

# Confirmation.2025

## Route.567 & Explore.8910....Plus lots of Options...

### Fall/Early Winter 2025

Middle School and High School years have become filled with opportunities to dance, play sports, engage in music, theater, and many other things. Because of that, it is not always easy to get all the confirmation aged students together for one weekly event.

If I could define what I hope for all of our students before they “confirm” their faith... it is:

- That they know who Jesus is...and why it matters...
- That they know they are created in God’s image and precious to the world...all the time
- That they are made to love themselves and love others.

Understanding the challenges of gathering everyone at a time when bells are not ringing and no other events are happening...we are trying some new things this year that we hope will work for your family. Please feel free to ask questions or share feedback with Pastor Karen Locken.

#### Route.567

Route.567 (Grades 5, 6 & 7) - Last year our 6th graders did not want to say goodbye to this Route 56 group they had come to love. So, we are extending it as one of the options for Grade 7 and adding one more year of catechetical learning based on Martin Luther’s small catechism. It meets on Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 each week during the academic year in the Makery (the room where it has met for the past few years).

#### Explore.8910

Explore.8910 (Grades 8, 9 and 10) - This year we doing immersion experiences for this age range at various times on various days—at least 1/month. We also have some intergenerational experiences that students and parents could do together.

Options For Explore.8910 students (some are also open to grade 7 students)

Servant Event:

Harvesting Carrots at Cellanie Farms on Friday, October 17. Open to Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10. Time TBD. (Late morning/early afternoon timeframe) Sign up if interested....[karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org) Working alongside Pastor Doug and the staff of Cellanie Farms, we will glean the fields, harvesting the last of this year’s carrots. Cellanie Farms has already donated over \$6,500 worth of produce to the Waunakee Food Pantry this season.

Field Trip:

Aldo Leopold Shack Tour and Creation Care Event: Saturday, October 25, 9-1. Open to Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10

Sign up if interested.

In addition to getting to tour the grounds and building of the famous Aldo Leopold shack, we are taking Dr. Tim Van Deelen, Wildlife Biology Professor, UW Madison with us. AND.... Tim happens to be the Chair of the Department—the same department...and same chair...that Aldo Leopold once held. He will lead us through a magical encounter with the wild related to creation care. And, Suzanne Sackett is coming, too. She has art ideas for us to do that day, too Pastors will be the theologians in residency for the day:). Cost is \$15. Sign up now at [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org).

Class/Discussion/Gathering:

Breakfast Club: Sundays, 1x month at 10:30 AM

Fall Dates: November 9 and December 7

Meet at Peace. Sign up before—we will give you opportunities via email near each event. Friends are welcome.

We will have breakfast...and a topic for discussion with the pastors. Sometimes we will have guests to enhance what we are learning about.

#### Other Options...

Independent Study - talk to Pastor Karen Locken. Lots of ideas for this possibility. You may email her at [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org)

Ignite the Spark - we would love to have any of our confirmation students sign up to be on a team for Ignite the Spark. Ignite the Spark is an intergenerational opportunity to practice faith by investing in some need in our community. (There is a lot of information for this at the sign-up table in the Narthex...and on our website: [explorepeace.org](http://explorepeace.org). You may sign up at church...or by emailing: [peace@explorepeace.org](mailto:peace@explorepeace.org).

Art Classes - there are already some art classes scheduled—one on Watercolor as Play, Practice and Prayer which will be on Tuesday, October 21, 6:30-7:45 PM. Suzanne Sackett and Pastor Karen Locken are co-leading this opportunity. There will be other options becoming available as well. Sign-up for whatever might interest you as they come to be....

Who is Jesus? Forums - Wednesdays, October 15, November 5 and December 3 from 6:15-7:00 PM. Sign up by emailing [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org)

#### PYLT Team

This is a Wednesday option to do service work as junior partners for the Peace Youth Leadership Team through the 8th grade year (if interested) and then grades 9 and 10 are eligible to be regulars on the PYLT team. The Peace Youth Leadership Team works with our Route.567 group as well as our KiX groups on both Wednesdays and Sundays. If interested, let me know at [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org)

#### Affirmation of Baptism aka Rite of Confirmation Worship for 10th Graders...

We will do this for 10th graders...in the fall or in the spring. We can do it as a group...or we can also do it individually...like a baptism day.

If we do it as a group, I suggest sometime in February or March—like February 22. March 1 or March 8. Let me know what days work for you. Please email me your preferences asap at [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org).