



Confirmation Handbook '20-'21

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Overview

Confirmation is a way for the youth of RLC to learn and grow in their faith. Confirmation is a choice and is not required to be a part of the church. This relational and educational ministry serves seventh through ninth graders.

With Roseville Lutheran's decision to not open in the fall came the reality that confirmation could not take place in its original form (at least not immediately). Therefore, confirmation will be online on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. but will be 45 minutes to an hour instead of the traditional hour and a half.

Attendance is still expected weekly. Also we still ask that you have a Bible with you to use on Wednesday nights.

Registration & Fee

Registration should be done online by going to rlcweb.myshelby.org, clicking on "Events" and then "Confirmation." You will need to login to complete your registration. Most families should already have login information, but if you don't, you need to register for an account.

At the time of registration, we require a fee to help cover the costs of supplies. This year, as a result of the pandemic, we decided to lower the price to \$60 per student (It will likely return to \$75 next year). The fee can be paid online or a check can be mailed to RLC with "Confirmation – (Child's Name)" in the memo line. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please email Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org.

Special Events

The 7th & 8th grade Retreat at Wapo in November is CANCELLED. We will make decisions about other events like the Lock In, 9th Grade Retreat, service nights and maybe even Fellowship Nights as we get closer to them.

9th Graders

While we do not know exactly what the year is going to look like but we want you to have these dates on your calendar. If/when things change, we will inform you of them, but these ideally are the dates for 9th grade families to mark in their calendar.

Important Dates:

9th Grade Parent Meeting - December 9, 2020 at 7 pm

Banquet, Photos and Rehearsal - April 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Confirmation Sunday - April 18, 2021 at 10:30 am

We are still planning on doing Council Night, Lenten Mentors, Faith Papers/Projects, Faith Conversation, etc. but we are not exactly sure what they will look like until we get further into the year. You will find out more information about all of these and more at the 9th Grade Parent Meeting in December.

Worship Notes

Each student is required to complete 8 worship notes during the course of the year. Each year in confirmation, this number starts at zero. Worship Notes can be found online on the Confirmation page and also on the Worship Stream page under Confirmation Resources. The other option is a Parent Conversation form (which you complete with a parent or guardian) which is worth 2 worship notes. You can only submit one worship note or parent conversation form per weekly service.

Watch Other Churches Online

This year, instead of service hours, we are asking you to watch 2 worship services online from a different churches and fill out a form online. One should be from another Lutheran church and the other should be a church from another denomination (Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Nondenominational, etc.). Again you can find this form online on the Confirmation page and also on the Worship Stream page under Confirmation Resources. If you typically fill out worship notes for a church other than RLC, please find a church that you are unfamiliar with to do this form.

RLC Mission, Vision & Values

MISSION: Ephesians 2:8

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Simply stated, but never complete. We humbly devote our lives, hoping through worship, to attain a glimpse of God's magnificence. We strive to serve others with love, every day.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

VISION: Matthew 22:37-39

A COMMUNITY UNITED BY GRACE.

Grace comes from God. Wherever people treat one another with compassion, kindness, generosity and love, God is there.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

VALUES:

LOVE

Every person is a child of God

HUMILITY

We do not possess the wisdom to judge others with impunity

FAITHFULNESS

The Lord has a purpose for us here, in Roseville

Together with nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we profess: This is Christ's church. There is a place for everyone here.

FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE, WE VOW TO

- Serve generously
- See God's grace in all who regard his creation with love, charity, dignity and respect
- Celebrate without exception the diversity in our community
- Embrace honesty and invite candid discussion
- Strive to be good stewards of the resources God has granted

Youth Inclusivity Statement

The purpose of this statement is to ensure every youth, regardless of their race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or ability has the opportunity to participate in a safe, supportive, and welcoming church environment.

We at Roseville Lutheran Church hope that every youth will learn to love God and love others, and that they will experience that same love themselves. With our vision of a community united by grace, we understand that wherever people treat one another with compassion, kindness, generosity, and love, God is there.

In alignment with our Mission, Vision, and Values, Roseville Lutheran Church acknowledges that this is Christ's church. All youth have the right to participate fully in RLC Youth programs in a safe Christian environment, free from bullying and harassment.

With our values of Love, Humility, and Faithfulness, we strongly support finding a place for everyone here. In that regard, all youth have the right to be identified by their chosen name, pronoun and asserted gender in small groups, facilities, programs, activities, and events. RLC staff will work with individuals and their families to ensure that they are able to access needed facilities in a manner that is safe and consistent with their gender identity.

Participants and/or their families are responsible for informing RLC Staff, well in advance of a program/trip/event/activity, of known or anticipated situation(s) that may arise or may cause undue stress for the participant. A pre-event discussion may be requested by RLC Staff with the participant/family member in order to uphold a safe, respectful environment which results in successful participation for all participants.

Student Guidelines for Video Calling Sessions

These guidelines are to ensure that every student has a great experience. In general, virtual meetings have the same expectations as in person meetings. Please read through these expectations and contact Abby at amatter@rosevillelutheran.org with any questions or concerns.

1. If you are not speaking in a video call, please make sure to keep your microphone muted so it does not interfere with everyone's audio.
2. There should be limited outside distractions during our sessions (i.e., there should not be other people or animals around you, or anything too distracting on the walls – inappropriate posters, etc.). If possible, sit in front of a blank wall and avoid moving your camera. If you need to walk away for a second, leave your camera and then come back. Also, headphones will help you block out distractions.
3. All background noise should be kept to a minimum during a session (i.e., TV sound, radios, dogs barking, etc.). Try to be in a quiet environment.
4. Video must be on at all times. If you want to turn on a virtual background, you can, but please pick one and stick with it. Do not continue to change it throughout the call.
5. No screen shots or pictures are to be taken during a video call!
6. While there is no private chat function in Google Meet, remember that written messages can read differently than if they were said orally. Keep this in mind while writing responses and questions in the chat and also remember everyone can read what you write.
7. Messages written in the Chat window during a session are saved automatically. Be mindful of what you write and share.
8. Be respectful of others while they are talking. Stay off your phones, other devices, and social media to respect your leaders and other students.
9. When you have a question or something you'd like to say, you can actually raise your hand.
10. When in breakout rooms, you are expected to be respectful of your fellow students and small group leader.

RLC Behavior Policy

The expectation is that young people behave in a manner consistent with them loving God and loving others and reflecting that they are at a church where they are being loved by God and by others. If there is problematic behavior, these steps will be followed:

1. Verbal warning
2. A parent will be called and the student and parent will discuss the problem. A Confirmation Ministry staff will also be a part of the conversation.
3. Call parent(s) in to join in with the student for the reminder of this event and continuing to do so for subsequent events and activities as long as the problematic behavior exists.
4. If behavior becomes persistent deeper conversation will need to be had between the student, parent(s), and a Confirmation Ministry staff member.

Bullying Policy

Roseville Lutheran Church has a no tolerance policy on bullying. Bullying is defined as intimidating, threatening, abusive or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and an actual or perceived imbalance or power exists between the student engaging in the prohibited conduct and the target of the prohibited conduct. This includes cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is defined as bullying using technology or other electronic communication including, but not limited to, a transfer of a sign, signal, writing, image, sound, or data including a post on a social network, Internet website or forum, transmitted through a computer, cell phone or other electronic device. Please report any and all acts of bullying that your child reports to you to a member or the Roseville Lutheran Confirmation staff immediately. We will take all reports seriously and take appropriate action to handle the situation in compliance with our policy, which is taken from the Roseville Area School's policy.

Confirmation Schedule '20-'21

September 23, 2020	Orientation
September 30, 2020	Team Building #1
October 7, 2020	Team Building #2
October 14, 2020	No Confirmation - MEA
October 21, 2020	Unafraid #1—Understanding and Countering Fear
October 28, 2020	Unafraid #2—Crime, Race, Terrorism and Politics
November 4, 2020	Unafraid #3—Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance and Loneliness
November 11, 2020	Unafraid #4—Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out and Finances
November 18, 2020	Unafraid #5—Aging, Illness, Dying and Fear of the Lord
November 25, 2020	No Confirmation - Thanksgiving Break
December 2, 2020	7th & 8th Grade— Generosity/Stewardship
	9th Grade—Parent Meeting
December 9, 2020	Prayer Stations
December 16, 2020	Fellowship Night
December 23, 2020	No Confirmation - Christmas Break
December 30, 2020	No Confirmation - Christmas Break
January 6, 2021	Service Night - Dresser Build
January 13, 2021	Peer Ministry #1
January 20, 2021	Peer Ministry #2
January 27, 2021	Peer Ministry #3
February 3, 2021	7th & 8th Grade—Faith and Science#1
	9th Grade—Council Night
February 10, 2021	7th & 8th Grade—Faith and Science #2
	9th Grade—Mentor Meeting
February 17, 2021	Ash Wednesday
February 24, 2021	Lent #1/Lenten Mentors
March 3, 2021	Lent #2/ Lenten Mentors
March 10, 2021	No Confirmation - Roseville Spring Break
March 17, 2021	Lent #3/Lenten Mentors
March 24, 2021	Lent #4/Lenten Mentors
March 31, 2021	No Confirmation - Holy Week
April 7, 2021	Fellowship Night
April 14, 2021	9th Grade ONLY—Confirmation Banquet, Pictures, Rehearsal
April 18, 2021	Confirmation Sunday