

CONFIRMATION AT TRINITY KLEIN

The goal of Confirmation at Trinity Klein is for each student to be prepared and equipped to confirm their baptismal faith publicly by the conclusion of the confirmation journey.

Students will attain this goal as they take ownership of their confirmation journey by participating in and completing the following:

- **Launch Meeting**

A large group launch meeting for all students wanting to begin their confirmation journey will be held annually towards the end of August that will explain the confirmation process. Parents and students are required to attend in order to begin.

- **Confirmation Journals & Unit Check-Ins**

Students will each be given a confirmation journal that will consist of approximately ninety lessons broken down into eight units. Students wishing to complete the program in a year should aim to complete each unit in between Confirmation Church services.

We encourage students to share with their parents what they are learning along the way. This is a great opportunity to grow together! At times, the journal will even prompt students to share. What you put into the journey is what you will get out.

Each unit will begin with an opening video from Pastor Lee to introduce the unit and close with a video that will help guide each student's journey. At the conclusion of each unit, students will complete the "Unit Check-In" that will be sent to Pastor Lee, their parents, and a confirmation mentor.

Unit Check-Ins, videos, and other resources for your confirmation journals will be available at confirmation.trinityklein.org.

- **Confirmation Church**

Students will join with their families* once a month for what we will call "Confirmation Church" that will occur from 11am-12:30pm on eight Sundays throughout the year. Confirmation Church will consist of an hour-long worship service that is both experiential and focused on teaching connected to the previous unit in the journal. After the service, students will have thirty minutes with their confirmation groups. While students join their confirmation groups (led by confirmation mentors), parents will remain with pastor in the large room.

The focus of these services will be the confirmation journey and the Six Chief Parts of the Christian Faith. Confirmation Church will be in session from September to April. To complete the confirmation journey, students will attend all eight services of Confirmation Church.

* Should a student's parents be unable to attend regularly with the student, Trinity Klein will provide a confirmation sponsor for the duration of the student's journey.

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- **Small Group Participation**

Students who wish to complete the confirmation journey must be an active participant in a small group ministry during their time on the journey. Jr. High students may choose to be an active participant in Jr. Crew or Sunday Morning Crew, while high school students may be an active participant in either Sunday Night Crew or Sunday Morning Crew. We believe that both options are valuable for all of our students! Only one is expected to complete the confirmation journey.

- **Jr. High Fall Retreat**

All Jr. High students on their confirmation journey will be automatically enrolled for the Jr. High Fall retreat on September 27th to 29th, 2019. The retreat will be held at Forest Glen Christian Camp and the theme for the retreat is “High 5.”

- **Confirmation Verse and Banner**

As a student nears the end of their confirmation journey, they will select a bible verse (or have one selected for them) that will serve as their confirmation verse. During this time, we will provide materials and instructions for the student to complete a confirmation banner that will be displayed during the confirmation service.

- **Celebration Interview**

Once a student has completed their Confirmation Journal they may set up a Celebration Interview where they will review their confirmation journey and finish their preparation to confirm their baptismal faith publicly. For those beginning the journey in August, interviews will take place in the Spring.

FAQs

- **How will I receive communications about confirmation updates?**

- **Confirmation.trinityklein.org** will be your greatest resource for information, particularly for forms and resources for confirmation journals and confirmation church services.
- Download the **Remind App** and we will be able to send you text based reminders throughout the journey. Our class code is: @tkconfirm.
- **Confirmation Church Services** will be another vehicle where we will communicate needs to parents and students as we meet each month.
- **Emails** are our line of last defense. You may receive emails from Fran Geoca, geocaf@trinityklein.org, or Pastor Lee, hopfl@trinityklein.org, with updates as well.

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- **How do I register?**

All students may be registered for the program at confirmation.trinityklein.org. There you will find one form for 7th and 8th grade students and one for high school students.

- The 7th/8th grade form will also enroll you for your small group participation and automatically enrolls you for the Jr. High Fall Retreat.
- The high school form will ask which small group participating option you will be choosing as well as some additional options for high school students. If you choose Sunday Night Crew as your small group option, you will need to register at crew.trinityklein.org.

- **What is the cost of the Confirmation program?**

For Jr. High students the cost of the program is \$275. This fee includes a catechism, mini chalice for First Communion, banner supplies, robe rental, confirmation journal, and the Jr. High Retreat.

For high school students the cost of the program is \$60 with additional options that are explained on the registration form. This base cost covers catechism and confirmation journal.

- **What if I have younger children at Confirmation Church?**

Every member of the family is welcome to join us at Confirmation Church! During the 12-12:30pm time frame when Pastor Lee is talking with parents and confirmation students are with their mentors, we will have high schoolers available to take non-confirmation siblings to the Elementary School Gym for some fun. We have also coordinated with the nursery at Trinity Klein to ensure they would remain open until the end of our time together—they are wonderful for that! Please just let us know how many we should be expecting in the nursery.

- **What if I didn't join in August?**

Please talk with Pastor Lee about the next opportunity to begin your confirmation journey.

- **How long do I have to complete the program?**

This program is designed to focus a student's efforts into a one-year journey. That being said, if a student does not complete their journey within two years' time, they will meet with Pastor Lee to discuss restarting the journey.

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CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2019-2020

DAY OF THE WEEK	DATE	EVENT	TIME and LOCATION
WED	AUGUST 28 th	LAUNCH MEETING	5pm or 7pm, THE PIER
SUN	SEPTEMBER 15 th	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
SUN	OCTOBER 13 th	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
SUN	NOVEMBER 17 th	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
SUN	DECEMBER 15 th	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
SUN	JANUARY 12 th	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
SUN	FEBRUARY 9 th	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
SUN	MARCH 22 nd	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
WED	APRIL 15 th	FIRST COMMUNION	7pm, Sanctuary
SUN	APRIL 19 th	CONFIRMATION CHURCH	11am-12:30pm, THE PIER
SAT	MAY 2 nd	RITE OF CONFIRMATION	10am

For more information about Student Ministry and dates of events, please refer to our Crew Student Ministry 2019-2020 calendar.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR JR. HIGH STUDENTS

- **Acolyte Rotation**

All 7th and 8th graders are invited and encouraged to participate as acolytes in our regular worship services. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve alongside of God's people in His house. A Sign-Up Genius is available at jrcrew.trinityklein.org for those students who wish to join the acolyte *rotation* for a given season (Sept-Dec, Jan-April, May-August). Additional sign-ups will be made available for special services and seasons (Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter). Schedules for each season are made alphabetically. Students needing to switch dates once assigned must find their replacements. Priority for each rotation will be given to 8th grade students.

- **Life's Flight, April 17, 2020**

All 8th graders are welcomed to join us for our Life's Flight event where we take a "flight through life" from baptism to resurrection. More information available in the spring.

- **Jr. High Mission to Houston, June 8-11, 2020**

Each summer our outgoing 7th and 8th graders serve in our own backyard on our Jr. High Mission to Houston. We stay at Trinity Downtown and serve the people in the people of the inner loop through various organizations.

- **Epicenter, March 27, 2020**

Epicenter is a less-than 24-hour event that is a mix between a lock-in and a youth gathering. It consists of praise, study of God's Word, speakers, and plenty of games.