

Confirmation Covenant

The expectations for the Participant to fulfill during both First AND Second Year of the confirmation program:

- 1) To complete the course expectations and demonstrate knowledge of the year's material.
- 2) To attend worship regularly with the minimum expectation being 65% of Sundays from September through June. If on vacation or visiting another church, an initialed bulletin or note from where you attended is acceptable. Attendance at a funeral, wedding or mid-week worship service also counts as worship attendance.
- 3) To complete 10 sermon notes each year, with the expectation that there will be 20 total completed by the end of the second year. These are important because it helps the students improve their ability to analyze the Word of God in a relevant context. The Pastor has a tangible opportunity to help the Confirmands improve this skill, while encouraging spiritual discovery.
- 4) To attend Sunday School regularly, with the minimum expectation being 65% of Sunday School classes from September through June. The interaction between Confirmands, Sunday School teachers, and the Pastor (including the questions, answers, and practical applications of theology discussed in class) are unique to each class setting and cannot be reproduced outside of that class session. Each class serves to build upon and promote knowledge and faith as well as encouraging fellowship among the Confirmation Class as a whole.
- 5) To complete 10 Service Hours each year, with the expectation that there will be 20 total hours completed by the end of the second year. Yearly hours are to be broken down into a combination of Community Service Hours (service hours) and Christian Involvement Credit Hours (credit hours) as follows: 6 service hours, 2 credit hours, and 2 remaining hours to be completed as desired by student (service hours and/or credit hours). A list of credit hour activities is on the back.
- 6) To attend the annual retreat at Bear Creek Camp over Columbus Day weekend (Sun-Mon in October).
- 7) To participate within the Mentoring Program.
- 8) To work cooperatively with the Sunday School teachers, church council, Director of Christian Education, and the Pastor.

Expectations for the participant to fulfill within any timeframe of the Confirmation Program:

1. To memorize and demonstrate knowledge of the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostle's Creed.
2. To attend one church council meeting.
3. To develop one's own individual Faith Statement. The Faith Statement is a chance for each Confirmand to put into words what he/she personally believes about his/her faith. The most important part about Faith Statements is not the length, but the honesty in expressing what it is the Confirmand actually believes and why they want to be confirmed.

Student Commitment:

I understand the expectations of the confirmation program at Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church and will do my best to complete the expectations with a joyful and faithful attitude.

Student signature

Date

Expectations for the parents in the Confirmation Program:

1. To review the expectations and put the appropriate dates, including parent Sundays, the annual retreat and the confirmation date, on the family calendar.
2. To encourage and promote your child’s interest in the program.
3. To notify the church office if illness or another emergency will prevent your child from attending a scheduled event.
4. To relate your concerns about your child’s progress to the Pastor and the Director of Christian Education. ***Please talk to us whenever you have a question about confirmation. Confirmation is meant to be an enjoyable and enlightening experience for both Confirmands and parents.*** It is the first big step in forming Christ-Followers and disciples.
5. To participate with your child in the program where appropriate (worship, Parent Sundays, etc.).

Parental Commitment:

I understand the expectations of the confirmation program at Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church. I will support and encourage my child’s participation in the program. I will pray for my child and the confirmation staff as they embark on this faith journey.

Parent signature

Parent Signature

Date

Expectations for the Pastor and the Director of Christian Education:

1. The Pastor is to meet with the Confirmand, the parents, and the Director of Christian Education in the beginning of the Confirmation Program to foster and strengthen a good working relationship for this team as the Confirmands continue their journey in Christianity to grow in faith.
2. The Pastor is sensitive to individual situations and is willing to develop an individual plan for the stated program within the covenant. This is to be done in agreement with the Director of Christian Education after a team evaluation of the situation demonstrates such a need.
3. The Director of Christian Education will provide leadership, encouragement, guidance and support to the Confirmation program, Confirmands, parents, Sunday School teachers, and mentors, which will serve to nurture their continued growth in Christianity.

Pastor & Director of Christian Education Commitment:

Pastor’s signature

Dir. of Chr. Ed. signature

Date

Christian Involvement Credit Hours

- Acolyte (.25 CH) x 4 = 1 Credit Hour
- Bell Toller (.25 CH) x 4 = 1 Credit Hour
- Communion Cups (.25 CH) x 4 = 1 Credit Hour
- Send a note to a shut-in (.25 CH) x 4 = 1 Credit Hour
- Lector (.33 CH) x 3 = 1 Credit Hour
- Usher (.33 CH) x 3 = 1 Credit Hour
- **Choir** (Vocal, Bell, Chimes, Instrumental) (.5 CH) x 2 = 1 Credit Hour (this is earned by participating with the choir during a worship service and takes into account rehearsal time – rehearsal time alone does not count)
- **Worship Report Comparison** – 1 Credit Hour (write a one page comparison of another church’s worship vs. Jordan’s worship, noting similarities and differences)