

AN INVITATION TO SERVE ...

Confirmation – 7th & 8th Grades

CONFIRMATION GUIDES



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We invite you to be a ministry partner with us by serving as a Confirmation Guide. Please pray and search God's will to see if He is calling you to this ministry. The following is a brief description of what this important ministry involves.

- **Primary tasks:** Be the primary leader of a small group of students (4-5). Facilitate discussion on Sunday mornings on the lesson/information presented at the previous Wednesday's class and the assigned homework. If unfamiliar with the Unit/weekly content, attending Wednesday evening will be of great help. Assist in grading Tests (usually done in class). God will use you to help the students grow in an active faith and love for Jesus! Build a relationship with your students. Listen to them and learn about their lives. Be of encouragement to them and to their families. Get to know the parents. Talk to them as you go through the lesson and activities. Help them discover the truth of God's word and how it fits into their lives. You'll find that you'll grow in faith as well!
- **Materials:** All weekly unit content is being built out on the website. Students and adults receive a binder with much of the content; however, there may be times when content needs to be printed by participants. The specific Bible (Faith Alive) and Luther's Small Catechism are used/available.
- **Tests:** These are scheduled periodically to make sure each student has a decent grasp on the content being presented. Poor grades will alert adults/pastors to follow up with students/parents and to encourage their learning and clarify the content.
- **Time commitment:** Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.) and 30 minutes – 1 hour of weekly prep. Confirmation runs during the school year.
- **Need to be absent:** If you know ahead of time, please do these two things: Inform Pastor Doria of your absence and coordinate with other guide(s) to cover your group. If last minute, please at least call Pastor Doria and if possible, contact another guide. Between us all, we will get it covered. 😊

- **Share our Ministry:** Help us invite new ministry partners. As you talk to parents and friends, share with them the fulfillment and fun you receive from this ministry. Invite them to visit your group!
- **Responsibilities:** Pray for your students. Learn along with them. Be familiar with the content to cover each week and add to it as you see fit. Contact Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.
- **Arrival Time:** Please arrive no later than 9:35 a.m. Sunday mornings to gather with the other Guides. Discuss any issues at hand. Be ready for a 9:45 a.m. start.
- **Warm-up Time:** Welcome your students, take attendance, collect Worship Reports, listen to memory work, and pray with your small group. This should take 10-15 minutes.
- **Dive into the Lesson:** By 10:00 a.m. begin to examine the lesson with your students. Go over homework by getting students to share their answers. Here you can emphasize key points. Try to make it applicable to their life today as well as to the life that awaits them as an older teen/adult.
- **Wrap-up:** End each class in prayer. You have flexibility in how you approach your group prayer. Sometimes you will simply pray for the group. As time goes on, encourage students to pray out loud. Let it be a comfortable and authentic experience...kids talking to God. Students are dismissed at 10:45 a.m. without their parents needing to pick them up. Before you leave, please make sure your area is clean and materials replaced. Return supplies and turn off lights.
- **Follow-up:** Email Pastor Jeff the names and contact info of any first-time visitors. If interested, cards for visitors and absent students will be in CLC205 in the drawer marked "office supplies."

Thanks for your investment in today's teens & tomorrow's leaders!

To God be the glory,

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