

The AMERICAN CHURCH IN BERLIN

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2017-2018

Date	Topic/Theme/Event	Notes
03.09.17	Rally Day	
10.09.17	Acolyte Practice, Worship Reflection Sheet Practice	
16.09.17	Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
17.09.17	Mentors meet with students	
24.09.17	Sacrament of Baptism	
01.10.17	Sacrament of Baptism	
08.10.17	Martin Luther	
13-15.10	Confirmation Retreat	
21.10.17	Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
22.10.17	Commandment 1	
29.10.17	NO LESSON—FALL VACATION	Reformation Sunday
05.11.17	Commandment 2	All Saints Sunday
12.11.17	Commandment 3	
18.11.17	Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
19.11.17	Commandment 4	
26.11.17	Commandment 5	Christ the King
03.12.17	Commandment 6	Advent Begins
10.12.17	Commandment 7	
16.12.17	CHRISTMAS PARTY	
17.12.17	Recitations , Introduction to Bible Verse Project	
24.12.17	NO LESSON—CHRISTMAS VACATION	
31.12.17	NO LESSON—CHRISTMAS VACATION	
07.01.18	Commandment 8	
14.01.18	Mentors meet with students, select Bible verse	
20.01.18	Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
21.01.18	Commandment 9	
28.01.18	Commandment 10	

04.02.18	NO LESSON—WINTER VACATION	
11.02.18	Close of the Commandments, Recitations	Transfiguration
14.02.18	Ash Wednesday (Worship Opportunity)	Lent Begins
17.02.18	Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
18.02.18	Mentor Activity with students	
25.02.18	Sacrament of the Altar	
04.03.18	Sacrament of the Altar, Recitations	
11.03.18	Study of Seder, Seder Organization/Plans	
17.03.18	Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
18.03.18	Bible Verse Projects Due	
25.03.18	Lord's Prayer—First Petition	
29.03.18	Seder/Maundy Thursday	Confirmation Hosts
30.03.18	Good Friday (Worship Opportunity)	
01.04.18	NO LESSON—EASTER SUNDAY	
08.04.18	Lord's Prayer—Second Petition	
15.04.18	Lord's Prayer—Third Petition	
21.04.18	Third Year Confirmation (Leberstr. 7, 10829)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
22.04.18	Lord's Prayer—Fourth Petition	
29.04.18	Lord's Prayer—Fifth Petition	Faith Statements Due
06.05.18	Lord's Prayer—Sixth Petition	
13.05.18	Mentors meet with students	
19.05.18	Third Year Confirmation (Church Rehearsal)	10:00 A.M.-Noon
20.05.18	Lord's Prayer—Seventh Petition	Pentecost Sunday
27.05.18	PENTECOST—CONFIRMATION	Holy Trinity
03.06.18	Evaluation of Catechism Study, Recitations	
10.06.18	Bible Games	
17.06.18	Activity with Mentors	
24.06.18	Matriculation	

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 worshiper. 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

Mentor meetings have been scheduled within the regular Sunday Instruction Calendar. Mentors please use this time to meet with your student.

12:00-13:15 Mentor Meetings (see calendar & announcements)

17.09.2017

14.01.2018

18.02.2018

13.05.2018

17.06.2018

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 First and Second 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, April 29, 2018.** A confirmation rehearsal is tentatively planned for **Saturday, May 19, 2018.**

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**