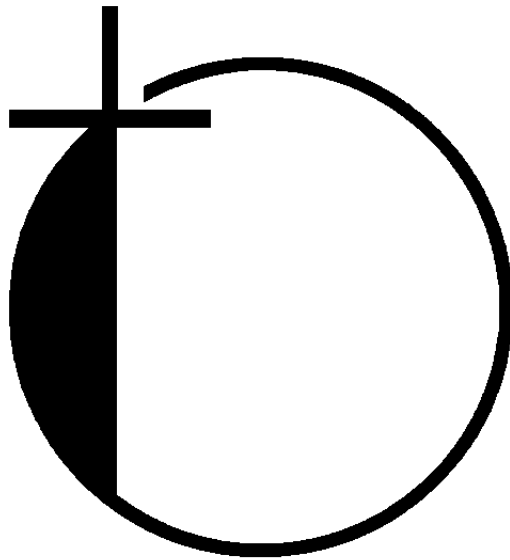


**A JOURNEY OF FAITH  
CONFIRMATION**



**PARENT ~ STUDENT HANDBOOK**

**2011 - 2012**

**MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Student's Name

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Teacher's Name

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Phone Number

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Class Assignment:Day of Week

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Time

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Room#

Dear Parents and Confirmation Students:

It is a precious privilege to be a parent. We at Mount Olivet count it a privilege to assist you in helping your child grow in faith.

Confirmation instruction is only meaningful when three "circles" intersect together. Parent, student and church need to work together as part of a team. Confirmation instruction is a way for the church to *assist* parents in providing their child's instruction in the Christian faith. However, confirmation instruction is not a satisfactory substitute for active Christian instruction and modeling at home.

Having your child participate in the Confirmation program at Mount Olivet means your child will have the opportunity to experience faith, fellowship and service. Our program is designed to provide instruction and opportunities to help your child better understand the promises that were given to him or her at Baptism. Confirmation instruction aims to help the student understand both the promises and the commands of our loving God. We rejoice with you as you fulfill your Baptismal promises by providing your child with Christian instruction, and we remind you of how very important you are in this journey for your child. Worship together! Pray together! Learn together!

In Christ's love,  
Your Mount Olivet Pastors



## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 14 <b>OR</b> Wednesday, September 21	<b>Parent-Student Information Meeting</b> 7:15 pm ( <i>following the Stewardship Dinner</i> ) in Main Sanctuary, Mpls Campus. Attendance at one of the meetings is required of parents and students.
October 2 & 5	<b>Classes Begin</b> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
November 23, 27	<b>Thanksgiving ~ No Classes</b> <i>Please attend worship</i> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
Dec. 21, 2011 - Jan. 1, 2012	<b>Christmas Break ~ No Classes</b> <i>Please attend worship</i> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
January 4 & 8	<b>Classes Resume</b> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
February 19	<b>No Class</b> ( <i>Mpls Campus only</i> )
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22	<b>Youth Service 7 pm</b> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
March 28 - April 8	<b>Spring Break ~ No Classes</b> <i>Please attend worship</i> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
April 11 & 15	<b>Classes Resume</b> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
April 22 and 25	<b>Last Classes</b> ( <i>Mpls &amp; West</i> )
July 30 - August 4	<b>Confirmation Camp at Cathedral of the Pines</b> <i>for 2nd Year Confirmands only. Registration deadline - Saturday, March 17. (Attendance is required.)</i>

# CONFIRMATION IS . . .

Confirmation at Mount Olivet is a two and a half year program beginning with the First Communion Service in the spring of 6th grade and ending with a week at Cathedral of the Pines Camp in the summer following 8th grade. During these very important years, your son or daughter will be instructed weekly by a Confirmation teacher, the Confirmation Director, the Junior High Youth Staff, and the Pastors.

We encourage you to make Confirmation a top priority, a weekly commitment that enables your son or daughter to develop greater relationships with other Confirmation students, their teachers and pastors.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE OFFERED:

### *Minneapolis Campus:*

Sunday	8:30 - 9:45 am	First and Second Year
Wednesday	4:00 - 5:15 pm	First and Second Year
Wednesday	7:00 - 8:15 pm	First and Second Year

### *West Campus:*

Wednesday	7:00 - 8:15 pm	First and Second Year
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## THE CONFIRMATION CURRICULUM

The curriculum has been designed to fulfill the promises made in Baptism: to teach the Ten Commandments, the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and the Holy Scriptures. It is an opportunity to learn, to question, and to grow in faith. Topics covered in Confirmation are:

What is Confirmation?	Moral Decision Making
The Sacraments	Family Relationships
Getting to Know Your Bible	Friendships
Worship	The Apostle's Creed
The Ten Commandments	The Lord's Prayer
My Faith	Martin Luther

# ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO...

## Worship

Attend a minimum of **20** worship services at Mount Olivet each of the two years of Confirmation. This is a minimum, we encourage families to worship together weekly.

*(Students are to fill out the white attendance slip found in the bulletin, mark "First Year Confirmation" OR "Second Year Confirmation" in the upper right-hand corner, and place it in the offering plate to get credit.)*

The required 20 worship credits can be achieved by singing with Chancel Choir on scheduled performance Sundays, at special services such as Thanksgiving and Christmas Concerts. Students will receive two worship credits for each occasion. *(Choir members do not need to fill out a white attendance slip when they sing.)*

## Classroom Attendance

Miss no more than **3** confirmation classes during the year. *(Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration by the Director of Confirmation and make up work will be required after 3 absences.)*

Notify the teacher regarding any absence from class.

To be excused early from class, bring a signed note from a parent.

## Service

Perform a minimum of **8** hours of service within the church or its programs. Opportunities include Chancel Choir, Nursery Assistant, Sunday Church School Assistant, Acolyting, serving at dinners, helping with food drives, service groups/projects, etc.

The required 8 service credits can be achieved by active membership in Chancel Choir and attendance at Wednesday night rehearsals.



## Memory Work

Memorize the following from Luther's *Small Catechism*:

- What is Baptism?
- What is Holy Communion?
- All Ten Commandments and their meanings.
- The Apostles' Creed
- Luther's Explanation of Article 2
- Explanation of Articles 1 & 3 in the student's own words.
- The Lord's Prayer

Also memorize:

- Scripture verses as assigned

## Sermon Notes

Complete sermon notes on 4 worship services each year. Forms will be provided and also found online.

## ALL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS MUST ALSO . . .

Attend one overnight *Confirmation Retreat* at the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.

2012 Dates: Jan 20-21; Feb. 3-4; Feb 10-11; & Feb 17-18

*Bus transportation is provided from Mpls Campus on February 3, 10 and 17. Bus transportation is provided from West Campus on January 20.*

Attend *Ash Wednesday Youth Service* with parents at 7 pm on February 22, 2012 at Mpls or West Campus.

## ALL SECOND YEAR STUDENTS MUST ALSO . . .

*Have a faith interview with a pastor.*

One half-hour interview

Attend *Ash Wednesday Youth Service* with parents at 7 pm on February 22, 2012 at Mpls or West Campus.

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### *Attend Confirmation Camp*

Attend Cathedral of the Pines Camp, July 30 - August 4, 2012, with the entire second year class for fun, fellowship and learning. This is an essential time for students to prepare to be confirmed. **Attendance is requirement.**

## **CONFIRMATION LEADERS WILL . . .**

Share their faith and commitment to Christ and His Church.

Provide the opportunity for all students to learn and grow in faith.

Encourage student's participation in the class and in the church.

Evaluate each student's progress at mid-year and at the end of the Confirmation year.

## **PARENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO . . .**

Attend worship regularly with Confirmand.

Make certain Confirmand is on time for classes, retreats, and service projects.

Assist Confirmand in completing assignments, memory work, make-up work, and other requirements as needed.

Attend parent-student classes and meetings.

Attend Ash Wednesday Youth Service with student.

Attend Holy Week Services with student.

Review Progress Reports and other communications regarding Confirmand.

Communicate concerns or special needs of Confirmand to teacher, director or pastors to enable them to provide the best possible program for each student.

## THE DISCIPLINE POLICY

- 1) Any student who causes a disturbance in the classroom will be **warned once** by the teacher.
- 2) If the student continues to disrupt the class and teaching a **second time**,

*Mpls:* he or she will be sent to the Education Ministries Lounge (EML) where an adult will teach the student for the remainder of the class.

*West:* he or she will spend quiet time with Helen.

- 3) If disruptions continue, the Director will talk to the parents and together they will decide how Confirmation should continue for the student.

## POLICY ON VISITORS

Friends of Confirmands are welcome to join them in the Youth Center or at Junior High Alive events.

However, in order to build trust, openness and fellowship in each class; to assure adequate materials and space; and to give each teacher a class of manageable size, ***We Cannot Accommodate Visitors to Our Classes.*** If you know a child is interested in joining Mount Olivet, they are welcome to sit in on class, but please call the Director first.

### *Educational Ministries:*

Pastor Stephen Cornils ~ 612.767.2235

### *Confirmation Directors:*

Angie St. Dennis ~ 612.767.2244 (*Minneapolis*)  
Helen Cameron-Zenobian ~ 952.767.1502 (*West*)

### *Junior High Youth Coordinators:*

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Jackie Rosario ~ 612.767.2211 (*Minneapolis*)  
Katie Wamsley ~ 952.767.1581 (*West*)