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Our Mission Statement:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.”**



## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

At the end of this month we will have JR Confirmands or catechumens are the ancient church called them who will be going through the rite of confirmation. Catechism comes from the Greek to mean oral teaching. Or I like to think of it more in the Latin of *traditio*, or to pass on the faith. The idea is that in confirmation class the faith which has been believed and taught throughout the centuries is then handed on to the children. They get a chance to learn it from the mouth of the pastor.

This whole process of confirmation does not begin with the pastor or even in the church. The faith is first and foremost taught by the parents. They are the ones who will teach the little children how to fold their hands and bow their heads for prayer. The parents teach the children the words of the Lord's Prayer and Apostle's Creed. It is through the parents disciplining and set rules for their children, that children first learn the ten commandments. It is through the words of Confession and absolution spoken by parents to each other and then to their children that children first learn how to confess sin and then forgive sin. It is through parents living out their baptismal lives daily drowning the sins of the old Adam that children learn what it means to be a Christian. Parents are the ones who teach their children how to faithfully come to church hearing the Word spoken and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ faithfully.

To tell you the truth pastors like to think they do a lot in the way of forming the faith of children, but we do not. That is a humbling thought for pastors to think they are not the most formative force in the lives of children when it comes to the faith. Pastors see the children for only a couple of hours a week, we simply cannot do much to impart a lifelong faith to them. What pastors do is build up the faith which has been taught by the parents. They help to deepen the children's understanding of the Scriptures and God in a way the parents cannot. True *traditio* is done chiefly and foremost by parents and grandparents.

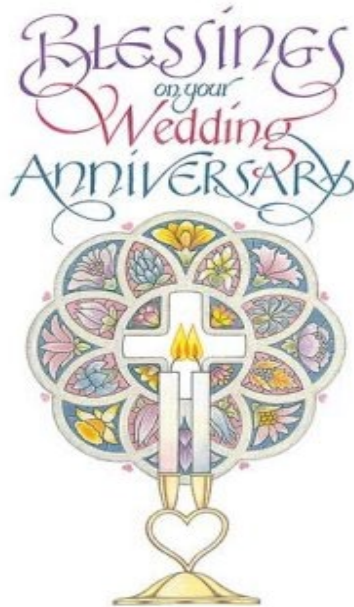
The work done in confirmation class is meant to build on this faith already passed on to the children. It begins with the assumption the children know many of what we would call basics of the faith and builds so they are ready to make a confession of what they believe in front of the whole congregation. Confirmation helps the children learn the language of the faith, answer questions about the faith, and most of all have words with which to confess what they believe. They make this confession first to the pastor, elders, and parents when they are questioned. There they withstand a fusillade of questions which they have been prepared to answer in confirmation class.

This leaves us with the title of this article The Rite of Confirmation to deal with. Here is where the children publicly confess what they believe before God and the congregation. It is where they confess they believe the same thing the church has been confessing for thousands of years and now stand with the All the Saints who have gone before them. These children have worked hard to get here and it is okay to be proud of them.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor

## APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

|               |         |              |
|---------------|---------|--------------|
| Llyn & Luanna | Shuck   | Apr 6, 1973  |
| Drew & Amy    | Hemmer  | Apr 9, 2016  |
| Ryan & Tara   | McManus | Apr 12, 2008 |
| Gale & Diana  | Maas    | Apr 16, 1977 |
| Dan & Misty   | Alfson  | Apr 19, 1997 |
| Jim & Jane    | DeVaney | Apr 29, 1988 |



## APRIL BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

|          |              |              |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Ione     | Schmidt      | Apr 1, 1951  |
| Dan      | Lindholm     | Apr 3, 1949  |
| Brendyn  | McManus      | Apr 7, 2013  |
| Bonnie   | Lindholm     | Apr 9, 1978  |
| Ashes    | Dean         | Apr 11, 2002 |
| Janessa  | Baumberger   | Apr 12, 2015 |
| Tarri    | Minor        | Apr 12, 1962 |
| Shirley  | Backus       | Apr 14, 1957 |
| Delorus  | Limmer       | Apr 15, 1969 |
| Lee      | Limmer       | Apr 15, 1951 |
| Kay      | Mendel       | Apr 16, 1961 |
| Rayden   | Lindholm     | Apr 17, 2005 |
| Marsha   | Ellison      | Apr 18, 1962 |
| Brett    | Martin       | Apr 18, 1993 |
| Ryan     | McManus      | Apr 18, 1981 |
| Addeyson | Olinger      | Apr 19, 2009 |
| Dean     | Hess         | Apr 20, 1941 |
| Louis    | Lindholm     | Apr 22, 1990 |
| Megan    | Bonstead     | Apr 24, 1988 |
| Jane     | Devaney      | Apr 24, 1955 |
| Eric     | Milbrandt    | Apr 24, 1994 |
| Mandie   | Miller       | Apr 25, 1993 |
| Jayla    | Baumberger   | Apr 29, 2018 |
| Tye      | Heidelberger | Apr 29, 1973 |
| Josh     | Bjorklund    | Apr 30, 1978 |
| Caesyn   | Hemmer       | Apr 30, 2017 |
| Benjamin | Delfs        | Apr, 1994    |



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

|                 |                     |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Marsha</b>   | <b>Ellison</b>      | <b>Apr 1, 1962</b>  |
| <b>Lacey</b>    | <b>Gehrels</b>      | <b>Apr 1, 1991</b>  |
| <b>Dean</b>     | <b>Hess</b>         | <b>Apr 3, 1941</b>  |
| <b>Mike</b>     | <b>Tammen</b>       | <b>Apr 4, 1968</b>  |
| <b>Josh</b>     | <b>Bjorklund</b>    | <b>Apr 9, 1978</b>  |
| <b>Tye</b>      | <b>Heidelberger</b> | <b>Apr 9, 1973</b>  |
| <b>Darwin</b>   | <b>Lindholm</b>     | <b>Apr 11, 2012</b> |
| <b>Beau</b>     | <b>Olinger</b>      | <b>Apr 11, 2021</b> |
| <b>Clayton</b>  | <b>Klawonn</b>      | <b>Apr 12, 2016</b> |
| <b>Mark</b>     | <b>Limmer</b>       | <b>Apr 12, 1968</b> |
| <b>Jill</b>     | <b>Martin</b>       | <b>Apr 12, 1963</b> |
| <b>Caesyn</b>   | <b>Hemmer</b>       | <b>Apr 13, 2017</b> |
| <b>Benjamin</b> | <b>Delfs</b>        | <b>Apr 14, 1994</b> |
| <b>Jane</b>     | <b>Devaney</b>      | <b>Apr 14, 1955</b> |
| <b>Jenna</b>    | <b>Baumberger</b>   | <b>Apr 15, 1988</b> |
| <b>Delorus</b>  | <b>Limmer</b>       | <b>Apr 15, 1969</b> |
| <b>Jayla</b>    | <b>Baumberger</b>   | <b>Apr 19, 2018</b> |
| <b>Carol</b>    | <b>Feldmann</b>     | <b>Apr 19, 1951</b> |
| <b>Amanda</b>   | <b>Hanson</b>       | <b>Apr 19, 1990</b> |
| <b>Tom</b>      | <b>Graff</b>        | <b>Apr 22, 1952</b> |
| <b>Krista</b>   | <b>Beeck</b>        | <b>Apr 27, 1957</b> |
| <b>Amy</b>      | <b>Hemmer</b>       | <b>Apr 27, 1982</b> |



To read the Bible in one year:

**SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>FIRST READING</b> | <b>SECOND READING</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| April 1     | Isaiah 25:1-9        | Romans 1-3            |
| April 2     | Psalms 114           | Romans 4-6            |
| April 3     | Psalms 115           | Romans 7-9            |
| April 4     | Psalms 116           | Romans 10-13          |
| April 5     | Psalms 117           | Romans 14-16          |
| April 6     | Psalms 118           | 1 Corinthians 1-3     |
| April 7     | Psalms 119: 1-8      | 1 Corinthians 4-6     |
| April 8     | Psalms 119: 9-16     | 1 Corinthians 7-9     |
| April 9     | Psalms 119: 17-24    | 1 Corinthians 10-11   |
| April 10    | Psalms 119: 25-32    | 1 Corinthians 12-14   |
| April 11    | Psalms 119: 33-40    | 1 Corinthians 15-16   |
| April 12    | Psalms 119: 41-48    | 2 Corinthians 1-4     |
| April 13    | Psalms 119: 49-56    | 2 Corinthians 5-7     |
| April 14    | Psalms 119: 57-64    | 2 Corinthians 8-10    |
| April 15    | Psalms 119: 65-72    | 2 Corinthians 11-13   |
| April 16    | Psalms 119: 73-80    | Galatians 1-3         |
| April 17    | Psalms 119: 81-88    | Galatians 4-6         |
| April 18    | Psalms 119: 89-96    | Ephesians 1-3         |
| April 19    | Psalms 119: 97-104   | Ephesians 4-6         |
| April 20    | Psalms 119: 105-112  | Philippians 1-2       |
| April 21    | Psalms 119: 113-120  | Philippians 3-4       |
| April 22    | Psalms 119: 121-128  | Colossians 1-2        |
| April 23    | Psalms 119: 129-136  | Colossians 3-4        |
| April 24    | Psalms 119: 137-144  | 1 Thessalonians 1-3   |
| April 25    | Psalms 119: 145-152  | 1 Thessalonians 4-5   |
| April 26    | Psalms 119: 153-160  | 2 Thessalonians 1-3   |
| April 27    | Psalms 119: 161-168  | 1 Timothy 1-3         |
| April 28    | Psalms 119: 169-176  | 1 Timothy 4-6         |
| April 29    | Psalms 120           | 2 Timothy 1-2         |
| April 30    | Isaiah 25: 1-9       | 2 Timothy 3-4         |

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Altar Guild: Mandie Miller ~ Diana Maas ~ Trish Tammen

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------|--|--|---|----------|
|   |   |         |  |  |   | 1        |
| 2<br>Sunday, April 2 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion<br>Acolyte: Sophia Fischer<br>Greeters: Gaylen & Shirley Backus<br>Organist: Shirley Backus<br>Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service. <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  </div>   | 3   | 4       | 5  | 6 Maunday Thursday 6:00 pm Worship w/Holy Comm.<br>Acolyte: Lorelei Welton<br>Greeters: Tyler & Nicole Backus Family<br>Organist: Peg George | 7 Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship<br>Acolyte: Olerick Welton<br>Greeters: Jesse & Alysa Baumberger Family<br>Organist: Shirley Backus | 8        |
| 9<br>Sunday April 9 -6:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion<br>Acolyte: Landen McManus<br>Greeters: Tom & Arla Baumberger<br>Organist: Shirley Backus<br><b>Easter Breakfast Following Sunrise Service</b><br>Sunday April 9 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion<br>Acolyte: Ainslie Klawonn<br>Greeters: Justin & Jenna Baumberger Family<br>Organist: Peg George <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  </div> | 10  | 11      | 12 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation, Bible History Class, & JR. Bells<br>7:00 pm ~ Youth Group<br>7:00 pm ~ Elders Meeting | 13<br>7:00 pm Council Meeting  | 14  | 15       |
| 16<br>Sunday April 16 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion<br>Acolyte: Natalie Feige<br>Greeters: Dave & Krista Beeck<br>Organist: Peg George<br>Sunday School & <b>VOTERS Meeting</b> following service   | 17  | 18      | 19 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation, Bible History Class, & JR. Bells<br>7:00 pm ~ Youth Group                             | 20   | 21  | 22       |
|   | <b>Pastor at Pastor's Spring Conference</b> |         |  |  |   |          |
| 23<br>Sunday April 23 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion<br>Acolyte: Sophia Fischer<br>Greeters: Dave & Kim Berg<br>Organist: Peg George<br>Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service  | <b>NEWS LETTER DEAD-LINE</b>                | 25      | 26 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation, Bible History Class, & JR. Bells<br>7:00 pm ~ Youth Group                             | 27   | 28  | 29       |
| 30 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b><br>Sunday April 30 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion<br>Acolyte: Landen McManus<br>Greeters: Josh & Neisha Bjorklund<br>Organist: TBA<br>Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service  |   |         |  |  |   |          |

