

Zion Middle School Ministry

2023-2024

Middle School Ministry

The mission of Zion's Middle School Ministry is to empower, encourage, and prepare youth for a deep life of faith and active engagement in the Body of Christ.

Support and accountability are provided in this partnership, with shared expectations for Sunday worship, Wednesday night learning and small group, and fellowship gatherings. Youth will have the opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask tough questions, and see what it means to be a part of a faith community as preparation for their Affirmation of Baptism service.



**Confirmation
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Zion Confirmation

Confirmation is an important milestone in your son or daughter's faith journey that began at their baptism. It is our joy to partner with you in helping you fulfill the promises you made at baptism and help your child grow in their relationship with God.

Confirmation is grounded in the basics: weekly worship, worship involvement, weekly learning on Wednesday evenings, faith growth, and community service. In addition, students are expected to attend a retreat in their 6th and 7th grade years and spend a week at Camp Wapo in June after their 8th grade year before participating in the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Service the fall of their 9th grade year.

See What It's All About

Parent & Youth Orientation:

Wednesday, September 13th, 6:00pm
*No Afterschool or Pizza Dinner on
orientation night*

Zion Faith Milestones



Primary Contact

Pastor Sue Wallager
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Sign Up for Group Texting with Remind

Text "@zconfirm" to 81010
or 484-866-8850

Zion Confirmation 101

Wednesday Schedule

Afterschool (optional)	3:30-5:00
Pizza Dinner (optional)	5:00-6:00
Confirmation	6:00-7:00

Confirmation Time

Announcements	6:00-6:10
Large Group Lesson/ CLC (Gym) Games	6:10-6:40
Small Group Time/ Large Group Lesson	6:45-7:00

Afterschool - Optional

On Wednesdays when we have confirmation or Lenten worship services, we will open up the Youth Room and gym for confirmation youth to hang out, play/run in the gym, and even get some homework done before confirmation begins. Having this option makes it very convenient for families whose youth attend Anoka Middle Schools as they can come to the church right after school and don't have to worry about transportation between school and confirmation.

- Youth who don't attend Anoka Middle Schools are welcome to join Afterschool time, so feel free to drop off your youth at church anytime after 3:30pm.
- Youth must be registered with Zion Confirmation in order to participate with Afterschool.
- It is expected that once a youth has signed into Afterschool that they remain in the building until after Confirmation ends.

Pizza Dinner

A dinner is available for all members of the family served from 5:00pm-5:40pm on the Wednesday nights of programming. In keeping with our child safety policies, *children birth to 5th grade will need to be accompanied by an adult.* There are 3 ways to pay for the dinner:

At the door = \$5 per person, \$3 kids ages 3-5, free under 3

10 Meal Punch Card (6th-8th graders only) = \$40

30 Meal Family Punch Card = \$120

Punch cards can be purchased online at any point in the year. Cards transfer from one year to another, can be transferred to a younger sibling, or be refunded at the end of the program year. Contact Pastor Sue or the church office for more information.

Confirmation Time

The confirmation time from 6pm-7:20pm is split between a large group lesson (1-2 grade levels at a time), games in the CLC (gym), or time with a small group. Each grade level is split up into small groups of 6-10 youth with 1-2 mentors. These groups are set as 6th graders and remain together during the 3 years of confirmation.

Small groups will alternate each week between starting with the large group lesson or playing games in the CLC (gym). Those who started with the lesson will then go into small group time that will be spent connecting together through sharing highs and lows and talking about the night's lesson. The groups that started with games in the gym, will then end the night with large group lesson.



Affirmation of Baptism



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