

Dear Confirmation Parent,

I'm thankful that BLC is able to start the 2021-2022 year in person!

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a time of intentional study and another step on the lifelong journey of faith formation. In Martin Luther's day, many people were not well versed in the basics of the Christian faith. Luther wrote his Small Catechism to help Christian families better understand their faith; your child will become more familiar with the same church teachings: The Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion, and more. At the end of Confirmation, each student affirms the baptismal promises their parents and/or sponsors made for them when they were baptized.

What curriculum does BLC use?

This year we will be utilizing the "Here We Stand" curriculum. Your child will receive their own Bible and student handbook.

When is Confirmation?

The 2021-2022 year runs from Sept. 29th, 2021—May 4th, 2022.

In general, classes will begin promptly at 6pm and finish at 7:15pm.

Will my child only study topics covered in the Small Catechism?

No. Some weeks students will participate in other activities like: Trick or Treating for the Food Pantry, attending Lenten worship services, and some more fun things like a movie and end of year party.

Can I attend Confirmation with my child?

Absolutely! Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate with us. The more parents involved, the better. AND your involvement shows your child the importance of growing a deeper, Christ-centered faith!

Expectations:

BLC strives to create a positive learning environment where all participants (students, teachers, and parent volunteers) are valued and experience God's grace. Confirmation is intended to be a safe place for speaking and listening. Questions about faith are welcomed and encouraged!

Remember, we are all created in God's image! Respect each other. "Love your neighbor as yourself." (See Mark 12:31) Just as God loves us with all of our strengths and flaws, we will strive to love one another in a similar way.

BLC follows the Barneveld School District policy regarding masks and COVID-19. Currently, students are expected to wear masks at all times. We also follow the school's cancellation policy (i.e. snow days).

Only one student at a time will be allowed to leave the class area to use the restroom or drinking fountain.

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Confirmation students are expected to participate in the life of the church outside of Wed. evening class time. Participation includes:

1. Attending Sunday worship services regularly.
2. Submitting **14** faith notes for the year.
3. Attending the Confirmation Retreat Oct. 8th-10th. (This is **highly** recommended, but not required)!
4. Collecting food for Trick or Treating for the Hungry.
5. Assisting with various aspects of church life. Students will be able to choose from a list of activities based on their skill and interest level. These activities include:
 - a. Scripture Reader
 - b. Worship Assistant
 - c. Usher
 - d. Greeter
 - e. Lawn mowing
 - f. Helping the office manager
 - g. Helping the custodians
6. 8th grade students are expected to craft a faith statement. Each 8th grader will share their statement prior to Confirmation Sunday.

We look forward to having a meaningful and fun year at Confirmation! God's blessings!

Your Confirmation team: Gregg Guenther, Danielle Moyer, Jeff Reese, and Pr. Erich