

CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK

2022-2023



CROWN OF GLORY

ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2022-2023 Live by Faith!

“The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

Confirmation Mission Statement

“Crown of Glory seeks to encourage and strengthen a lifestyle of discipleship in Jesus Christ among our young people through...”

- the practicing of our faith in worship,
- in service to others in our community,
- and in our day-to-day service to God.”

We affirm that a lifestyle of discipleship is characterized by: An appreciation for a spirit-filled worship setting.

- Familiarization with the Bible and its teachings.
- Active fellowship with peers and adults in the congregation.
- Genuine appreciation and respect for other students, staff and participants.

The Confirmation develops this lifestyle of discipleship through these various components:

- Regular attendance at the Wednesday large group event: *“The Gathering”*.
- Opportunities to perform *Service in Church* and *Service in the Community* events that enrich and strengthen our faith.
- Active and regular participation in worship and the completion of Worship Notes.
- Sharing fellowship at scheduled Family Nights and other special events.
- Through the study of scripture, prayer, and faithful living.

Confirmation Fees:

The fee for the 2022-2023 Confirmation Program year is \$110 per youth. This fee covers the cost of our guest speakers, special events and trips, our end of year celebration, and travel expenses to/from special events. **Note: Scholarships are available upon request.** Be assured that no student/family will be turned away from a confirmation event due to limited financial resources. Please contact Pastor Reggie privately for more information.

Confirmation at Crown of Glory is a three-year program that begins in the fall of the 6th grade and is completed with the Rite of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism in 9th grade.

Baptismal Promise:

We expect and encourage parents to be supportive and actively involved in your son/daughter’s Confirmation experience here at Crown of Glory. We want the very best for your son/daughter through spiritual growth, fellowship, worship, experience, and learning. During Orientation parents will be asked to help organize some events, act as a driver or chaperone, be guide or a substitute for your child’s small group or assist in one of our program/service areas. Parents can get signed up for volunteering by completing the Confirmation Registration. **Please Note: If your son/daughter has not been baptized or has not received instruction for Holy Communion please contact one of the Pastors. Confirmation is the Affirmation of our Baptism, and we would love the opportunity to journey with students in baptism!**

Regular attendance at Confirmation is expected. An absent student will have a significant impact on the entire group. If transportation problems arise for your family, please contact the staff to assist in arranging a ride to and from the church. If your son/daughter is unable to attend Confirmation on Wednesday or any *scheduled events*, please contact the Confirmation Staff and/or the Confirmation Small Group Leader.

Wednesday Night Schedule: In Person Confirmation

- 5:00-6:15 pm Wednesday Night Family Dinner (TBD: Seeking Wednesday Dinner Team)
- 6:30-7:10 pm Confirmation Large Group “*The Gathering*” located in the Sanctuary
- 7:15-7:50 pm Small Group discussion in classroom setting
- 7:55-8:00 pm Closing Prayer & Group Blessing in the Sanctuary

Dinner for all youth and their families is served every Wednesday from 5 - 6:15pm. The cost is \$5 per youth or \$15 per family. Meals are prepared by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team and served by Confirmation small groups. Following dinner, the “*Gathering*” is our Large Group session.

At the completion of the *Gathering* students break into small groups according to gender and grade. Each small group is facilitated and mentored by adult leaders. Finally, at 7:50pm students and small group leaders are invited to the sanctuary for a closing meditation and prayer time to end the evening at 8pm.

The confirmation program offers a wide variety growth opportunities and flexibility for each person to partner and journey in faith. The program incorporates traditional teaching components, a spiritual and enriching worship experience and a Christ centered message that teaches youth about our Christian faith and traditions.

Virtual Confirmation Class Option Available: *If your Confirmation student prefers a virtual option is available for the Large Group Gathering offered over a Livestream on our YouTube channel. Visit our YouTube channel and get signed in each Wednesday night. Please note there is no virtual Small Group option.*

Wednesday Night Family Dinner: (TBD Seeking Dinner Team Volunteers)

On a rotational basis throughout the year your Confirmation student small group will be responsible for hosting, bringing treats/desserts, and serving the Family Dinner on Wednesday nights. A dinner menu is prepared ahead of time by the Wednesday Night Dinner Team. Small Group Guides will contact you in advance for your serving date. Each small group class will be responsible to host and serve dinner about 5 times throughout the program year. Parent(s) of each Confirmation student are expected to take *an active role* in participation as family dinner host/helpers/volunteers at least 2 times throughout the year. Parents, your participation is key to the success of our program!

Parent Participation: Wednesday evening meal adult duties may include food preparation, overseeing the youth set the serving table, operating the stove or oven to warm food, serving, clean-up and other supervisory roles when needed. ***Please see the Wednesday Night Family Dinners Student/Parent Duties document for a detailed description of Wednesday Night Dinner service. Copies will be made available for all families.***

Please Note: We are seeking adult volunteers to help coordinate and prepare our Wednesday Night Family Dinners. If you would like to participate and join the Wednesday Night Dinner Team, please contact Pastor Reggie!

Gathering Annual Offering: His House

Confirmation students are invited to participate in a “weekly” free-will offering during the Gathering. This year we are supporting His House, a local thrift-stop and homeless ministry that offers free household essentials and products to anyone in need. His House is located at the Moravian Church in Chaska. Suggested items include personal hygiene products such as toothpaste/toothbrush, floss, hand soap, shower soap & bodywash, toilet paper, etc. All donations offered to His House will support families in need within the Chaska community. Look for the Helping His House donation bin each Wednesday evening!

Worship Notes:

A total of **twenty** worship notes are **required** each Confirmation year. **Four** of them must be completed during the Lenten mid-week services; **one** of which **MUST** be Ash Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday Service this year will be on February 22, 2023. We feel the importance of worship attendance and full participation in the services will be better experienced by close concentration on the message of the day. Worship notes will help teach the Confirmands to focus on a particular topic and apply its message to his/her daily faith journey.

Worship Notes Online: Worship notes are available on our website! Complete your Worship Notes via your smart-phone, Ipad, or laptop or home computer. It's simple and quick! Once you have completed your worship note, submit it electronically! For more information, visit our website www.crownofglory.org and look for the Confirmation Ministry tab!

Important things to remember:

- Worship Notes are located as you enter/exit the center doors of the sanctuary on top of the cupboard. Complete the Worship Note and then place it in the basket marked Completed Worship Notes.
- There will be No Small Group meetings during our Lenten Season. (February 22, 2023, through Holy Week of April 5, 2023).
- Worship Notes for the 2022-2023 Confirmation year need to be completed by August 31, 2023.
- Worship Notes from other churches will be accepted if they are accompanied by a bulletin from the congregation. If a Worship Note is not available, please use a blank sheet of paper and follow the same format we use and be sure it is signed by an adult.

Service Projects: Service in Our Community

Three Service in Our Community projects will be required during the Confirmation year.

- Our first service event will on **Wednesday, September 28, 2022**. We will be participating in a community wide Food Drive to support the local *Bountiful Basket Food Shelf*.
- Our second service project will be our *Christmas Gift Shopping* event on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022** *Gifts of Giving!* Students will purchase Christmas gifts for children Toys for Tots gift charity!
- Our third service event will be on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**. We will be serving at the Chanhassen *Feed My Starving Children*.

NOTE: Parent drivers are needed for these events. To sign-up in advance please contact your confirmation student's small group guide or Pastor Reggie.

Special Events:

There are three special events through the Confirmation Year.

- On **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**, all Confirmation students will travel for an exciting night of jumping and fun at **Skyzone** in Eagan, MN! We will load the bus in the church parking lot at 5:30pm and return to Crown of Glory by 8:15pm. Registration is required in advance.
- On **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**, all Confirmation students will be going to **Buck Hill** in Burnsville for an evening of tubing and fun! There will be no Large or Small Group event for this evening. Departure Time is 5:30pm; Return Time is about 8:15pm. Registration is required in advance.

o **NOTE: Bus Transportation will be provided for Skyzone and Buck Hill!**

- **Faith Field Trips:** This year we plan to travel to the Ekankar Spiritual Center located in Chanhassen, MN to learn more about the Ekankar faith. Our Faith Field Trip will be on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, from 6:30pm to 8pm. Parent Drivers are needed for this event.

Serving Our Community Opportunities:

- Crown of Glory now has a 2 miles portion of highway 212 that we care for under the **Adopt a Highway** program. All Confirmation students and their parents are welcome to join in our clean day on Saturday, October 1, 2022. This will be a morning event; specific times are TBD. Students must be 12 years of age or older. Extra parent volunteers will be required to chaperone and drive. Following our clean up, we will meet back at the Crown of Glory parking lot for snacks. Registration is required.
- Confirmation students (small groups) are welcome to serve at **Fare For All** at Crown of Glory throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation small groups to fulfill service project requirements as well as serve joyfully in our community. Crown of Glory serves usually on the last Thursday of each month (Except for holidays) Please refer to the Crown of Glory website for the Fare For All schedule for more detail. This event is voluntary and not a regular Confirmation service event. Contact Kanitta Rentfrow the Volunteer Coordinator if you would like to sign up your group! Kanitta's email address is Kanitta.Rentfrow@allina.com

Memorization of the Apostle's Creed & Bible Verses:

This year students will be expected to know and recite the Apostle's Creed to their small group leader, Pastor Reggie, Sherri Taylor, or their parent. Students have until **May 10, 2023**, to complete this requirement. Each student will be given a copy of *Luther's Small Catechism* to assist them in meeting this requirement.

In addition, each student will be expected to memorize 3 Bible verses throughout the Confirmation year. Students may choose from the Old or New Testament. Due dates for Bible memorization will be December 14, 2022, February 19, 2023, and May 10, 2023.

Cell Phone Use and Other Electronics:

To ensure that the Confirmation students are able to spend their time at church focusing on their faith development and to avoid unnecessary distractions, they are asked to be respectful when it comes to the use of their electronics at church. If a cell phone is being used during the Confirmation Large Group Gathering or during small group sessions, the student will be asked to put it away. Any cell phone or other electronic device that becomes a distraction during the Confirmation evening will be confiscated and returned at the end of the evening.

Confirmation Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp:

We believe that Confirmation camp is a valuable experience for youth in their faith journey. Confirmation camp offers students the opportunity to grow in their faith and witness other young adults model a Christian lifestyle.

All Confirmation students will be expected to attend Confirmation camp **at least** once during their Confirmation experience. All 6th - 8th grade students are welcome to attend camp and Confirmation students are NOT limited to attend Green Lake Bible Camp for their Confirmation camp experience. Students are welcome to pick other bible camp experiences!

Camp Dates: Confirmation students are encouraged to attend the designated Crown of Glory Bible camp week. Green Lake Bible Camp publishes their 2023 camp calendar by early October 2022 at which time Crown of Glory Bible camp week will be announced.

Scholarships and Campership Fundraiser: Crown of Glory will provide each student attending camp with a partial scholarship to help cover the cost of camp. Students can also participate in a campership fundraiser during the Lenten Family Dinners. These funds will help offset the cost of Confirmation camp for students.

Be assured that no student or family will be turned away from Confirmation camp due to limited financial resources. Please contact Pastor Reggie privately, for more information on additional camp scholarships.

Upcoming 9th Grade Confirmation Faith Retreat: (Attention current 8th Grade Parents Save these dates!) This Faith Retreat is REQUIRED for all 8th grade students

During the summer of 2023 all current 8th grade students are *required and expected to attend* a two-and-a-half-day Faith Retreat at **Green Lake Lutheran Bible Camp** from **Friday, August 25 - Sunday August 27, 2023**. This retreat is in preparation for each students Affirmation of Faith service held on Confirmation Sunday. Details will be mailed to each student's family. 8th Grade Small Group guides are also invited and welcome to attend this event. ***PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES NOW!***

Confirmation Sunday 2023

Join in celebrating the Affirmation of Faith for our 8th grade Confirmation class of 2023! The date of our Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 2pm. The Rite of Confirmation Service will be held at the Crown of Glory sanctuary!

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church 2022-2023 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

*“We are wonderfully created by God,
Set apart in Baptism,
And called to live faithfully!”*

STUDENT:

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **School Grade:** _____

Baptized: Yes No **Date:** _____ **First Communion:** Yes No **Member:** Yes No

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

PARENTS:

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Member: Yes No **Baptized:** Yes No **Confirmed:** Yes No

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Home Email: _____ **Work Email:** _____

Please let us know your preference for being contacted: _____

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Member: Yes No **Baptized:** Yes No **Confirmed:** Yes No

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Home Email: _____ **Work Email:** _____

Please let us know your preference for being contacted: _____

2022-2023 Confirmation **Registration Fee \$110.00** (Make checks payable to Crown of Glory). Please sign Confirmation Payment in memo line.

Special Note for Parents: Please answer the following questions regarding your son/daughter. Confirmation is considered open enrollment. Students do not need to be members of Crown of Glory to participate in the Confirmation program.

Crown of Glory: CONFIRMATION PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I grant my son/daughter _____ **STUDENT NAME** _____ my permission to attend all Confirmation related activities and ride in arranged church provided vehicles; and I release Crown of Glory Lutheran Church (1141 Cardinal Street Chaska, MN) from any damages which may result due to accident or injury.

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize a representative of Crown of Glory Lutheran Church to consent to and authorize emergency medical treatment, surgery, or dental care to be given to my son/daughter as considered advisable or necessary in the judgment of an emergency medical professional or attending physician.

Parent or guardian signature: _____

Emergency Contact Person (Other than parent):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relation to Confirmation Student: _____

Family Physician: _____ Physician Phone: _____

Family Insurance Company: _____ Policy # : _____

Please list your child's allergies, limitations, pre-existing conditions, medications currently used, or other comments: _____

PARENTS: Please indicate how you would be able to serve in Confirmation Ministry.

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| 1) Provide transportation to or from an activity or special event? (Circle) | YES | NO |
| 2) Serve as a Small Group Leader? (Circle) | YES | NO |
| 3) Serve as a Small Group Leader substitute? (Circle) | YES | NO |
| 4) Be a chaperone for a Confirmation special event? (Circle) | YES | NO |
| 5) Serve on the Youth Ministry Team? (Circle) | YES | NO |
| 6) Other: <i>Please specify how you would like to serve in the space below:</i> | | |
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Crown of Glory CONFIRMATION COVENANT

Before God and this Church,

AS YOUR PASTOR AND COORDINATOR OF CONFIRMATION WE WILL:

- *Love and encourage you, care for you, and support you and your families.*
- *Meet with you and your family prior to the beginning of Confirmation.*
- *Provide enriching instruction in the Confirmation program for your spiritual growth.*
- *Be available to you for counseling, special needs, and guidance.*
- *Lead you and your family in regular worship.*
- *Conduct the Rite of Confirmation after you have adequately completed the Confirmation program at Crown of Glory.*

Pastor Reggie Klindworth

Pastor Reggie Klindworth

September 7, 2022

Date

Sherrri Taylor

Confirmation Coordinator

September 7, 2022

Date

AS A CONFIRMATION STUDENT at Crown of Glory, I WILL:

- *Bring with me a positive attitude to my Confirmation class, realizing that I am here by my own choice*
- *Attend Worship regularly. Attend Ash Wednesday worship.*
- *Complete 20 Worship notes.*
- *Attend Wednesday Large Group Gatherings and service time with my small group.*
- *Complete to the best of my ability my Confirmation course work and participate with my small group.*
- *Attend Confirmation orientation.*
- *Complete service projects expected each year.*
- *Attend Confirmation Camp at LEAST ONCE in my 3-year Confirmation experience.*
- *I understand that all 8th students are required to attend the August 2023 Faith Retreat.*

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

AS A FAMILY, WE WILL:

- *Make sure our confirmand is on time for all classes, events, retreats, and camps.*
- *Attend worship regularly with our confirmand on Sunday and attend the orientation at the beginning of the year and participate in all Family nights.*
- *Pray regularly for our confirmand and his/her spiritual growth and development during each year.*
- *Work with our confirmand to help him/her complete the course and service work assigned.*
- *Notify the small group leader when our confirmand will not be able to attend class and take responsibility for making sure the assignment work is done at home.*
- *Review all Progress Reports and other communications regarding our confirmand, and where there are problems, work with his/her small group leader to resolve them.*
- *Serve as a parent volunteer to organize, chaperone, or assist in one of the needed programs.*

Parent Signatures: _____ and _____

Date: _____

Crown of Glory Service in the Church Registration

Service in the Church

6 *Service in Church* Events will be required during the Confirmation year; students must choose from 2 separate categories. Each category or event is worth 1 CREDIT.

Sign up for the following Service in the Church credits. Please select from at least two different areas that you would like to serve.

- Acolyte during a worship service. (1 Credit = Acolyte at 1service) _____
- Serve as a SPARK Sunday school *Shepherd*. (1 Credit = Assist at S.S) _____
- Serve as a worship Usher or Greeter. (1 Credit = Usher/Greet at 1service) _____
- Operate multi-media (AV) during worship events. (1 Credit = Serve at 1service) _____
- Serve as a Communion assistant. (1 Credit = Assist at 1 Service) _____
- Serve as assistant in the Nursery. (1 Credit = Assist at 1 Service) _____
- Congregational Scripture Reader. (1 Credit = Read at 1 Service) _____
- Serve as a volunteer at *Fare For All*. (1 Credit = Volunteer 1 Hour) _____
- Serve on CoG Youth Leadership Team (1 Credit = Volunteer at 1 Service) _____
- Serve at Adopt A Highway on Saturday, October 1, 2022: (2 Credits* = Volunteer) _____
*This event is worth 2 credits due to the length of time.
- Assist in the "Giving Tree" program: (1 Credit = Volunteer 1 Hour) _____
- Students may make suggestions for Service in the Church events: ____ (See below)

Please offer a suggested Service in the Church activity:

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Date: _____