

Confirmation @ Kingswood











Kate Lapetino

- Classroom teacher for 16 years
- Instructional Designer for 4.5 yrs
- Coordinator of Youth and Serving Ministries for 1.5 yrs
- Lives in Buffalo Grove
- 2 kids (Molly—junior, Gavin—frosh)



Ed Leonida

- 11 years of helping with Confirmation
- Grill master
- Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins fan
- Lives in Arlington Heights
- 1 son (Evan—junior)



Amy Timonen

- 10 years of experience teaching confirmation
- Principal of a school for students with special needs
- 3 adult children
- Lives in Palatine
- Loves giraffes and all things
 Disney



Rev. James Preston

- Pastor for 37 years
- High School teacher for 1 year
- Lead Pastor, Kingswood for 14 yrs
- Lives in Buffalo Grove
- Fan of the Cubs, the Bears, the Bulls, the Sky, and the Bulls



Rev. Clayton Edwards

- Moved from Ohio to the Chicagoland area in 2015
- On staff at Kingswood since November 2017
- Favorite baseball team is the Cleveland Guardians
- Lives in Deerfield
- 2 kids (Clark—4th, Janjan—7th)



Lori Chandler

- Married to Bill
- 2 kids (Billy—30 and Cassie—26)
- Grandma to my beautiful granddaughter, Adelyn and new baby, Ellie
- 4th & 5th grade teacher: 8 yrs
- Big Cubs fan

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Confirmation Class Overview

In the United Methodist Church, Confirmation marks a significant 1 milestone in the spiritual journey of youth. Through this process, young people deepen their understanding of their ² Christian faith, make a ³ public declaration of their commitment to Jesus Christ, and prepare themselves for 4 active participation in the life of the church. Confirmation also fosters spiritual growth, encourages ⁵ service and mission, and provides opportunities for community building and ongoing discipleship. Ultimately, the purpose of Confirmation is to help youth establish a 6 personal relationship with God, recognize their spiritual milestones, and continue to $\frac{7}{9}$ grow in their faith throughout their lives.

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Confirmation Class Overview



Who: Any students entering 8th grade through high school

Program: Confirmation is a one-year program starting in September of 2025 and ending in May of 2026

When: Select Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 pm

Where: Mainly based out of the Buffalo Grove campus, meeting at the Deerfield campus occasionally

Why: To learn and grow in your faith journey and deepen your understanding of the United Methodist Church as you prepare to independently confirm your commitment to Christ

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, May 17, 2026

Confirmation Class Commitment



Before starting the Confirmation journey, it's important to understand the commitment.

This journey is a covenant—a sacred promise—between you, your family, and the church, to deepen your relationship with Jesus, and grow in faith.

This covenant includes:





Strengthening your bond with the church community.



Engaging in spiritual growth.



Developing leadership skills.



Participating in service projects.

These experiences will prepare you for Confirmation and a lifelong journey of faith.

We understand that life can be busy. We're here to support you and your student in balancing their schedules while honoring this covenant and prioritizing spiritual growth.

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Confirmation Class Experiences



Confirmation Class: Attend at least 10 of the 13 class sessions and submit make-up work for any missed class

Mentor Meet-Ups: Attend at least 4 of the 7 sessions offered or meet with your mentor at least 4 times on your own

Serving/Volunteer Opportunities: Serve at a minimum of 3 of the offered experiences or complete at least 3 unique volunteer events on your own

Other Faith Opportunities: Attend at least 1 service or event at a different church/synagogue

Youth Group/Sunday Night Live/Fellowship Opportunities: Attend at least 3 of the offered experiences

Youth Praise Band: Not required, but 3 performances would equal 1 volunteer experience

Worship Service Participation: Attend worship services at Kingswood UMC and serve as liturgist, Scripture reader, prayers/offering, and usher or greeter at least once throughout the year

Important Dates: Attend all of the important dates and meetings

(Confirmation Kick-off, Ash Wednesday, either Maunday Thursday or Good Friday, either Easter Eve or Easter Sunday, Confirmation Final Retreat, Confirmation Intention meetings, Confirmation Dinner, and Confirmation Sunday)

All activities completed during the summer before the program officially begins will also count towards your year of experiences!

Most Importantly, with this Commitment...

We will work together to make this year successful for you! Reach out any time!

Flexibility
Communication
Understanding
Grace



Sundays from 10:00-10:30 am)

Dates and times in a separate document.

*3 performances = 1 volunteer opportunity

Talk to Kate or Felicia to participate.

1. 9/22/24

2. 10/20/24

11/17/24

1/12/25

2/16/25

3/9/25

8. 4/6/25

12/15/24

Other Important Information and Details





1. 8/25/24: Confirmation Welcome/Kick-off Meeting

a 4/17/25: Maundy Thursday Service

4/26-4/27/25: Confirmation (Only) Final Retreat

4/27/25: Intention Mtgs (individual timed meetings) 5/4/27: Confirmation Celebration Dinner

b. 4/18/25: Good Friday Service

3/5/25: Ash Wednesday Service (any of the times offered)

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4/19/25: Easter Eve Youth-led Service

4. Holy Week (at least one)

1. Liturgist (Shelly Leonida)

2. Scripture Reader (Beth Barber)

4. Usher or Greeter (Jenn Sawyer)

3. Prayers/Offering (Rev. James)

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Goal



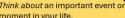
Participate

Expectations



- Be respectful
- Listen when others are speaking No phones out (unless instructed to use them
- Stay on topic

Today's Warm-Up



- Why was it important? What happened during that
- important event? We will share later in class.

Sunday, March 17: Class Notes

(SNL: 5:00-7:00 pm. Other events: Varies)

1. 9/8/24: Sunday Night Live (SNL)

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Ed and Kate lead the class called, Simple Worship

This lesson focused on the components of worship and had confirmands determining which elements of worship were the most important and why. We discussed creative ways to approach worship and realized that the most important aspect of worship is Jesus. No matter where you worship, when you worship, or how you worship. Jesus is the number one necessity for worship.

students and provide for them tools.

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language, and experience with

he United Methodist Church-

Family: Follow-Up Dinnertime Discussion Questions

- 1. What were some of the elements of worship
- 2. Which components of worship did you rank h 3. Which components of worship did you rank to
- 4. If you were in charge of worship, what would

Bonus: Sign up your child for our Youth Summ

Special Note: Sunday, April 14 is our Special C up! We don't have Sunday School or Confirmat

Students: Missed Class Tasks (optional, noth

- The Monday after class, you will receive an email update with notes, discussion questions, and missed class tasks. This will also be on the Confirmation
 - website (www.kingswoodumc.com/confirmation)
- 1. Read through and complete the tasks in the @Confirmation Lesson 12 Order of Worship pdf
- 2. Complete the Family: Follow-Up Dinnertime Discussion Questions.

Thank you and please reach out if you have any questions or ways that I can support you!

in today's lesson!







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You are in control...

