

Preparing for Confirmation Day 2026

Important dates your family needs to know (keep watch on email for updates, for changes)



CONFIRMATION TO BETHEL HORIZONS

(ADVENTURE COURSES) - Our Confirmation youth, 7th, 8th and 9th graders, will be participating in an adventure ropes course on **September 12th, 10 am - 3 pm**. We will meet at the ELC parking lot at 9:15 am. Guides are needed too. Looking forward to a great day experiencing the ropes courses together. Everyone needs to bring a lunch.

ITEMS TO WORK ON OVER THE SUMMER:

⇒ Youth explore the Faith Project questions, reflect and write their thoughts. Search for ways to express those reflections on a poster board. Brenda has a poster board for everyone.

⇒ Youth should email 3 labeled photos of him/herself (infant, child, and current) to brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org or bring printed copies to the church on **September 20th**.

Wednesday, September 9 | 6:30–7:30 PM, Confirmation Kickoff: Games, Snacks & Tie-Dye!

All 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Confirmation students will join us for a fun evening together featuring a **GooseChase** adventure, snacks, and chance to **tie-dye your very own backpack!**

Sunday, September 20th, 11:30 am - 1:30 p.m., youth will gather in the Fellowship Hall to create their stole they'll wear for Confirmation, work on their faith projects, and prepare for their interviews with the Congregational Council. We will provide lunch. Bring your baptismal date.

Sunday, September 27th 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, youth and parents gather at the Gunderson Camacho Funeral Home, 500 N. 8th Street, Mt. Horeb, for a discussion of how we, as Christians, deal with death, grieving, and the promise of the resurrection.

Monday, October 12th, from 5:45 - 6:15 pm youth will meet with members of the Congregational Council as candidates for Confirmation. They will each present their faith statement.

Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30pm Confirmation candidates and their families are invited to a sit-down meal in honor of the Confirmands.

Sunday, October 25th – is Confirmation Sunday, which is held on the weekend of Reformation Sunday during our morning worship service.

Preparations for Confirmation Day!

1. Living your Baptismal Covenant

On the day of confirmation you will be asked if you promise:

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear God's word and share in the Lord's Supper
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

2. Bible Verse - part of the faith project

Please choose a Bible verse for your 'confirmation verse'. You can choose any Bible verse, but there is a list of common verses if you would like to choose from them. Choose one that speaks to you; one that's your favorite Bible verse.

3. Faith Project (Includes 2 documents, 'My Faith Story' and 'What do I Believe?')

- To help guide your thoughts about your faith, please first complete our two documents.
- Take time to think about each question. It isn't something to rush through.
- Each student will have a poster board to place pictures that represent your Bible verse, your faith story and what you believe. (The 2 documents will be placed on the poster as well)
- Our 2 documents will be emailed in Word, so that everyone may type on the form, if they choose.
- Everyone will be able to share their Faith Project (on your poster board) with the council in October. The poster boards will be displayed in Fellowship Hall on Confirmation Sunday.

Common Bible verses

(use as a reference but feel free to choose others as well)

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 28:7: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 100: 5: “For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 40:28-31 ²⁸“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 43:1 Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Jeremiah 29:11 ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:13: When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 16: 16 “You are the Messiah, the son of the living God.”

Matthew 28:20 Surely I am with you always, to the end of the age.

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 10:14-15 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 11:25-26 I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 14:1-6 "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Acts 2:21 Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 8:38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

2 Corinthians 5:7: For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice."

Hebrews 11: 1: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not yet seen

Revelation 21:3-4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home⁺ of God is among mortals. He will dwell⁺ with them; they will be his peoples,⁺ and God himself will be with them;⁺ ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'