



**CROWN  
OF GLORY**  
ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

**CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK**  
**2023-2024**

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## 2023-2024 Theme: Faithfully Keeping God's Word!

*"Keep my commands and live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them to your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart."* Proverbs 7:2-3

## 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 2023-2024 Confirmation Ministry 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 in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Baptismal Promises:

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.

***If your student has not been baptized or has not received instruction for Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Reggie at 952-448-3230.***

***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:

- 5:00-6:15 p.m. Family Dinner
- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Large Group *"The Gathering"*
- 7:15-7:50 p.m. Small Group discussion
- 7:55-8:00 p.m. Closing Prayer & Group Blessing

Dinner for all youth and their families is served every Wednesday from 5:00pm-6:15pm. The cost is \$5 per youth or \$15 per family. Meals are prepared by families and 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 gathering area outside the sanctuary for a closing meditation and prayer time to end the evening at 8pm.

The confirmation program offers a wide variety of 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.

## Family Wednesday Night Dinner:

On a rotational basis throughout the year your son/daughter's small group will oversee hosting, bringing treats/desserts, and serving the Family Dinner on Wednesday nights. A dinner menu is prepared ahead of time by the Dinner Coordinator. Small group Guides will contact you in advance for serving date. Each small group class will be responsible for hosting, preparing, and serving 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 5 times throughout the year. Parents, your participation is key to the success of our program!

**Parent Participation:** *Wednesday evening meal Adult duties may include:* Some 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 join our Wednesday Night Family Dinner Team. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Reggie.

## Family Night: Special Musical Guests

*Family Night* is designed for Confirmation students and their families to connect, learn, and communicate with one another by experiencing a “Family Evening” where learning about our faith and having fun go hand-in-hand. Our *Family Night* schedule for this coming Confirmation year will be...

- **Wednesday, November 8, 2023:** Crown of Glory welcomes *Dave Scherer and Rachel Kurts, two amazing Christian musical artists*. The entire family is welcome! *This event begins at 6:30pm and ends at 7:45pm, with dinner starting at 5pm.*

## 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. 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 **20** worship notes are **required** each Confirmation year. **4** of them must be completed during the Lenten mid-week services; **1** of which **MUST** be Ash Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday service this year will be on February 14, 2024. 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 getting smarter! Complete your Worship Notes via your smartphone, iPad, or online. It’s simple and quick! Once you have completed your worship note, submit it electronically! For more information, visit our website [www.crownofglory.org](http://www.crownofglory.org) and look for the Confirmation Ministry tab!

### Important things to remember:

- Worship Notes are located at the center table as you exit the center doors of the sanctuary. Complete the Worship Note as you worship and then deposit in the basket marked “Completed Worship Notes”.
- There will be **NO** Small Group meetings during our Lenten Season. (February 14, 2024, through Holy Week of March 28, 2024).
- Worship Notes for the 2023-2024 Confirmation year need to be completed by August 31, 2024.
- Worship/Sermon notes from other churches will be accepted if they are accompanied by a bulletin from the congregation. If a Worship/Sermon 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:

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

- Our first service event will be on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023**. 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 13, 2023** “*Gifts of Giving!*” Students will purchase Christmas gifts for children at a local Toys for Tots charity!

- Our third service event will be on **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**. We will be serving at the Chanhassen “*Feed My Starving Children*”. Start time TBD.

**NOTE: Parent Drivers will be needed for these events; to sign-up in advance, please contact Pastor Reggie.**

## Special Events:

There are four special events throughout the Confirmation year.

- On **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**, all Confirmation students will travel for an exciting night of jumping and fun at **Skyzone** in Edina, MN! Drivers will be needed for this event. Departure times TBD and return to Crown of Glory by 8:15pm.
- On **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**, 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.
  - **NOTE: Bus Transportation will be provided for Buck Hill!**
- On **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**, all Confirmation students will travel to **Bet Shalom Congregation**, a reform Jewish synagogue in Minnetonka, MN. We will experience a tour of the synagogue and learn more about the Jewish faith.
- **Field Trips:** In the spring of 2024 each Confirmation grade will be expected to attend and participate in an annual field trip. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend a tour at *Bertas Funeral Services* in Chaska to learn what services this ministry provides our community. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend a tour of the *Carver County Jail*. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend a worship service at a *Jewish Synagogue* to experience and learn about the traditions of the Jewish faith. Dates and times for field trips will be provided in early spring 2024.

## Serving Our Community Opportunities:

- Confirmation students (small groups) are invited 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. Fare For All is hosted at Crown of Glory on the last Thursday of each month. Please refer to the Crown of Glory website for the Fare For All schedule for more details. This event is voluntary and not a regular Confirmation service event. Contact Gail Thomes, the Volunteer Coordinator, if you would like to sign up your group! Gail’s email address is [gdthomes@gmail.com](mailto:gdthomes@gmail.com).

## Memorization of the 10 Commandments & Bible Verses:

This year students will be expected to know and recite the Ten Commandments (and in their own words describe its meaning) to their small group leader, Pastor Reggie, Sherri Taylor, or their parent. Students have until **May 15, 2024**, to complete this requirement. Each student will be given a copy of “*Luther’s Small Catechism*” that lists the parts of the 10 Commandments and the meanings.

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 13, 2023, February 7, 2024, and May 15, 2024.

## Electronics:

To ensure that the confirmation students can spend their time at church focusing on their faith development and to avoid unnecessary distractions, they are asked to leave all forms of electronic equipment at home. *If a cell phone is required for communication to home, we ask that they be turned off and kept out of sight.* Any 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:

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. Confirmation students will be expected to attend camp following their 7<sup>th</sup> grade experience. Please note, all 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> 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 from 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 2024 camp calendar by early October; 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 defray the cost of camp.

Be assured that **no student/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.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Faith Retreat: (Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Save the Dates!)

During the summer of 2024 all current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students **are required** to attend a two-and-a-half-day *Faith Retreat* at **Green Lake Lutheran Bible Camp** from **Friday, August 23 - Sunday August 25, 2024**. This retreat is in preparation for each student's Affirmation of Faith service held on Confirmation Sunday. Details will be mailed to each student's family. **Please reserve these dates on your calendar.** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Small Group guides are expected and welcome to attend this event as well. **PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!**

## Confirmation Sunday 2024

Join in celebrating the Affirmation of Faith for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class of 2024! The official date of our Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 2pm. The Rite of Confirmation Service will be held at the Crown of Glory sanctuary!

## Crown of Glory Lutheran Church 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

**Married:** Yes No **Marriage Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Baptized:** Yes No **Confirmed:** Yes No

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **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

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please let us know your preference for being contacted:** \_\_\_\_\_

2023-2024 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 attend/participate in the Confirmation program.*

<b>CONFIRMATION PARENTAL CONSENT FORM</b>
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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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, physical limitations, pre-existing conditions, medications currently used, other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Parent Participation:</b>
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Parent NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
                     First    Last

Parent NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
                     First    Last

Child's NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info:**

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile CELL PHONE (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**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> |     |    |



## Crown of Glory CONFIRMATION COVENANT

Before God and this Church,

AS YOUR PASTOR AND DIRECTORS 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 families in regular worship every Sunday;*
- *Conduct the Rite of Confirmation for you when you have satisfactorily completed the Confirmation program at Crown of Glory.*

*Pastor Reggie Klindworth*

Pastor Reggie Klindworth

September 6, 2023

Date

*Sherri Taylor*

Confirmation Coordinator

September 6, 2023

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.*
- *Worship regularly on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings*
- *Complete 20 Worship notes, 4 during Lent; Attend Ash Wednesday worship.*
- *Attend Wednesday Large Group Gatherings and service/fellowship 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 and special events which are an expected part of each year.*
- *Complete at least the minimum number of service projects expected each year.*
- *Attend Confirmation Camp at LEAST ONCE in their Confirmation experience.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

AS A FAMILY, I/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 the course of 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.*

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Crown of Glory Service in the Church Registration**

**Service in the Church**

6 Service in Church POINTS will be required during the confirmation year: from 2 separate categories or events. Each category or event is worth 1 POINT.

**I would like to sign-up for the following Service in the Church credits.  
(Please select two different areas that you would like to serve).**

- Acolyte during a worship service. (1 Point = Acolyte at 1service) \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve as a Sunday school Shepherd. (1 Point = Assist at 1 hour of S.S) \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve as a worship Usher or Greeter. (1 Point = Usher/Greet at 1service) \_\_\_\_\_
- Operate multi-media during worship events. (1 Point = Serve at 1service) \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve as a communion assistant. (1 Point = Assist at 1 Service) \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve as assistant in the nursery. (1 Point = Assist at 1 Service) \_\_\_\_\_
- Congregational Scripture Reader. (1 Point = Read at 1 Service) \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve as a volunteer at *Fare For All*. (1 Point = Volunteer 1 Hour) \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve on CoG Youth Leadership Team (1 Point = Volunteer at 1 Service) \_\_\_\_\_
- Students may make suggestions for Service in the Church events: \_\_\_\_ (See below)
- Assist in the "Giving Tree" program: (1 Point = Volunteer 1 Hour) \_\_\_\_\_

**My Suggested Service in the Church Activity:**

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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