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 take place on eight Sundays throughout the year. Confirmation Church will consist of an hour-long worship service that is experiential, focused on teaching, and that highlights the unit we covered 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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

#### • 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. Sunday Night Crew Small Groups take place on Sundays from 6-8pm beginning on the second weekend of September and continuing through April. The night begins with food (at no cost) and fellowship, transitions into a time of games and a brief teaching, before transitioning into the best part of the night—time with our small groups!

#### 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 Allison Ostermann, ostermanna@trinityklein.org, or Pastor Lee, hopfl@trinityklein.org, with updates as well.

# • How do I register?

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

### What is the cost of the Confirmation program?

For Jr. High students the cost of the program is \$100. This fee includes a catechism, 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! Kids in kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are also welcome to join our Kids' Ministry staff at Kids' Worship. While Pastor Lee is talking with parents and confirmation students are with their mentors, we have partnered with Kids' Ministry to help assist with childcare during this time—they are wonderful for that! Please just let us know how many we should be expecting in the nursery or at Kids' Worship. For those little ones who have joined us, we will have a volunteer walk remaining siblings over to Kids' Ministry.

#### • 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.

# **CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2021-2022**

| DAY OF THE<br>WEEK | DATE                      | EVENT                | TIME and LOCATION      |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| WED                | AUGUST 25 <sup>th</sup>   | LAUNCH MEETING       | 5pm or 7pm, THE PIER   |
| SUN                | SEPTEMBER 19th            | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 10:30am-12pm, THE PIER |
| SUN                | OCTOBER 17 <sup>th</sup>  | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 10:30am-12pm, THE PIER |
| SUN                | NOVEMBER 14 <sup>th</sup> | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 10:30am-12pm, THE PIER |
| SUN                | DECEMBER 5 <sup>th</sup>  | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 10:30am-12pm, THE PIER |
| SUN                | JANUARY 30 <sup>th</sup>  | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 10:30am-12pm, THE PIER |
| SUN                | FEBRUARY 27 <sup>th</sup> | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 10:30am-12pm, THE PIER |
| SUN                | MARCH 27 <sup>th</sup>    | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 10:30am-12pm, THE PIER |
| WED                | APRIL 20 <sup>th</sup>    | FIRST COMMUNION*     | 7pm, Sanctuary         |
| SUN                | APRIL 24 <sup>th</sup>    | CONFIRMATION CHURCH  | 11am-12:30pm, THE PIER |
| SAT                | MAY 1 <sup>st</sup>       | RITE OF CONFIRMATION | 8:30am or 10:30am      |

<sup>\*</sup>For those who have not participated in the First Communion Milestone

### STAY IN THE KNOW WITH CREW STUDENT MINISTRY

For more information about Student Ministry and to stay up-to-date on events, please visit our website (students.trinityklein.org), join our Student Ministry Remind Class (@tkcrew), or find us on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube (Crew Student Ministry, @TKCrewStudents).

# ADDITIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR JR. HIGH STUDENTS

#### Acolyte Rotation

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 will become available at *students.trinityklein.org* for those students who wish to join the acolyte *rotation* for a given season (Sept-Dec, Jan-April, May-August) <u>once acolytes return to the worship services at Trinity Klein</u>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## • Jr. High Retreat, TBD Fall 2021

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcomed to join us for retreat as we head up to Forest Glenn for a weekend growing in fellowship and God's Word. Estimated cost of this retreat is currently \$160.

## • Jr. High Mission to Houston, June 6-9, 2021

Each summer our outgoing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders serve in our own backyard on our Jr. High Mission to Houston. We stay at Trinity Downtown and serve the people of the inner loop through various organizations. The cost of attending is \$100.

#### • Epicenter, TBD 2021

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. The estimated cost of this event is \$50.

## • Life's Flight, TBD April 2021

All 8<sup>th</sup> 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.