

August 12, 2026

Dear Confirmands and Parents,

School is starting soon and we are gearing up for a new year of Confirmation! Confirmation starts in the 6th grade and is a three-year program, concluding with the Affirmation of Baptism service at the end of the 8th grade year. This year Saint John, Emanuel, and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches in Council Bluffs are collaborating for Confirmation.

We are embarking on this cooperative endeavor for a variety of reasons. For practicality, it provides a larger critical mass of students while also decreasing overall preparation time required for each congregation and pastor. More importantly, however, it allows for us to connect and build relationships with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who live and worship in our community. The Church is larger than any one congregation, and this collaboration enables us to live more faithfully beyond the walls of "our church" as we Hear, Live, and Share the Word of God.

We will meet Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm with a rotating location.

Classes (roughly every other week) will be held at Saint John;

Service projects (roughly once/month) will be held at or based from Our Savior's;

Fellowship events (roughly once/month) will usually be held at Emanuel.

Please refer to the attached schedule. For your convenience, a Google Calendar has been created with location, time, and event. Monday reminders will be sent to those who subscribe to the calendar. *Please provide an email address to receive an invite to the calendar!*

Our first Confirmation event is a Confirmation Kickoff Cookout on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church. This will be a time for Meal, Fellowship, Introductions to Pastor Doug, Pastor Cara, Pastor Luke and fellow students and their families.

Other dates to note:

Wed, October 29 at 4:30pm – Meal and Program with the Watoto Children's Choir at Saint John

Wed, February 10 at 5:00pm – Confirmation-led Chili Feed on Ash Wednesday

Wed, April 21 at 6:30pm – Confirmation Final Project presentations and Fellowship

Wed, April 28 at 6:30pm – 8th grade Confirmation Banquet / Rehearsal
(6th and 7th graders serve the meal)

Enclosed is a general permission and contact information form. Please fill this out and return to the church office (physical or digital) by August 30.

You can also find necessary forms on our Saint John webpage. Here is how to find the forms:

<https://www.saintjohnelca.org/confirmation/> (or from the main Saint John page, hover over faith formation found at the top and then Christian Education, and select Confirmation).

All forms and information are linked on the right-hand side.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Luke at 712-323-7173 (office) or 712-527-0164 (cell) or by email revluke@saintjohnelca.org.

Pastor Luke