

2023 – 2024 Confirmation Schedule

Please review the schedule and notify Pastor Monte or Heather May as soon as possible with any apparent conflicts you might have so they can be resolved in a timely manner. A weekly e-mail and text will be sent to remind you of the weekly schedule.

Sept. 6	L	(Discipleship) – Why should I follow Jesus; can't I just say I believe in him?
Sept. 13	L	(Creed) – Can it be proven that God exists?
Sept. 20	L	(Creed) – How can God be “three-in-one”?
Sept. 27	S	Service Project with your Small Group (Food Scavenger Hunt Competition)
<i>Sept/Oct</i>	-	<i>FUNDRAISER – Kringle Fundraiser</i>
Oct. 4	Fa	Family Night – Schedule something special
Oct. 11	L	(Creed) – Am I really supposed to believe Mary was a virgin?
Oct. 18	L	(Creed) – Why did Jesus go to hell?
<i>Oct. 18</i>	-	<i>FUNDRAISER – Kringle Orders due to Heather</i>
<i>Oct. 22</i>	-	<i>Cross Generational Sunday @ 10:15am-11:00am – (SERVICE project)</i>
<i>Oct. 22</i>	-	<i>8th GRADE ONLY – National Youth Gathering Registration Deadline</i>
Oct. 25	L	(Creed) – Is the Holy Spirit a person or wind or fire or what?
Nov. 1	L	(Creed) – Why do we say we believe in “the holy catholic church” if we're not Catholic?
Nov. 8	Fe	Small Group Fellowship - (<i>Kringle sorting</i>)
Nov. 15	L	(Creed) – Do cremated people go to heaven?
<i>Nov. 22</i>		<i>NO CLASS (Happy Thanksgiving)</i>
Nov. 29	L	(Other Beliefs) – If there is only one God, why are there so many different religions?
<i>Dec. 3</i>	-	<i>FUNDRAISER – Advent Breakfast (@ 10:15am following worship)</i>
Dec. 6	L	(Tough Questions) – Did God create the devil? – Redeem Bucks after & before class
Dec. 13	Fe	Large Group Fellowship – Christmas Snow Tubing Outing

Dec. 20 & 27

NO CLASS (Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!)

Jan. 3 L (Bible) – Is the New Testament more important than the Old Testament?

Jan. 10 S Service Project with your Small Group

Jan. 17 Fa Family Night – Schedule something special

Jan. 24 L (New Testament) – John the Baptist: The rustic herald

Jan. 27 - Winter Carnival @ 11am – 1pm (counts as a service project)

Jan. 31 L (New Testament) – 12 Disciples: The provincial bumpkins

Feb. 7 Fe Small Group Fellowship

Feb. 11 - FUNDRAISER – Pancake Breakfast (10:15am following worship)

Feb. 14 – Apr. 3 NO CLASS (Lent) – See soup supper & worship information below

Feb. 16 – 18 Youth Quake

Mar. 2 - FUNDRAISER – Dartball Tournament 9AM – 3PM

Mar. 17 - Cross Generational Sunday @ 10:15am – 11:00am (come make your own Easter Garden!)

Mar. 23 - Easter Egg Hunt @ 11am (Hunt & prizes geared for your age! 😊)

Apr. 10 L (New Testament) – Pontius Pilate: The troubled politician

Apr. 17 Fe Small Group Fellowship

Apr. 24 L (New Testament) – Mary Magdalene: The unsung apostle

May 1 Fa Family Night – Schedule something special

May 5 - Cross Generational Sunday @ 10:15am – 11:00am (Churchwide Jeopardy!)

May 8 L (Discipleship) – Can I be a Christian without going to church?

May 15 L (Tough Questions) – Can I do something bad enough to make God stop loving me?

May 22 Fe Large Group Fellowship – End of the Year Celebration

June 16-21 Confirmation Camp

OTHER EVENTS THIS YEAR:

- **LENT February 14 – March 20**
 - Students will serve a soup supper before worship starting at 5:30 PM and be expected to worship at 7 PM. They are expected to stay after to finish any remaining clean up.
 - **Maundy Thursday Worship & Dinner** – March 28 | 6:30 PM
 - **Good Friday Worship** – March 29 | 7 PM
 - Cross Walk & Ecumenical Worship at St. Alphonsus - - times TBA

- **L** = Learning Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 6 PM - 7:15 PM. Groups should assemble promptly at 6:00 for sharing of “highs and lows”
- **Fe & S** = Small Group Sessions, either Fellowship (Fe) or Service (S).
- **Fa** = Family Nights are designed for you to spend together as a whole family. We hope that you will be intentional in your planning for this “night off” so that they may truly be a “family night.”
- Large Group Sessions for Fellowship will take place on Wednesday as scheduled.
- Large Group Service Projects may be rescheduled to a different day/time depending upon the project. Please watch your e-mail and/or phone for updates

Each student should also select an adult from the congregation to be their mentor for the year. Please get that information to Pastor Monte or Heather May by Oct. 4 so materials regarding mentorship can be given to them.

EXPECTATIONS:

- **7 “sermon” projects/notes** – 3 by the end of December and 4 by the end of August. All projects should relate to the sermon/message for the day and should **include the student’s name, the date of the sermon, and the biblical text.**

Projects should be of the student’s own creation using the gifts and talents they feel most comfortable with to express themselves about how the sermon related to them and their own faith journey. Sermon Note sheets are also available, if you wish to take notes instead of a project. Be creative and have fun. If there are questions as to whether a project is acceptable or appropriate, please speak with Pastor Monte or Heather May. Some examples:

Art:	drawings; collages using photos, pictures and words from magazines or newspapers, or other items; posters; paintings; craft project. On all artwork, please include a two or three sentence comment on how the art relates to the message.
Writing:	a brief essay; poetry; a story; sermon notes (forms are available at www.slchurch.org/confirmation) ; a skit that could be performed with other students; a song
Tech:	a PowerPoint presentation of images/pictures/texts; an iPod medley of songs that relate to the sermon’s message; a “web page” – a one page computer screen that would look like a web page with “links” or images appropriate to the message of the sermon (perhaps 2-3 sermons could be combined for something like this)

- **7 worship participation** – 3 by the end of December and 4 by the end of August. Participate in service in any way. Some examples include: acolyte, reader, usher, sharing a musical talent. When you have participated, fill out a form to tell us what you did and what you enjoyed most about it. Forms can be found behind the upstairs welcome center, or online at www.slchurch.org/confirmation. (You can submit them in there too ☺)
- **7 Service Projects per year** – You can count what we do as a class as service projects. When one is completed remember to fill out a form. Forms can be found behind the upstairs welcome center, or online at www.slchurch.org/confirmation. (You can submit them in there too ☺)

Please notify Pastor Monte or Heather May when a student/parent, adult leader will be absent (due to illness, etc.) from confirmation events.

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