time and take your work seriously.

I am looking forward to a great year with you,

Pr. James

## About the program

### Curriculum

Our confirmation curriculum is based off of the Faith Inkubators: Head to Heart program. This program is designed to engage students in as many ways possible.



### Expectations

I expect that we will have a productive and fun year of confirmation. For this to happen there are certain expectations of our confirmands and their parents.

#### Expectations of Confirmands:

It is expected of our students to participate during zoom sessions and to work through the online resources, to respect their adult leaders, fellow students, pastor, and themselves, and to always put their best effort forward.

Every week please:

1. Go to [www.relckids.com](http://www.relckids.com) to your confirmation page and choose a course to work on.
2. Print out or use the handout provided by the church and file it in your binder.
3. Use your bible (NRSV or the NIV Adventure Bible) *Part of your biblical instruction is learning how to navigate the bible and learn it's books. As such bible apps will not be allowed.*

Ever month please:

1. Log into the confirmation zoom meeting and continue through the break out session.

We also expect our students to fulfill the requirements of the course which are explained below.

#### Expectations of Parents:

Parents, you are the single most important human factor in the success of your child. You don't have to have all the answers but listening and encouraging your confirmand will be of the utmost importance.

Because we want you to know what your student is being asked to do, we ask that you:

1. Fill out a sermon note by October 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Work through two sessions with your confirmand
3. Sign off on your child's work

Doing these things will help you better understand and answer questions from your confirmand, it will also help with accountability, and you might even learn something too!

## Requirements

### **1. 20 Sermon Notes: 2 Fish Points each**

Part of actively engaging in worship is learning how to listen to the proclaimed Word. Sermon notes provide a handy aid to active listening. Sermon notes must be filled out in their entirety, incomplete notes will not receive credit.

Sermon Notes can be found by the coat racks at First Service and in the resource tree outside of the office for Second Service. Sermon Notes will be returned to the Confirmation Drop box outside the office door. Sermon notes can also be found at your confirmation class' resource page on [www.relckids.com](http://www.relckids.com)

### **2. Quizzes: 10 Points each**

There will be five quizzes throughout the year to measure the kids retention of information. Because what they are learning is so important for their faith formation, students must earn an 85% for a passing mark. Because grace abounds, students will be able to retake any quizzes as often as needed to pass. The quizzes are posted in advance to the your confirmation class' resource page at [www.relckids.com](http://www.relckids.com). Once completed they may be emailed to Pastor James or brought to church and placed in the confirmation drop box outside the office door.

### **3. Confirmation Project: 30 Points (If possible)**

During Lent classes will be suspended due to Wednesday night services. Instead of class time students and parents will work on a confirmation project. In the past these projects have been to create "Pillars of the Church", a "Seder Meal", or a "Living Last Supper". We will gather within the first two weeks of February with the 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to decide what this year's project will be.

### **4. 7 Lenten Services: 1 Point each (If possible)**

While class will not be ongoing throughout Lent the confirmation class will be required to help out with services and participate in worship.

### **5. 23 Days of Class Participation: 1 Point each**

Completion of your worksheets counts for class participation. At the end of the year you will go through your binders with me so that we can check your progress.

### **6. 35 Days of Worship Participation: 1 Point each**

Attendance at all worship services are expected, you are confirmation your faith after all and it doesn't grow in a vacuum. You may participate in worship in person on Saturday evening at 5:30pm or Sunday morning at 10:00am, or online on our Facebook and YouTube channel.

**7. 35 Days of Sunday School Participation: 1 Point each**

Sunday School will take place online this year through an intergenerational learning, parents and kids will learn together. Parents will also track participation on your Fish Points sheet.

**8. Confirmation Camp: 50 points (If Possible)**

Confirmands are encouraged to go to camp every summer but must go at least once to earn Fish Points. To offer our kids the broadest experience of camp possible, confirmands will be invited to participate in a three year cycle of camp: Ranch, Springs, and Sullivan Hills. Ranch and Springs are at Carol Joy Holling in Ashland. Sullivan Hills is in Lodgepole out in Western Nebraska. This summer's camp experience will be Ranch.

**9. Monthly Zoom Meetings: 10 Points**

Every month all our confirmands will join together on zoom for a fellowship activity before breaking off into breakout sessions with your class alone. The dates and times for the sessions have not yet been set, though they will begin in September after Rally Sunday on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



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## Sermon Note

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Color of the Day**  
Circle one

Blue

Green

Purple

Red

Yellow

White

**Sermon Text**  
Circle one

First Lesson

Psalm

Second Lesson

Gospel

**What was the sermon's main point or idea?**

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**How does the sermon or lesson inform my life?**

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**What questions do I have?**

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Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Activity Report: Service Projects and Field Trips

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade:    7<sup>th</sup>    8<sup>th</sup>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Expectations for the trip:**

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**If a service trip, what did you do? If a field trip, what did you learn?**

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**Did your expectations for the activity match the reality? How so, or how not?**

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**Would you do something like this again?**

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_