



Confirmation Overview

Confirmation is a dedicated time for young people to explore and question the Christian faith as they discern their own experiences of the living God and their own claims of faith. The confirmation program, through conversations and even driving confirmands to different events, becomes a family exploration of faith and therefore a family commitment.

Components of the Confirmation Journey

Worship

- Attend service on Communion Sundays : Sunday School will go to worship on these dates.
- Serve in one worship service over the course of the year
- Be active in Youth Sunday (May 21)
- Attend the Worship Experiences at Catholic, Gospel services, and Shabbat service listed on the calendar with the group

Study and Prayer

- Attend Sunday School weekly from September to May.
- Attend Confirmation Class monthly.
- Meet with Shepherd regularly throughout Confirmation
- Read the Book of Luke with mentor and complete study guide.

Serving and Loving our Neighbors

- Attend youth group events where we serve at Robert's Park, host IHN nights, etc.
- Attend Serve Indy in the Spring of 2017
- Attend Culture Sundays and Culture Nights to learn about other cultures and their beliefs

Friends, Fellowship, and Joy

- Attend youth group regularly. We meet at 11:30 a.m.-1:00p.m. in the Middle School youth room on Sundays.

The confirmation journey at Meridian Street is shaped to include components that help support growing in Christ's ways. Expectations are set so that experiences become practices of faith that will root youth more deeply in the love of God and help them become ever-more fully who God has made them to be.



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What is a Shepherd?

A Shepherd is a person in the who will be your guide through confirmation. Just like a shepherd guides his sheep, your Shepherd will help guide you. You and your Shepherd will meet regularly and read through the book of Luke together. You will experience and discuss new worship experiences together. This person is an adult who will be on “your team”. Someone to encourage you, talk to you, cheer for you, etc. throughout our life! A great time to meet would be Sunday mornings. You can always use our youth rooms, just let me know!

Who can be my Shepherd?

Your Shepherd can be any adult from the Meridian Street congregation. We ask that youth and parents discuss who the Shepherd should be, hopefully someone the parents know and are comfortable with. We are available to make suggestions if needed!

What are the Shepherd Requirements?

Shepherds are required to meet with youth regularly to read through the gospel of Luke together and answer questions on a study guide. They are also expected to join us on for some meetings as shown on the schedule and join us on our confirmation retreat in January. We also ask that all Shepherds join us on the Worship Experiences (“Culture Sunday/Culture Night”) as well.



Confirmation Dates 2016/2017

August 7: Confirmation Meeting 11:30-1:00

August 19-20: Fall Youth Retreat (all youth!)

September 18: Serving Opportunity at Soup's On (9:45am-2:30pm)

October 16: Confirmation Meeting 11:30-1:00 (Shepherd's attend as well!)

October 16: Serving Opportunity—Host IHN 4:30pm-8:30pm

October 23: Culture Sunday! Worship at Immaculate Heart of Mary /Lunch

Meet in Youth Room at 10:30am-1pm

November 20: Confirmation Meeting 11:30-1:00

December 11: Confirmation Meeting 11:30-1:00 (Shepherd's attend as well!)

December 16: Culture Night! Worship at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation/Ice Cream

Meet at Indianapolis Hebrew Center at 6pm-8pm

January 13-15: Confirmation Retreat at Camp Allendale (Shepherd's attend as well!)

February 5: Culture Sunday! Worship at Barnes United Methodist Church/Lunch

Meet in Youth Room at 10:00am-1pm

February 19: Confirmation Meeting 11:30-1:00 (Shepherd's attend as well!)

March 19: Confirmation Meeting 11:30-1:00

April 23: Serve Indy! Worship at 9am; serve at 10am-1pm. (Shepherd's attend as well!)

April 28-30: Spring Youth Retreat (all youth!)

May 20: Confirmation Meeting at 11:30am/Youth Sunday Practice 10am

May 21: Youth Sunday (CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!)