



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Confirmands and Parents,

We only have a few things left and Confirmation Sunday is just around the corner!

- **Sunday, May 19th**– I will be conducting final reviews / interviews during the Sunday School hour with students who did not attend camp pioneer or for those who didn't make prior arrangements with me.
- **Sunday, May 26th**– I will finish final reviews / interviews with those haven't completed and I will plan to hold a rehearsal that morning as well.
- **Sunday June 2nd**– Confirmands are asked to arrive by 750am. I will have a quick rehearsal with them. The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the 830am service. Just a few notes regarding the service:
 - Confirmands will process down the aisle and sit together.
 - following the offering Confirmands and their families will be invited forward to the front of the church (by the altar) where they will receive their confirmation Bible verse, a stole, and a special blessings. During the blessings parents and other family members will gather around the confirmand at the positioned kneeler having an opportunity to participate in that special blessing.
 - After each confirmand has been confirmed, the service will continue with Holy Communion. The class expressed a desire to commune together so they will come forward and commune first as a group before the rest of the congregation.
 - Following the final hymn, confirmands will recess down the aisle to the back of the church Allowing members to congratulate them.
 - Once the greeting is complete Confirmands will be asked to return to the front of the Church for a group photo. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL THIS PICTURE IS TAKEN!**

Confirmands will wear robes that morning, but please dress nicely and wear appropriate footwear. There is no formal "dress code" but it is a milestone in your faith lives and we hope that your attire will be fitting for the occasion (ex. no shorts, flip-flops, graphic t-shirts etc.).

I wish to thank all of you for your participation and patience this year. We had to make some changes but we made it through. As I often tell the kids, confirmation is not an end or equated to graduation; instead, it is a new beginning! I hope to continue to grow in faith with ALL of you. I know how demanding life and schedules can be, but I certainly hope that faith nurture and participation in the life and ministry of St. John's can find a primary spot in your lives. So often after confirmation our youth will drop off... it saddens me greatly! Our faith and togetherness can shape our lives in remarkable ways! We are built for faith community. Again, I thank each of you! I have enjoyed this time with you, you guys have taught me a lot! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop me a line or give me a call!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Galen M. Purpura Jr.