# 10th Grade Confirmation: Christian Leadership & Mentorship Year

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: JUNE 6

(this should allow us the option of having worship outside if needed)

# Welcome to your final year of the Zion Confirmation program!

Here's what this year involves....

(Note: Pastor Erin will also mail you all of this info.)

# Part 1 - Mentorship: Intergenerational learning and mentoring

<u>What is a mentor?</u> A mentor is a mature Christian who is willing to share his or her faith in Christ with you.

Choose a faith mentor who is a member of the Zion congregation and is not related to you (in certain circumstances, exceptions can be made).

Meet with your mentor **SIX** times before Confirmation Sunday. (This probably means meeting once per month December-May. Together you will work through six faith conversations from the book *Confirmation Journey*. (Pastor Erin will get you a copy of this book.)



You are welcome to have your mentor meetings at the church (as long as you both wear a mask). Meeting over Zoom is also a great option—in fact, at this time it's the best option. Pastor Erin can help get you set up if you need assistance with Zoom.

Pastor Erin needs to approve each mentor, so let her know as soon as you have chosen one. We can also help you think of possible mentors and in contacting them.

# Confirmation Journey MENTORS 8 YOUTH

## Part 2 - Servant Projects

### A) <u>Sunday School Teaching</u>

In addition to meeting with faith mentors, 10<sup>th</sup> graders will also serve as mentors to our Zion kids by helping to teach Sunday School.

Sunday School looks different this year, so you'll have the option of helping with an in-person session or video recording a part of the online Sunday School video for one week (you are welcome to do more!).

Pastoral Assistant Saundra and the Zion Education Team will help you prepare for teaching and help gather the supplies you need.



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#### B) <u>Zion Pen Pals</u>

During this pandemic time, it has been more difficult for our Zion family to connect with one another. That's especially true for many who are older and confined to their homes for the long haul.

You will be matched up with one (or more if you would like!) Zion elder to write letters/notes and/or make calls and/or window visits. After being matched up with your person, Pastor Erin will give you more info about how to communicate with your elder.



## Part 3 – Credo Project

Credo means "I believe"

#### Project due....two weeks before Confirmation Sunday – TBD

#### OBJECTIVE

"Credo" is a Latin word that means "I believe." Your mission is to spend your 10<sup>th</sup> grade year on assembling a display that will be viewable by our church family around Confirmation Sunday.

This assignment replaces the previous written faith statement. We want the congregation to see how members have helped shape your faith through your whole life thus far. In the weeks before Confirmation Sunday, you will also meet with Pastor Erin to discuss your faith journey and what's next for you.



# GOALS

Your project should be **visual** in nature. It will be set up with everyone else's in the church narthex or fellowship hall on tables (like a science fair).

It should answer these questions (minimum):

- Your name (include at least 1 current picture of yourself, candid or professional)
- Your baptism date and location (name of church) with a photo of your baptism if you have one
- □ At least 1 "life Bible verse" (can be more!) and why you chose this verse
- At least 2 Bible characters OR Bible stories that have shaped your faith (can be more!)
- At least 2 "next steps" for using your gifts in the church (can be more!) that is, ways that you will be involved in the life of the church after Confirmation
- □ At least 2 things you believe about your Baptism (can be more!) \*

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□ At least 2 things you believe about the God the Father (can be more!) \*

□ At least 2 things you believe about the God the Son (can be more!) \*

□ At least 2 things you believe about the God the Holy Spirit (can be more!) \*

□ At least 1 faith question you still wonder about (can be more!)

At least 1 adult who has helped shape your faith. Please don't just list her/his name, but describe why or how he/she was influential. (can be more!)

At least 1 symbol that helps you explain your faith (can be more!). Take a look around the church for some ideas.

\* You should refer back to the Small Catechism and Confirmation materials (especially the Apostles' Creed) you have received over the last couple of years....or check with Pastor Erin if you need extra copies of the Confirmation materials. The website www.lutherhouseofstudy.org is also a great place to find short 3-4 minute videos over Baptism and the Apostle's Creed + plenty of other faith topics.







#### **Other suggestions and ideas:**

After you have explained the "answers" in the minimums, you could use any of the following to elaborate on or further illustrate your beliefs.

Choose 1 or 2 hymns or praise songs and explain how it speaks to you (Could do research on the hymn writer or hymn song story—Pastor Erin has books to help with this.)

Interview a Christian leader (Council President, Pastor, Author, Professor, Teacher, etc.—Pastor Erin can help you find someone) and include parts of your conversation.

Use original artwork (please be aware of internet image copyright laws - if you didn't take, buy, or make the photo, it may be illegal to share).

Choose 1 or 2 stained glass windows from the sanctuary and explain how it speaks to you. Do some research on the images there.

Your table can have take home sheets (1-page summary for example) but does not have to.

#### **Other suggestions and ideas:**

Consider working off of the Apostles Creed and explaining what you believe about parts of it.

Consider typing out the promises of baptism and writing about how you are living them.

Your table could have a slideshow or PowerPoint or music or video to play (for when you are there to do a presentation) - for example on an iPad. Alternatively, you could make a PowerPoint and print the full-page slides for people to view.

#### **OTHER NOTES**

- When you meet with your mentors, you can ask for their help with your Credo Project. They can help you brainstorm and think through your answers.
- You are welcome to work with Pastor Erin to print color images at church if you don't have a printer at home.

- If you need a scholarship for materials (such as foam board) speak with Pastor Erin. (No I won't buy you an iPad. :)
- You are welcome to look through the Sunday School supply room at church if you would like to use some supplies like markers or paper.
- Your project should include enough items or materials to take up one card table. The church will supply the table. You can have a larger table if needed.
- If your project includes any valuable items for display, or if you're using electronics, do not plan on leaving those with your table. Those items should be taken home with you and brought back. Please do not leave anything valuable on your table.



# **ROUGH DRAFT DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

This is just a *first* draft of your answers.

Email it to Pastor Erin at pastorerin@nvc.net by Feb. 1.



More info will come in the month before Confirmation Sunday about preparing for that service. You'll each help to plan the service and participate in it (Scripture readings, prayers, etc.)

We hope to be able to meet in person for a mini-retreat before Confirmation Sunday, but that will depend on our COVID circumstances.

