

Faith Expression Project Guidelines

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As part of the junior high confirmation experience, confirmation students will have the opportunity to share their Christian faith with the congregation through a "Faith Expression Project." These projects are intended as a creative, personal testimony to God's grace in Christ Jesus.

Requirements

The confirmand will share a creative project with the congregation on Confirmation Sunday (third Sunday in May) during the 9:30 AM education hour. The project should reflect the student's own work. Because of the important nature of this assignment, all Faith Expression Projects must meet with approval by Pastor (or another adult authorized by him). **NOTE: No confirmand will be allowed to be confirmed without presenting an approved Faith Expression Project to the congregation.**

Specifications

- Project bears witness to the saving work of Jesus Christ in the student's life.
- Project clearly connects with one of the Six Chief Parts of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* (Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession and Absolution, or the Lord's Supper)
- Project expresses a personal faith in the Triune God.
- Project reflects the student's own work.

Project Possibilities

- Faith Talk (400-500 word statement of faith) to be delivered orally to the congregation
- Painting, sculpture, or mixed media collage
- Short film (movie)
- Hymn or Christian song composition
- Video interview (10-15 minutes) with another Christian about their journey of faith
- Diorama or scientific model
- One act play
- Poetry collection
- Interactive web page or blog to facilitate dialogue and discussion around faith issues
- Another project of the student's choosing that has *prior* approval by the Pastor

Please Note: All non-written projects require a 150-200 word explanation to be included with the project. For example, if a student did a scale model of the solar system to talk about creation, the explanation should connect the project to God's personal creation of the confirmand or how God uses creation to provide her daily bread.

Project Proposal Deadline

The first draft/project proposal is **due February 28th**, in order to give Pastor adequate time to evaluate and respond to the students' proposals with appropriate suggestions. Pastor will provide feedback to students for necessary changes by March 15th.

Project Update/Second Draft Deadline

After receiving Pastor's feedback, students must produce a second draft (for written assignments) or update on their Faith Project **due March 31st**, for further evaluation by Pastor. Pastor will provide additional feedback and guidance for any necessary changes by April 15th.

Final Project/Draft Deadline

Students final projects and/or written drafts are **due April 30th**, for final evaluation and approval by Pastor. They will be returned to students at least one (1) week prior to the Confirmation Sunday worship service.