



2020-2021 Confirmation Class

St. Stephen's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA

✝ Classes are held ...

Every Sunday morning , 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

September through May

Attendance is MANDATORY.

- If you are late for a confirmation class, you may not receive class attendance credit.
- At the September Orientation, you must notify the Pastor if class attendance will be problematic for you due to any unique family situation.
- An excused absence may be granted in case of illness. *A call or email to the church office and a note from a parent or guardian is required.*
- If it becomes absolutely necessary that you cannot attend a class for whatever reason, including illness, *please call or email the church office giving the reason for your absence.*
- The absence of six (6) classes for the year is cause for extreme action on part of the Church Council. ***Failure to attend classes could lead to expulsion from the Confirmation Class.***
- **ALL MISSED WORK MUST BE MADE UP.**

Confirmation

✝ You are encouraged to attend Worship Service *every Sunday*.

- You are required to **attend worship TWICE A MONTH**; one Sunday preferably being a **Communion Worship Service**.
- You are required to **attend one (1) Lenten mid-week service**.
- In order for you to receive credit for attending a worship service, you must participate in a reverent way for the entire service and **complete and place an attendance slip** in the offering plate.
- If you must leave a Worship Service before the end of that Service for a valid reason, i.e., sickness, fellowship host, family commitment, etc., *you must notify the Pastor prior to that Service*.
- If you leave a Worship Service without a valid reason, i.e., sickness, fellowship host, family commitment, etc., *you will not receive Worship Service attendance credit*.

✝ You are required to **complete a minimum of THREE (3) WORSHIP SERVICE ACTIVITIES each year** of the 2-year Confirmation Class Program selected from the list below:

- Choir Member
- Acolyte
- Greeter (*proper attire required*)
- Usher (*proper attire required*)
- Lay Reader (*proper attire required*)
- Attend Gracedale Worship Service
- Nursery Sitter (*no Worship Service credit given*)

✝ You are required to **submit FOUR (4) SERMON SUMMARIES each year** during the class year.

- The summaries are not complex. The Pastor or teacher will discuss these summaries with you and designate the Sundays they may be completed.
- To receive credit for a Sermon Summary, you must complete a summary sheet and place it in the Sermon Summary box on the Confirmation table in the Narthex after the Worship Service.
- The content of the Sermon Summaries will be approved by the Pastor or the teacher.

Requirements

Confirmation marks the fulfillment of the promises about faith made by parents and parish at infant baptism.



✝ You are required to **complete a minimum of THREE (3) SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** each year of the 2-year Confirmation Class Program selected from the list below:

- Sunday School Fundraiser
- Fellowship Host (*hosted by you and your family*)
- Easter Breakfast (*set-up, serve, clean-up*)
- Vacation Bible School Helper (*between 1st and 2nd year*)
 - ◆ If you select to be a helper at VBS for the full 2-weeks, you will receive two (2) credits.
 - ◆ If you select to be a helper at VBS and help out *less than* the full 2 weeks, you will receive one (1) credit.

✝ You are required to **attend ONE (1) CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING** (of your choosing) during the 2-year Confirmation Class Program.

- Evangelism
- Finance/Stewardship
- Property
- Social Ministry
- Worship & Music



Confirmation Requirements

- ✝ You must **achieve a grade of 60% or higher on all written tests.**
If your grade falls below 60%, you must re-take the test on the designated date.
All written tests are open book.
- ✝ All requirements **must be completed by May 23, 2021.**
- ✝ After all requirements are met by the 2nd year student, the Pastor and the Confirmation teachers will submit the Confirmand's name to the Church Council for approval.



The heart overflows with gladness, and leaps and dances for the joy it has found in God. In this experience the Holy Spirit is active, and has taught us in the flash of a moment the deep secret of joy. You will have as much joy and laughter in life as you have faith in God. - Martin Luther