



Dear Confirmation Parents,

Steve, Kurt, Ty, and I are excited to begin Confirmation this Thursday, January 14! This packet contains a lot of information. Please be sure and read each page for important information.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

- Confirmation classes are from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. beginning January 14 – February 25.
- Please drop your confirmand off promptly at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. Confirmation students will be meeting in the gym and the youth basement.
- Dinner will be served each Thursday at approximately 5:30 p.m. Students and mentors will eat in the basement, parents will eat in the Atrium, and Ollie and her staff will feed siblings in the ARK. The menu is below. Salad, cookies, fruit, and Lemonade/Tea will also be served each week.
  - January 14 – Tacos
  - January 21 – Lasagna
  - January 28 – Hot Dogs
  - February 4 – Chicken Strips
  - February 11 – Frito Pie
  - February 18 – Hamburgers
  - February 25 – Pizza
- There is an important parents' component of Confirmation. This allows the parents to learn alongside their Confirmation students and develop a relationship with the other Confirmation parents. After dropping off their child in the gym, parents should go to the Atrium where they will have dinner (provided at no cost). After dinner, the parents' class with Pastor Steve will be in Room 107 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Parents can meet up with their student near the portico entrance at 7:00 p.m.
- Childcare is available in the ARK (no age limit) for younger siblings beginning at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is also provided for siblings. Please contact me at [maradolan@firstmethodistmidland.com](mailto:maradolan@firstmethodistmidland.com) or 432-634-8659 if you will be needing childcare.

## WHAT CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL LOOK LIKE EACH WEEK

| Time        | Room     | Activity                                                           |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 – 5:30 | Gym      | Group games and activities (confirmands, teachers, & mentors only) |
| 5:00 – 5:30 | Atrium   | Parents meet in the Atrium until dinner.                           |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | Basement | Confirmands, mentors, and teachers will eat dinner.                |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | Atrium   | Parents will eat dinner in the Atrium.                             |
| 6:00 – 7:00 | Basement | Confirmands meet with Kurt.                                        |
| 6:00 – 7:00 | Room 107 | Parents meet with Steve.                                           |

## CONFIRMATION 2021 SCHEDULE

We meet a total of 10 times – 7 Thursday classes, Confirmation retreat, mission project, and **Confirmation Sunday** during the 11:00 a.m. service on February 28. Our weekly classes are from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the basement. The dates for our **Thursday Classes** are as follows: January 14, 21 & 28 and February 4, 11, 18, & 25

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 14, 2021    | Week 1*                                                                                                       |
| January 21, 2021    | Week 2                                                                                                        |
| January 22-24, 2021 | Retreat to Lone Tree Ranch, Capitan, New Mexico                                                               |
| January 28, 2021    | Week 3*                                                                                                       |
| February 4, 2021    | Week 4*                                                                                                       |
| February 11, 2021   | Week 5*                                                                                                       |
| February 13, 2021   | Mission Project, 9:00 a.m. (location TBA)                                                                     |
| February 18, 2021   | Week 6* (Review for the final exam)                                                                           |
| February 25, 2021   | Week 7, Final Exam (written, interview, and recite the Apostles' Creed)                                       |
| February 28, 2021   | Confirmation Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary and lunch reception in the Atrium. |

\* Homework will be given

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION

Our **Confirmation Retreat is January 22-24** at Lone Tree Ranch in Capitan, New Mexico. This retreat is an important part of the Confirmation experience, and we will cover important lessons while we are there. We will leave Friday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. We will feed your child dinner on the bus. We will also have snacks and water for them during the trip up to camp. We will be leaving Lone Tree at 9:00 a.m. MT on Sunday morning. We will be back in Midland around 3:00 p.m. We will be sending messages through GroupMe (see below) to keep everyone informed of our progress. Detailed information can be found in the Confirmation Retreat Packet.

## CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

- Return all camp forms to Kaci Rybolt at the **January 21** parents' class.
- Return camp letters to Suzanna Cooper at the **January 21** parents' class. Instructions for letters are in the Confirmation Retreat Packet.
- Place all medications for the retreat with instructions in a Ziplock bag. We will have a nebulizer on the trip, so you do not need to pack one. You do need to bring your own mouthpiece.
- Mission project will be February 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., location TBA. This is a family project. Everyone in your household is invited.
- Notify friends and family of Confirmation Sunday, February 28, 2021 at the 11:00 service.
- Notify the lunch team how many people will be attending the lunch after the service. Jessica Louder is the leader of that team. Her email address is [jesslouder@hotmail.com](mailto:jesslouder@hotmail.com)

## COMMUNICATION

I will be communicating with parents during Confirmation through GroupMe. If you haven't been added, click here to join: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/65159063/G478gE47](https://groupme.com/join_group/65159063/G478gE47)  
My cell phone is 432-634-8659. Also, please visit the Confirmation page on the church website at: [firstmethodistmidland.com/confirmation](http://firstmethodistmidland.com/confirmation) for more information. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday!

Blessings,

Mara Dolan, *Director of Children's Ministries*