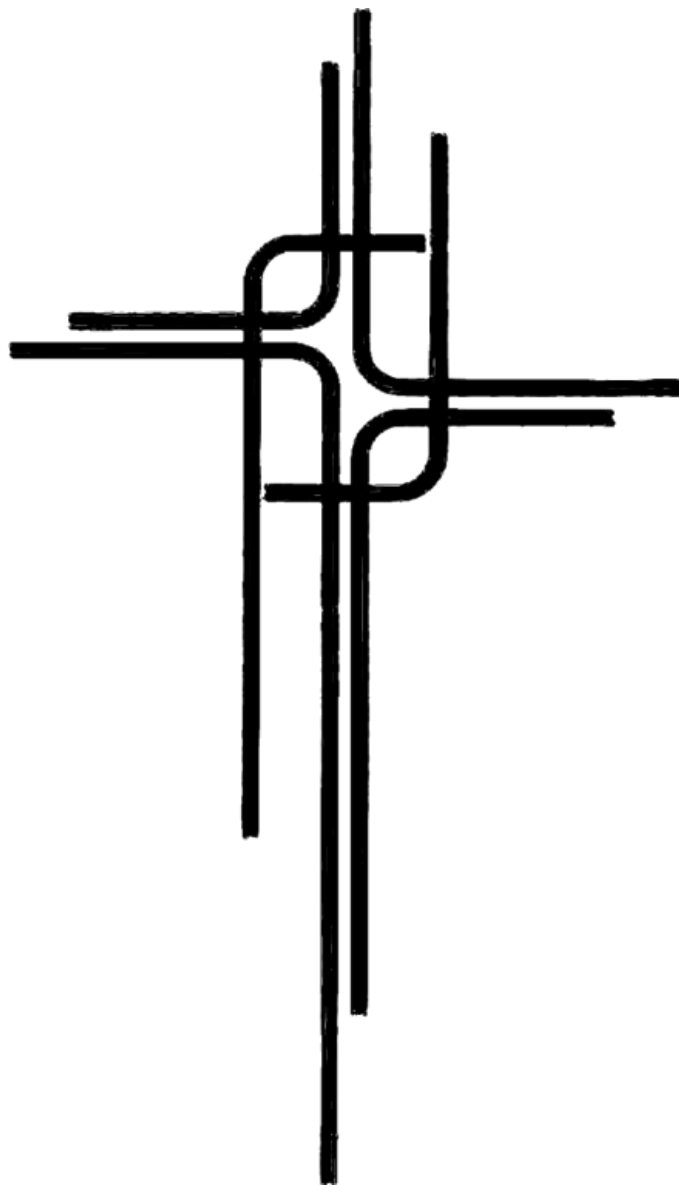


LACASA YOUTH



La Casa de Cristo
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CONFIRMATION

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1 Welcome to Confirmation



Hi! Welcome to Confirmation, a time where you have the opportunity to explore, ask questions, and confirm your faith in God our Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit!

The purpose of Confirmation is to invite 7th and 8th graders into a deeper appreciation of their faith and to create an environment that fosters incredible friendships that will learn to love God and follow Jesus together. Confirmation is a two-year, Bible based program held on either Tuesday or Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:00pm during the school year, whichever night works best with your schedule. Sunday morning youth group and church attendances as well as youth events, retreats, camps, and community service are also aspects of our program. At the end of the program, we have a special way of celebrating our Confirmands making a public confirmation of their faith at La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church in the month of October when they begin their Freshmen year in High School.

You can use this packet to get a taste of what Confirmation is like. But don't be mistaken, these informational sheets are no substitute for simply being in the community of the church and beginning to build a relationship with your living God! So jump right in, ask a lot of questions, seek the Lord, and begin the amazing journey of confirming your faith! We are here to help and walk alongside you and we can't wait to get started!

Pastor Chris Tansey
Director of Youth Ministries

Suzan Scudder
Associate Director of Youth Ministries

Pastor Matt Knopf
Associate Pastor

Any questions regarding Confirmation can be directed towards

LaCasaYouth@lacasadecristo.com

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"
2 Corinthians 5:17*

2 Questions and Answers about Confirmation



1. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation at La Casa de Cristo is an opportunity to publicly *confirm* your faith in Christ, which was shared with you in your baptism. It is an opportunity to experience God's love in worship, discipleship, and community. Together, we will explore our GREAT God and support you in taking personal ownership of your Christian faith.

2. When do I have to be at church again?

Confirmation is either Tuesday or Wednesday from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Some weeks we have off, so check the calendar or the youth website to know for sure

(www.lacasayouth.com). SEVEN24 is on Sunday morning from 9:00am-10:15am in the **Upstairs Youth Room (In the 100/200 Building)**. Please also join us for one of the LCDC Worship Services that work best with your schedule, either Saturday night or Sunday mornings. There will also be other activities and events to participate in as well, so check the youth calendar and be in on the scoop!

3. But what if I can't make it to a Tuesday or Wednesday Confirmation session?

If you know can't come on the night you are signed up for, you are more than welcome to attend the other night if you can go, please know we are flexible. If you miss a Confirmation week completely, please connect with your teacher & plan to come 20 minutes early the following week to catch up on what you missed. You are allowed to miss only THREE classes per semester before we ask you to setup a one on one meeting with your teacher for at least one hour. With only ten Confirmation Sessions per semester, missing more than three sessions per semester makes it challenging to catch up and understand the material.

4. But what if I can't make it to Sunday morning SEVEN24?

Be sure to sign in when you are here! Out of the 36 Sundays this year we plan to meet together, we allow ten absences. No need to let us know if you'll be gone, but if you have more than ten and want to (or need to) make up your absence(s) we have an easy solution. Please refer to the Makeup Opportunities page...

5. What are those "Worship Service Note" things?

Worship Service Notes are to help you focus and learn from the LCDC worship services. As a requirement, you have TEN total to complete. You can do more, but no less than TEN from August through May. Try to plan one per month so it is spaced out through the year. Please make sure you fill out every line, have an adult family member sign it, and then turn them in the same month you do them. We will have a drop box with the Ushers at all 4 worship services that you can turn them into, or you can turn them in at SEVEN24 or Confirmation.



6. How many “Community Service” hours do I need and why do I need to serve?

FIVE HOURS of service for the whole year is really easy because there are a TON of ways to serve, and you probably have greater requirements for school. What we are asking is that you turn in a REFLECTION on at least five hours of community service. When you complete a community service project, fill out our form with all the details and turn it in. It is important because serving is the way of Jesus who said, “The greatest in the Kingdom of God are the servants.”

7. What are “Social Events” and why should I come?

“Social Events” include Camp Bond, Winter Retreats, Confirmation Camp, Overnights, and special church events like #Lacasafamily Fiestas, Summer Pool Parties and Gym Jams! Any event that involves an “overnight” is worth 2 social events. All other events are worth 1 social event. We require attending FIVE social events per year as part of Confirmation because these events are awesome ways for you to develop incredible friendships, invest in your relationship with God and have tons of fun!

8. We have tests and projects? Seriously?

We work hard to make Confirmation AWESOME, and tests and projects are one way to make sure you are learning. There is no need to worry if you study and pay attention. If you need special test accommodations, please call or email us to arrange that. For test grades less than 70%, the teacher would like to setup a one on one with the confirmand to discuss material they do not understand. Projects are fun and could involve the arts, music, performing, writing and your creativity!

9. Why is Confirmation Camp required?

There are so many reasons why Confirmation Camp should be a priority for your summer scheduling. For over 40 years at La Casa, this has been every kid's favorite part of Confirmation for good reasons. We make our relationship with God our #1 focus for this week, with no distractions, exploring our relationship to the Father, because of the Son, through the Holy Spirit. The experience cannot be duplicated. It is truly amazing and offers a lifetime of memories, friendships and impact.

10. And what exactly is the point of this whole Confirmation thing?

In Confirmation, you have an opportunity to explore your Christian faith and “confirm” your beliefs. It is an opportunity to make your faith your own, not your parent's faith, not your grandparent's faith, YOUR FAITH! As we learn more about God, the Bible, and the Christian life, not only will you grow a lot, you also will have tons of fun and make friends that will last a lifetime! So we hope you enjoy!!

4 Progress Tracker Page



Confirmand's Name: _____

Sunday SEVEN24 Attendance: We plan to meet together for 36 Sundays from August to May.

- * Please miss no more than 10 Sundays during the year
- * Remember to sign in!

Confirmation Session Attendance: There are 10 sessions in the Fall and 10 sessions in the Spring.

- * Please miss no more than 3 sessions per semester.

Fall Confirmation Test Score: _____ **Completed Spring Project:** _____

- * If you receive a score of less than 70% on a test, we will setup a makeup meeting with your Confirmation teacher so you have an opportunity to better understand the material.

Attended Confirmation Camp: _____

Worship Service Notes: Turn in at least 10 during the school year from August to May

- * This amounts to approximately 1 per month.
- * The dates we worshipped as a family & our Confirmand turned in a Worship Service Note:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Community Service Hours: Serve at least 5 hours during the year.

- * Here are the dates, community service activity and # of hours my Confirmand served at:

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| Date: _____ | Activity: _____ | # of Hours: _____ |
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Social Events: Attend at least 5 social events per year.

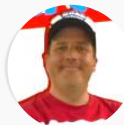
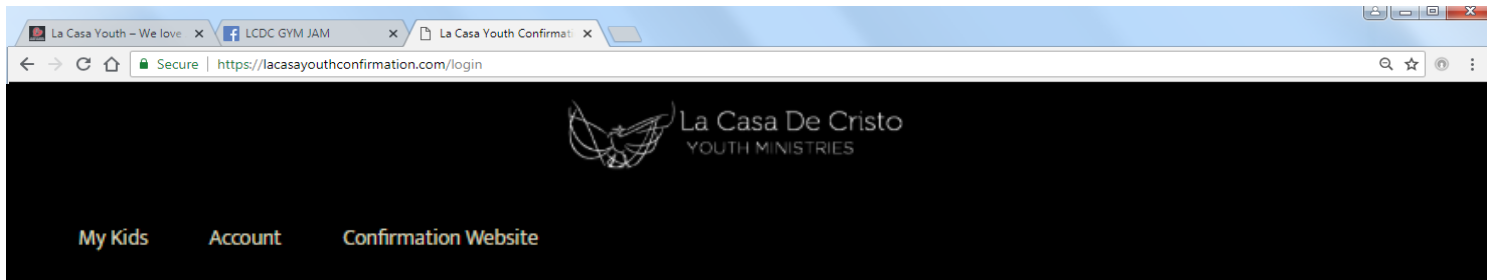
- * Overnights & retreats are worth 2.
- * Here are the dates/activities my Confirmand attended:

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| Date: _____ | Activity: _____ |
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THE LCDC CONFIRMATION TRACKING TOOL

www.lacasayouthconfirmation.com



Pastor Matt

Level 1

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SEVEN24 Absences	1 out of 10
Tue/Wed Fall Absences	2 out of 3
Fall Test Score	100%
Tue/Wed Spring Absences	1 out of 3
Spring Project Completed?	No
Worship Service Notes	7 out of 10
Community Service Hours	12 out of 5
Social Events	5 out of 5
Paid	Yes

Messages

Send us a message

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Submit

Pastor Matt a few seconds ago

THANK YOU SO MUCH! THIS IS SO TOTALLY AWESOME!! :-)

LaCasa Admin 14 minutes ago

It was great chatting with you today Pastor Matt! If you have any more questions, you can reply here or give us a call! Have a great day!

The La Casa Confirmation Tracker is an easy and efficient way for parents/guardians to keep track of their confirmand's progress in Confirmation. Kids can also make accounts to view their own progress!!

If you do not already have an account, you will receive an email invite by the first week of September. You will be provided a link to create an account so you can log in and see your confirmand's progress.

On your left is an example of what you will see. The drop-down menu allows you to view your confirmand's progress at different levels (level one, two, or three):

- Level 1 refers to 1st year 7th graders
- Level 2 refers to 2nd year 8th graders
- Level 3 refers to 3rd year high school freshmen who will be confirmed in October

If your child has more absences than you have recorded, it might be your child did not sign in or we made an error. Please remind them to sign in at SEVEN24 and leave us a message if you see discrepancies on any item.

Please feel free to give us a call at (480) 948-1234, send us an email (lacasayouth@lacasadecristo.com), or leave us a message on this webtool if you have any questions or concerns. We truly hope you find this webtool helpful.

6 Make-Up Opportunities



We understand that you won't be able to attend every single Sunday, Confirmation Session, or youth event — no need to worry. Our requirements for Confirmation take our crazy life factors into consideration, but here are some easy ways to catch up if needed:

Tuesday or Wednesday Confirmation Absences:

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Sunday SEVEN 24 Absences: *Remember to sign in!!*

- Out of the 36 Sundays this year we plan to meet together, we allow TEN absences. No need to let us know if you'll be gone, but here is what you can do if you have more than ten and want to make up your absence(s). Go to www.lacasayouth.com, click the MEDIA tab and then click on SERMONS. Watch any youth ministry sermon (that you did not attend) and write two paragraphs. The first paragraph should be a summary of the Youth Message and the second paragraph should explain how you will apply the Youth Message to your life.
 - Email or hand it back to us and we will remove your absence(s).
 - Two paragraphs for one Youth Message removes one absence.
 - Paragraphs should be 3-5 good sentences each.

Community Service Hours: *Remember to turn in your forms!!*

- If you need help coming up with community service hours, you can signup to be a volunteer for any of the bazillion LCDC ministries and special events. You can consider a local non-profit you really care about, call them up and find ways you can volunteer! Or if you're an 8th graders going to be Freshman in High School, you can attend our High School Summer Trip and gain 16 community service hours while having an incredible life changing experience!

When to Turn in Requirements?

- Please turn in requirements as you do them. We input requirements into our **online webtool** that keeps track of all your Confirmation requirements. You will receive an email invitation to setup an account after you register for Confirmation.
- Level 2 Confirmands planning to be confirmed in October 2019 must complete their requirements before **Sunday, August 4, 2019**. SAVE THE DATE as this will also be your Confirmation Weekend planning meeting.



What is a Confirmation Prayer Sponsor?



A Confirmation Prayer Sponsor showers our Confirmation program and at least one of our lucky youth in prayer. Prayer Sponsors can remain anonymous if they wish as they pray for their Confirmand on a regular basis, write them letters of encouragement (at least 2 per year). Many choose to send birthday and Christmas cards and can reveal themselves on their very special Day of Confirmation with a modest gift if they choose. We host about 100 kids and would love at least 100 Prayer Sponsors.

Who can be a Prayer Sponsor?

If La Casa de Cristo is your home church, we invite you to be a prayer sponsor! Every parent, grandparent, person who enjoys praying, or anyone who would like an opportunity to be motivated to pray more, please consider being a prayer sponsor!

What are some key times & dates to pray?

- Sunday Morning SEVEN24 from 9:00am-10:15am
- Confirmation Sessions – Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00pm
- Our youth events, winter retreats, summer camps (checkout our youth calendar)
- During School, After School, Weekends, Anytime really!

Sign me up!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to be a Prayer Sponsor, please contact Kelly McKennon (LCDC Office Manager) by calling (480) 948-1234 or email prayersponsors@lacasadecristo.com. You may request certain kids, Level 1 or Level 2, or if you do not have a preference, we can assign you a kid who needs one.



THANK YOU!