

# The AMERICAN CHURCH IN BERLIN CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Date	Topic/Theme/Event	Notes
28.08.2016	Rally Day, Covenant Service, Introduction to Program, Expectations (for students, parents, mentors)	
04.09.2016	Adam & Eve: The Lovable Screw-ups	
11.09.2016	Noah: The Obedient Eccentric	
<b>17.09.2016</b>	<b>Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.-Noon</b>
18.09.2016	Abraham & Sarah: The Ordinary Patriarchs	
25.09.2016	Jacob: The Conniving Survivor	
02.10.2016	Joseph: The Virtuous Dreamer	
09.10.2016	Moses: The Frustrated Leader	
16.10.2016	NO LESSON—FALL VACATION	
23.10.2016	NO LESSON—FALL VACATION	
30.10.2016	Rahab: The Faithful Opportunist	Reformation Sunday
06.11.2016	Confirmation Bible Verse Project Check	All Saints Sunday
<b>11.-13.11.2016</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION RETREAT</b>	<b>Wort des Lebens</b>
20.11.2016	Deborah: The Exasperated Matriarch	Christ the King
27.11.2016	Samson: The Raging Prima Donna	Advent Begins
04.12.2016	Ruth: The Tenacious Outsider	
<b>10.12.2016</b>	<b>Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.-Noon</b>
11.12.2016	David: The Flawed and Beloved King	
17.12.2016.	CHRISTMAS PARTY Leberstr. 7, 10829	18:00-21:00
18.12.2016.	Solomon: The Ambitious Son	
25.12.2016	NO LESSON—CHRISTMAS VACATION	Christmas Day
01.01.2017	NO LESSON—CHRISTMAS VACATION	Christmas 1
08.01.2017	Elijah: The Get-R-Done Prophet	Baptism of Our Lord
15.01.2017	Daniel: The Invincible Visionary	
<b>21.01.2017</b>	<b>Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.-Noon</b>
22.01.2017	Jonah: The Passive-Aggressive Coot	
29.01.2017	NO LESSON—WINTER VACATION	

05.02.2017	Mary the Mother of Jesus: The Long-Suffering Mom	
12.02.2017	John the Baptist: The Rustic Herald	
18.02.2017	<b>Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)</b>	10:00 A.M.-Noon
19.02.2017	Centurion: The Roman Convert	
26.02.2017	12 Disciples: The Provincial Bumpkins	Transfiguration
05.03.2017	Sheep: The Innocent Wanderers	
12.03.2017	Simon Peter: The Earnest Blockhead	
18.03.2017	<b>Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)</b>	10:00 A.M.-Noon
19.03.2017	Syrophoenician Woman: The Mama Bear	
26.03.2017	Sadducees & Pharisees: The Legalistic Bureaucrats	
02.04.2017	Mary & Martha: The Bickering Sisters	
09.04.2017	NO LESSON—EASTER VACATION	
13.04.2017	HOLY WEEK	Maundy Thursday
14.04.2017	HOLY WEEK	Good Friday
16.04.2017	NO LESSON—EASTER VACATION	Day of Resurrection
22.04.2017	<b>Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)</b>	10:00 A.M.-Noon
23.04.2017	Judas Iscariot: The Disappointed Revolutionary	
30.04.2017	Confirmation Bible Verse Projects Due	
07.05.2017	Pontius Pilate: The Troubled Politician	
14.05.2017	Mary Magdalene: The Unsung Apostle	
20.05.2017	<b>Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)</b>	10:00 A.M.-Noon
21.05.2017	Thomas: The Zealous Fool	
28.05.2017	Saul/Paul: The Relentless Evangelist	
04.06.2017	PENTECOST—CONFIRMATION DAY	Pentecost Sunday
11.06.2017	Lydia: The Wealthy Philanthropist	Holy Trinity Spring Annual Mtg.
18.06.2017	MATRICULATION	
25.06.2017	LAST DAY OF CLASS	

## Confirmation Lessons on Sundays

12:15-13:15

## WORSHIP OBSERVATION SHEETS

Worship Observation sheets are an exercise in active worship participation. The questions asked on the sheets and the tasks assigned are expected of every worshipper. Since confirmation is a learning process designed to deepen one's faith, the worship sheets are one way (not the only way) to measure your worship involvement. **We expect fifteen (15) to be completed over the year of instruction.** They are to be handed in to Ruth Bakke or Pastor Kienberger. The sheets will be reviewed and returned to the student with comments. See Expectations sheet!

## SPECIAL MENTOR MEETINGS

10:00-10:45 Mentor Meetings (see calendar & announcements)

\*Mentors should attend the rally day class on 28.08.16 with the students and parents at 12:15 - 13:15

11.09.2016

06.11.2016

26.02.2017

21.05.2017

## Third Year Faith Statements

Third Year Confirmation Students will meet once a month in preparation for giving their Faith Statements to the Congregation on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays in May. Students will have opportunity to work on these statements with their mentors, and all mentors must sign the statement by the **final date for submission on Sunday, May 14.** A confirmation rehearsal is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 3.

## FINAL NOTE

The most crucial factor in this confirmation program is **PARTICIPATION**. Christian faith is about relationship; one's relationship with Jesus and with others. For this reason there is little "homework" but a great deal of class work. The classroom is the congregation, its life of worship, service and fellowship. The student cannot complete this course without being present either for instruction or congregational events.

If one participates, a deepening of faith will occur, the Holy Spirit will be present and one will be able to give witness to one's Christian faith.

At the end of the instruction period an evaluation in the form of an interview together with parents, mentors, students and teachers will be made.

## PRAYER

A prayer for those affirming their faith: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young sisters and brothers your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen