

SHEPHERD CONFIRMATION CALENDAR—2023-2024

The New Testament

SEPTEMBER

FOCUS: The Bible: Who wrote it? Why are there so many translations? Why are there four Gospels? And other important questions.

- 13 Orientation—For PARENTS and YOUTH
- 20 Lesson—Youth & Parents
- 27 Small Group Time

OCTOBER

FOCUS: The Christmas Story: God Incarnate

- 4 Lesson—Youth & Parents
- 11 Small Group Time
- 13-14 *Fall Retreat at Gustavus: Let's Talk about Parables*
- 18 Individual Project Week
- 25 High Schoolers: Confirmation Service Prep/
6th-8th Graders: Presentation of Projects
- 29 **Confirmation Sunday**

NOVEMBER

FOCUS: Life of Jesus

- 1 Lesson—Youth & Parents
- 8 Small Group Time
- 15 Individual Project Week
- 22 *Pies For Praise & Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
- 29 Presentation of Projects

DECEMBER

FOCUS: The 12 Apostles and other Men of the New Testament

- 6 Lesson—Youth & Parents
- 13 Small Group Time
- 20 Christmas Party
- 27 *No Confirmation—Merry Christmas/
Happy New Year*

JANUARY

FOCUS: Mary the Mother of Jesus and other Women of the New Testament

- 3 Lesson—Youth & Parents
- 10 Small Group Time
- 17 Individual Project Week
- 24 Presentation of Projects

JANUARY/FEBRUARY COMBO TOPIC

FOCUS: The Good Friday/Easter Story

- Jan 31 Lesson—Youth & Parents
- Feb 7 Small Group Time

FEBRUARY

FOCUS: Member Panels & Mentors

- 14 *Ash Wednesday Worship*
- 21 Worship, Member Panel & Mentors
- 28 Worship, Member Panel & Mentors

MARCH

FOCUS: Member Panels & Mentors

- 6 Worship, Member Panel & Mentors
- 13 Worship, Member Panel & Mentors
- 20 Worship, Member Panel & Mentors
- 27 *Holy Week—no Confirmation Gathering*

APRIL

FOCUS: Acts and the Epistles

- 3 Lesson—Youth & Parents Lesson
- 10 Small Group Time
- 17 Individual Project Week
- 24 Presentation of Projects
- 26-27 *Spring Retreat: Sunday School Stories of the New Testament*

MAY

FOCUS: Apocalyptic Teachings

- 1 Lesson—Youth & Parents Lesson
- 8 Small Group Time
- 15 End of the Year Party

****Please note that all dates were chosen carefully after conferring with known and accessible 2023-2024 school calendars, as well as, the overarching Shepherd calendar. We know that some of our dates overlap with other events, and apologize upfront for this. With this number of calendars, it unfortunately, cannot always be avoided.**