

Confirmation Classes - Grades 7-9



January will be a very busy month for our confirmation classes. Hopefully what follows will be a helpful guide to what is happening:

- ★ January 3 (Wednesday) is a free night – no class.
- ★ January 7 (Sunday) and January 10 (Wednesday) are planning meetings for our January retreat at Red Willow Bible Camp. We will meet at our regularly scheduled times, but we need parents to attend class with the students. So important to this meeting is our contract of behavior while we are away from ULC.
- ★ January 12-14 is our retreat at Red Willow. Letters have already been sent out about this, and you will receive all the rest of the information in class on January 7 and 10. We will leave Friday about 4:30 pm and return Sunday at about 1:00 pm. There is a small fee for each student (\$20). Scholarships are available.
- ★ January 17 is our Citywide Confirmation event at the Chester Fritz. We ask students to be in their seats at the Chester Fritz by 7:00 (sit in the ULC section), and the event will not be done until 8:30 pm. The program that evening is very unique and exciting. We are hosting Jonathan Swenson from Alexandria, MN, with his Paraphrase Theater. This is a ministry which seeks to share the Gospel in new, creative, and dramatic ways. The cost is \$10 per person, though, we cover the cost for students.
- ★ January 21 and 28 (Sundays) and January 24 and 31 (Wednesdays) are simply regular class dates for both our Sunday and Wednesday students.

And ... don't forget to be keeping up on your worship notes!

JANUARY YOUTH NEWS

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

Youth are selling God's Creation Calendars and we still have a few available. The cost is \$8 each. If you are interested in purchasing one please talk to Heather or the church office.



DON'T FORGET ! UPCOMING RALPH CLEANINGS:



- ★ Saturday, December 30th 10pm
- ★ Friday, January 5th 10pm (We need A LOT of EXTRA help this night)
- ★ Saturday, January 6th 10pm

* **Please be sure to attend all cleanings.** You should enter through the south student entrance doors and meet right inside. Be sure to check in with Heather. We would WELCOME and ENCOURAGE you to bring family and friends to help with cleaning especially on Friday, January 5th as we are cleaning the upper and lower bowls. If you know someone who needs volunteer hours this would be a great opportunity for them. Please talk to Heather or Pastor Tom with questions. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up friends.

Youth will be serving caramel rolls on Sunday, January 21st after worship.
All proceeds will benefit the 2018 National Youth Gathering trip to Houston Texas.



Take Note

- ◆ Church school starts back on Wednesday, January 3rd. No Confirmation this night.
- ◆ Confirmation retreat meetings: Sunday, January 7th and Wednesday, January 10th.
- ◆ Confirmation Retreat: January 12-14
- ◆ City Wide Confirmation: Wednesday, January 17th
- ◆ Youth Serve Rolls: Sunday, January 21st
- ◆ Heather is in Texas for youth gathering training. Monday, January 22-Monday, January 29.