



2016-2017 Confirmation Class

St. Stephen's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, Pa.

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



† 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 Requirements

✝ 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
- Cross Bearer
- 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.

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- ✝ 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
 - Bazaar/Festival/Community Day
 - Sunday Night Programs
 - Fellowship Host (*hosted by you and your family*)
 - Easter Breakfast (*set-up, serve, clean-up*)
 - Retreat at Bear Creek Camp
 - 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 COUNCIL MEETING** during the 2-year Confirmation Class Program.

- ✝ 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

- ✝ 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 2, 2017.**

- ✝ 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.

- ✝ **Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017.**