

2019-2020 Calvary Free Lutheran Confirmation

Requirements

1. Class attendance: student must be at every class unless parents have contacted the pastor **before** class time.
2. Come prepared for class—please bring the following:
 - Bible (ESV),
 - Catechism
 - Binder and completed assignments
3. Regular attendance and participation at worship service on Sunday morning. This means in the sanctuary and participating for all parts of the service.
4. Regular attendance at Sunday School (9:15 AM Sunday)
5. Regular attendance at Wednesday night youth Bible Study here at Calvary. If Wednesday evening Bible study becomes too much of a burden with homework and other commitments, please have a conversation with Pastor Eric about this.
6. Detailed Sermon notes from **two** Worship Services every month (Sept- May)—that’s a total of 18 sermon notes for the year. Two per month are required. Sorry, working ahead is not allowed.
 - Please use the provided sheet and follow instructions on sheet.
 - Extra sheets are available by request
 - For the sermon part, each blank should be filled in, **and** there should be a phrase or two about each point in the sermon.
7. Completion of all lessons before class. This includes the following:
 - Reading from the Catechism
 - Reading from the Bible
 - Completion of all worksheets
8. Completion of memory quizzes. Students must complete the memory quiz in class.
9. Participation in class
 - This assumes that the lesson has been completed before class
 - This means that students will fill in blanks in Lecture notes or take notes as asked by the teacher
 - This requires that students listen to the lecture/discussion and participate by speaking in turn and asking appropriate questions.
10. Extra-confirmation requirements—
 - Retreats: *If Student cannot attend one of the retreats, please talk to Pastor Eric **before** event to make alternate arrangements.*
 - Student must participate in the following:
 - **Nov 22-23-** Fall Retreat at Inspiration Point
 - Confirmation Retreat at Inspiration Point Bible Camp. **March 6-8, 2020 OR March 13-15, 2020--** The whole class will attend one or the other.
 - 3-Hour Service Project or equivalent along with service report for each portion of service. The service project items need to be from the following list or be approved by Pastor Eric.
 - One hour at Church: Projection Operator, Junior Church helper, or approved work project at church
 - Two hours (or more) volunteering at one of the following: Nursing Home, Food Shelf, Salvation Army, or similar.
11. Parent participation: There is a parent question and alternative assignment. Please pick one and *do it together!* These parent participation questions provide a great opportunity for you and your student to discuss important spiritual matters—Don’t short-change these times.

12. If you are going to be gone on a Wednesday, please hand in your assignments before you go. If this is not possible, or if you miss because of an illness or family emergency, please hand in your assignments as soon as possible. Don't get behind!!!
Assignments are available online on the confirmation page of the Calvary website or by contacting Pastor Eric.

THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT!!!

- The catechism was not originally intended as a tool for pastors to use with students before the students receive their first communion. Martin Luther wrote the book as a tool for parents to use to teach their children the fundamentals of the Christian faith. For this reason (and because I see great value in it) I want to **strongly** encourage parents to **complete** the confirmation lessons with their students. I want the written answers to be in the student's handwriting—but it is perfectly acceptable for the parents to sit beside the student and work through the material and answer the questions *together*.
- Because different students learn at different speeds and with different levels of ability, I will gladly work with each family if the amount of work proves to be too much. Please attempt to accomplish the material as assigned, but after a few weeks please feel free to contact me to set up a meeting to discuss how we should proceed.
- All grades will be recorded online in Google docs/Google sheets. The documents will be shared with you and the plan is to have links on the confirmation page of the Calvary website. It is the responsibility of you and your student to make sure you are keeping up with your work.

GRADING:

To encourage excellence as we work through our confirmation material, each student will be required to maintain at least a cumulative score of at least 80%. Any assignment or quiz that receives a score less than 80% will be returned and must be corrected or retaken.

Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."