

2021/2022 Confirmation Syllabus
 Text: The Journey New Testament and Beyond

September 19th	Session 1: Life's Handbook
September 26th	Session 2: The Most Unique Book Ever Written
October 3rd	Session 3: The Waiting is Over
October 10th	Session 4: Growing Up and Seeking God
October 17th	Session 5: Jesus's Baptism and Temptation
October 24th	Session 6: Jesus and His Disciples
October 31st	Session 7: Jesus Ushers in the New Kingdom
November 7th	Session 8: Jesus Shows Us How to Love
November 14th	Session 9: The Miracles of Jesus
November 21st	Session 10: Jesus, Master Storyteller
November 28th	Session 11: The Company Jesus Kept
December 5th	Session 12: Jesus is King
December 12th	Session 13: The Lord's Supper
December 19th	Session 14: Arrest and Crucifixion
December 26th	Session 15: Resurrection, Jesus Lives!
January 2nd	Session 16: Jesus Prepares His Disciples
January 9th	Session 17: Pentecost: The Holy Spirit is Given
January 16th	Session 18: Empowered by the Spirit, Prepared to Proclaim
January 23rd	Session 19: The Church Reaches Out
January 30th	Session 20: Saul, from Persecutor to Proclaimer
February 6th	Session 21: Paul's Missionary Journeys
February 13th	Session 22: Growing Closer to God
February 20th	Session 23: A Letter to a Struggling Church
February 27th	Session 24: The Church: Christ's Body in the World

March 6th	Session 25: Reconciled to God through Christ
March 13th	Session 26: The Church Defines Itself
March 20th	Session 27: A History of Power and Division/ 8th Grade Statement of Faith Papers are Due
March 27th	Session 30: God's Call to You
April 3rd	Statement of Faith Papers Read/ Building Block #11 & 12
April 10th	Palm Sunday: Rite of Confirmation/ Building Block #13 & 14
April 17th	Easter Sunday: First Communion/Building Block #15 & 16
April 24th	Building Block #17 & 18
May 1st	Building Block #19 & 20
May 8th	Building Block #21 & 22
May 15th	Building Block #23 & 24
May 22nd	Building Block #25 & 26

Confirmation Requirements

- Students and their parents will attend weekly Sunday worship services, midweek Lenten worship services, and special worship services held on Christmas and during Holy Week.
- Students shall attend all class sessions and complete assignments in their journals
- Students will complete 25 sermon reports
- 8th grade students will write a statement of faith (credo) and present it to the congregation.
- Students will complete 30 hours of community service (hours must come from more than one event)
- Students will complete memory work based on their year in confirmation
 - 7th grade-Scripture memory work
 - 8th grade-10 Commandments & elements of worship memory work

Absences

- Students cannot exceed 3 absences or the Rite of Confirmation will be delayed.
- Exceptions may be granted for hospitalization, parental visitation rights, or unforeseen circumstances at the discretion of the teachers.

Statements of Faith Papers (8th grade only)

Students write a brief statement of faith and choose a memory verse to present to the congregation. All papers are due on Sunday, March 20th. The paper needs to be typed and double spaced. Papers will be focused on the following 4 topics:

- What is your memory verse and why is it important to you
- What did you do for community service and what did you learn from that experience
- Who are people of faith that you look up to or who inspire you
- As a member of St. Peter's Church what talents do you have to share and where will you serve the church

Curriculum

- The curriculum for this year's class is The Journey: The New Testament and Beyond. This text is a journal on Discipleship/Confirmation which is designed for middle school students in grades seven through nine. Each week's session focuses on a specific topic and includes 6 days of related Bible study and reflection.
- Each student will receive a new Bible and a copy of The Journey.

Important Dates for Your Calendar

September 19, 2021 9 a.m. - Class Session begins in person.

December 24 & 25, 2021 - Students and parents are expected to attend at least one Christmas service: the Christmas Eve Worship Service at 11 p.m. or the Christmas Day Service at 9 a.m.

March 2, 2022, 7 p.m. - Lenten Worship Services begin and continue for the next six weeks; students and parents are expected to attend along with either the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday worship service

March 20, 2022 - Final Draft of Statement of Faith Papers are due (8th graders only)- students will practice reading their Statement of Faith Papers.

April 3, 2022 10 a.m. - Statement of Faith Papers will be read by the students during the 10 a.m. Worship Service.

April 10, 2022 10 a.m. - Palm Sunday - Rite of Confirmation at the 10 a.m. Worship Service; students and parents are encouraged to invite their baptism sponsors to attend this special service; if a child has not been baptized, then a Service of Baptism will be celebrated.

April 17, 2022, 10 a.m. Easter Sunday - First Communion at the 10 a.m. Worship Service; students will be served Holy Communion.

April 24, 2022 , 9 a.m. - Confirmation Class continues and will meet through May 22, 2022.