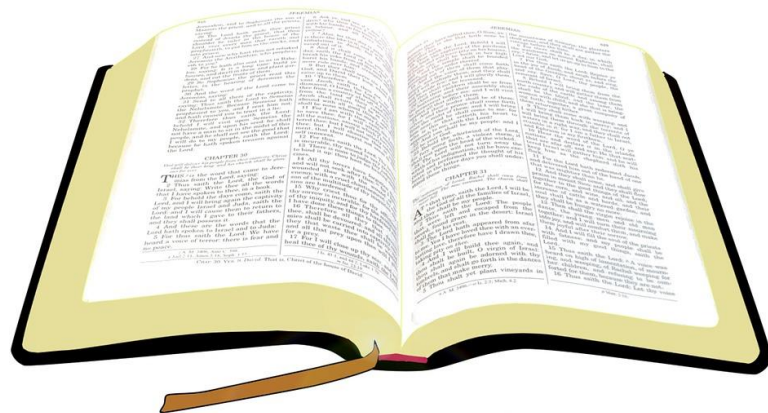


Confirmation Zion Lutheran Pickrell 2020



August 2nd we celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism for twelve of our young people through the Rite of Confirmation. It is our prayer that they will continue to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior all through life. May God bless them in every way!

*Ask them about details/meaning of their Faith Projects.





Alex Busboom

Parents: Paul and Jennifer Busboom

Sponsors: John Busboom, Michael Busboom

Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 40:31

*But those who wait for the LORD shall renew
their strength, they shall mount up with wings
like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they
shall walk and not faint.*



Alex Busboom

Isaiah 41:31

My confirmation verse is Isaiah 41:31 ; Those who hope in the lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. This is one of my favorite verses. It shows that we can do anything if we just trust in the Lord. This verse shows we can be strong and regain our strength to do anything if we just put our hope and trust in the Lord.

I made my project out of wood with my grandpa. He has a woodshop behind his house, and he loves to make things. First, I cut my board down to size. Second, I sanded the whole thing down to make it smooth. Next, I drew a cross where I wanted to cut it out on the board. After that we took a jigsaw and cut out a cross. I wanted to add more detail, so we took a router and carved out a lip around the cross to add more detail. I found that black popped out the most against the stain I chose. I colored it all in with a sharpie. Next, we stained the board and put two coats of clear coat on it to seal it. Lastly my cousin helped me put on the letters. We used a Cricut to cut out the letters and we ironed them on to the board. I had to shorten the verse to fit on my board.

I made this project so it can hang on my wall. I will constantly be reminded of my faith and who I can always turn to. I cut the cross out to show the empty space that he fills. I can look at my project every day and know that I will succeed if I just have hope in him. As long as I continue to have hope in him I will soar on wings like eagles ; I will run and not go weary, I will walk and not be faint.

Kiera Busboom



Parents: Paul and Jennifer Busboom

Sponsors: Laurie Spilker, Kelli Arens

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Kiera Busboom - Philippians 4:13

I picked the bible verse Philippians 4:13, which states, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” because this verse means a lot to me. It means a lot to me because I’ve learned through my Sunday School and Confirmation journey that Christ is always there and he will strengthen me in everything that I do. Even through the hard times, he lifts me up and helps build my strength.

To start off my project, my grandpa helped me find a piece of wood. After that, he helped me cut out the board to the size I wanted it to be. Then, I began sanding down the board until it was smooth. I also picked out the color of stain I wanted and then began staining the board. Once that was dry, we applied two clear coats on it to seal it. When that process was done, my cousin used her cricut and helped me print out my verse so we could then iron it to the board. After my verse was on the board, then I took nails, and nailed them all into the board in the shape of a cross. After that, I used white string and kept wrapping that around all of the nails to fill in the cross to complete the string art.

I chose to do a string art project in the shape of a cross because this shows that Christ is guiding me down all of the different paths and turns I take through life. I used the nails to represent when he was nailed to the cross. All of the different strings are showing that whichever direction I take in life, Christ will always be there to guide me through them no matter what. I have many different paths and challenges in my life ahead of me, but I will always remember that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Kyla Davison

Parents: Douglas & Sandi Davison

Sponsors: Rodger Keehn and Kim Bahnsen

Confirmation Verse: 1st Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.



Faith Project Statement

By: Kyla G. Davison

My faith journey started October 22, 2006 when I was baptized, then my next big step in my faith journey was when I took communion for the first time in 5th grade, and now I'm getting confirmed. For my faith project we had to pick a Bible verse, I chose 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; "Love is patient; Love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." I chose this verse because it represents how God wants us to treat others. This verse also reminds me of some of the ten commandments because those also tell us how to treat others. We should always trust in God and be patient with God because when things go wrong, God always has a plan for us.

For my Faith project I made collage shaped as a heart, with pictures that represent my verse. What I did was take my verse apart and find a couple of pictures that connect to that part of the verse. The first part of my verse is, that **Love is patient, Love is kind**, pictures I used to represent this part of the verse were friends, family, and a picture of church to represent God because you have to be patient and kind with people and life when it throws you curve balls. The next, part of my verse is "**love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude**", pictures I used for this part of the verse was sports because part of having good sportsmanship is not being jealous of other's skills and not bragging about your own skills but instead trying to help. For, "**It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth**" I chose to use pictures of my dogs because they aren't selfish and don't keep track of rights and wrongs or hold grudges. Pictures I used to represent "**It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things**" were pictures of the sunflower, the moon and the heart in the sand because when I see nature it gives me hope in times when things are going wrong. The end of my verse is "**Love never fails**" pictures I chose for this part were a rainbow and the sky because they are never ending, just like God's love for me.

Faith Holland



Parents: David and Karla Holland

Sponsors: Terry & Susan Robinson and
Steve & Alexandra Holland

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

***Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.***

Confirmation Project 2020

Faith Holland

This year has been something to remember to say the least. The confirmation class of 2020 was originally supposed to be confirmed on April 26. With COVID-19 coming into place in early March, this special day was postponed to August 2nd. So here we are, celebrating our next step with Christ four months later. Now, I would like to share with you a little more information about my project and verse.

In late February, I began searching for the perfect verse. I searched through recommended verses and even looked online. As I continued looking, I kept finding some that really stuck out to me. I narrowed it down to three verses. I read each of them multiple times to decide which one had the most meaning to me. After a few days of thinking, I decided on the following verse. Joshua 1:9 says, **“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”** There are many reasons as to why I chose this particular verse. “Be strong and courageous,” are words that remind me that when I’m down on myself or worried about something I know that God is always with me wherever I go. By praying to God, I know that he will help me through any struggles that I may have. It tells me that I don’t need to be frightened or dismayed because he is with me always.

As you can see, my confirmation project is a video that I created with pictures and music. My project is based on Holy Week, which began Sunday, April 5 and ended on Saturday, April 11. A few days before the week began, my dad and I went searching for trees. Why trees? The cross we dressed each day for Holy Week was made out of two tree trunks we found in the pasture. That same day, we cut down the trees and screwed the trunks together to form the cross shape. We then dug out a hole where we would place the cross for everyone to see. With Holy Week just around the corner, we worked hard to have the cross ready to go. We started the week off with Palm Sunday. To represent Palm Sunday, we weaved purple cloth around the cross, and had a palm tree plant sitting in front of it. Next, we prepared the cross for Maundy Thursday. Decorations on the cross for this day included the same purple cloth wrapped around the cross, a watering pump, and a bucket with a blue towel to represent the washing of feet. The next day was Good Friday. The morning of Good Friday, we dressed the cross with a black cloth, and a crown of thorns made out of old barbed wire. That same night we took everything off the cross and left it empty to represent Jesus' death, and the removal of his body from the cross. The cross continued to stay empty until Easter morning. For Easter, the cross had a white cloth, and the same crown of thorns, but with flowers weaved through it. We hung a "He is Risen" sign, and placed some beautiful flowers around the bottom to top it off. Each Day, I took pictures of our progress and work. When Holy Week was complete, we gathered all of the pictures together to find which ones would be best in the video. Later, I put all of the pictures into a video and included music. The song I chose for the background of my video is "The Old Rugged Cross" sung by Alan Jackson. After lots of editing, the video was complete.

I chose this project for my verse because Jesus wasn't afraid to die on the cross for our sins, he was strong and courageous. God is with us always, therefore we do not need to be afraid. When we are sad or struggling with something we can just talk with God, knowing he is listening and cares. Holy week and this project are good reminders of my verse.

Eric Knipe

Parents: Matthew & Alisa Knipe

Sponsors: Brian Knipe, Klark Knipe

Brent and Elizabeth Shelton

Confirmation Verse: Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.



MY FAITH PROJECT

For my faith project I decided to help others. My Nana, Marilyn Folkerts, and I deliver vegetables from the Adams Community Garden to people's homes.

When we pick up the fresh produce, I help put it in bags for each household. Nana drives around Adams and the surrounding area. I take a bag for each household on our list.

FFA and 4-H members plant and care for the vegetables in the garden. The community also donates vegetables and fruit for the project. Each week we try to include a recipe for the family to use with the produce they were given.

I feel good that I can help others by delivering fresh produce. The people seem thankful that I give them food. I am learning that it is important to help others. If we have extras, we take the food to the Salvation Army and the Saint John's food pantry in Beatrice. Last year we helped to deliver over 7,500 pounds of food.

I chose my confirmation verse "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. (Colossians 3:23). In my life I know that God will help me to help other people.

Eric Charles Knipe (August 2, 2020)

Will Ideus



Parents: Terry and Janelle Ideus

Sponsors: Kerry Dissmeyer, Robert M. Ideus

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Will Ideus

My confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for your Lord God will be with you wherever you go”.

I made a bench for my confirmation project. The bench ties into my bible verse because it symbolizes the words strong and sturdy, as said in the verse. It also says be courageous and not to be dismayed. There were some moments in the bench making process that were dangerous and required some courage. It says do not be dismayed because God, our Father, is with us, as my dad was there with me through all the tough moments.

Kolby Mahler

Parents: Kent and Jennifer Mahler

Sponsors: Kevin Rahe, Valda Lempka

Confirmation Verse: 1st Peter 3:15

But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense

to anyone who demands from you an

account of the hope that is in you.



Faith Statement

By: Kolby Mahler

I decided to do my confirmation project about my grandpa. I chose the verse 1st Peter 3:15. I chose that verse because it was my grandpa's confirmation verse. I did a shadow box as my project. For my project I went to my grandma's house and found a bunch of things of my grandpa's. I got his bible, his cross necklace, and many other things of his.

My verse is, "But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you." To me that means that God is always here and ready to help you. During confirmation I learned that God comes in many shapes.

Carly Meints



Parents: Terra & Jeff Wiese and Ryan Meints

Sponsors: Tessa & Lenny Mangnall

Confirmation Verse: Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Confirmation Project - Carly Meints

Ephesians 4:32

My Confirmation project verse is “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32. I chose this verse because it reminds me that God has gone above and beyond for us, and that we need to spread the love and kindness that he gave us when his son died on the cross for our sins. His love is unconditional and we need to let everyone know about it.

I started my project by tracing heart shapes on wood, then my grandpa Gary cut them out and we sanded them down together. After that I got some primer from my Grandma Netty and primed all 3 of my hearts and let them dry that night. The next day me and my step dad started to make the base. While he was looking for a sturdy and big enough base I started figuring out how

the hearts would be placed. He then measured the block and cut it to the size that we thought would look good. I then painted the base white and he started to put holes in the hearts for the poles. We then put the poles in the hearts and I started to paint the hearts red and he put a hole in the base for when the hearts will be. While we let the paint dry we went to the store to get paint markers to write with. When we got back I wrote the verse on the hearts and the base, then we put it all together!

I think my project connects to my verse because being kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgiving one another all is connected and based on God forgiving us. He is our solid foundation. This means a lot to me because without him, there would be no happiness in this world. God is great, God is good, and he is OUR rock and OUR salvation. I am so grateful for being able to go to church and learn about him more and more. God is truly amazing.

Crew Meints

Parents: Blake and Jami Meints

Sponsors: Chad & Holly Hillyer

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 86:11

*Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on you in your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.*



Crew Wesley Meints

Confirmation project

Psalm 86:11

Teach me your way, O Lord,

that I may walk in your truth;

give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I chose my bible verse for a number of reasons. It was my great grandpa Meints' verse. My great grandpa was very special to me. He taught me a lot of valuable things, just like the Lord has. He would say his verse at night before he went to bed. I want to carry that on. Wood working was something my great grandpa Meints enjoyed. In his memory, I decided to make a wooden cross. It has a heart built into it, along with a picture of the two of us.

I wanted to make my project out of oak because oak represents strength, durability, and longevity. It comes from a strong, slow growing tree. Similar to many qualities my great grandpa had. Oak was his wood of choice. My dad helped me on the project. The first thing we did was rip the red oak out of S4S lumber. We did this with a table saw and miter saw. We made the vertical pieces and then the horizontal pieces for the cross. We made pieces for front and back. Then we cut the pieces to go in between to create some depth. We glued and nailed everything together. We then ran a router along the edges. I used a belt sander to get it smooth. I then traced a heart on a piece of paper and then traced it onto an oak board. We then used a jig saw to cut out the heart and cut it into four pieces. I sanded it with sand paper. We made the base by nailing and gluing two pieces of oak together. We used a miter saw to forty five the corners. Then ran a router across the top. I attached the cross to the base with glue and large screws. We then made the picture frame out of the scrap oak. Next, I stained the cross with a stain I picked out. I stained the heart pieces a different color so it would stand out. I attached the heart pieces to the cross with glue and brad nails. I used a spray laquer to seal everything and give it some sheen. I attached the picture and frame to cross with brad nails. Lastly, I had the plate made in Beatrice and attached it to the base. I learned a lot skills building my project. I now understand why my great grandpa enjoyed wood working. I will cherish this project forever.

In my verse I will see significant progress in my walk with the Lord. Complete satisfaction can be achieved with the Lord and obeying him will be the greatest joy. "Teach me" is the moan of a begging heart that wishes to do the good will of God. And then reinforces this idea I want the Lord to grant me piety of the heart to be able to honor him.

Caleb Oltman



Parents: Tony and Amy Oltman

Sponsors: Tammy Sobotka , Justin Wiegand

Confirmation Verse: John 10:11

***I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.***

This bird house can be a symbol of many things for the birds that come to it. They could resent it as a home, somewhere to rest, a place to eat, or a place where they too could worship God. When God made the universe and earth he created the birds on the fifth day so that they could see everything He made before them and to see what He will make after them.

When God created man He knew that they would achieve greatness. When the first bird houses were created they were made out of clay and could fit a few birds in them depending on the size of the birdhouse. The man with the bird house is like a shepherd looking after his sheep. The man is looking out for the birds by making them a home and the birds stay with the man like they are his sheep. When birdhouses started changing to wood, birds would be able to have more room for their family. This is then representing the shepherd making a little den for the sheep so that they can have a safe space from all danger. Birdhouses kept on getting bigger and bigger so more birds could fit inside of them. When the first person that thought of building bigger birdhouses was probably approached by God in a dream. In it He told that man or woman to build a bigger birdhouse out of wood so the birds could have a home to be safe in during storms. When the first man started to make a church birdhouse it took them time just like God making the universe. When the first bird house was made it was made as a sign for God for the birds that live in it. When more and more were being made it meant that more birds would be able to praise God and have a home that they can live in and have their baby birds safe while the parents look for food. These church birdhouses were something that God knew that man would make. This all represents a shepherd with his sheep by showing that the birds are represented as sheep and the birdhouses made by man are the shepherd keeping them safe from danger.

This is one of the many things God knew we would do after he created us. With churches there are church birdhouses where just like us birds go there for God. The shepherd is then able to keep his sheep safe from danger like a birdhouse does for birds and their children. These birdhouses are their homes, connection with god, and their life especially for their younger ones this is why church birdhouses were made.

Carson Robinson

Parents: Gregory and Lori Robinson

Sponsors: Justin Robinson, Megan
Conrad,

Darin Frerichs, Kevin

Frerichs

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

**I can do all things through him who
strengthens me.**



Confirmation Project

Carson Robinson

Philippians 4:13- I can do all things through him who strengthens me. This verse is one of my favorites. It is one of my favorites because without Christ in my world, I wouldn't have the strength to do all the things I am capable of doing. Christ helps everybody everyday do the things they are capable of doing. Faith is a big part of people's life. I have faith in a lot of people that I trust. I have faith in Christ that when I am doing something he is there to help me the whole way through. For my project I decided to make a cross. I chose to make a cross because I think it goes with my verse because I can do all things like making a cross through him who strengthens me. Also a cross is one of the most recognizable symbols of religion. I went online to look for some creative ideas on how to make my cross. I found one that I liked and it was a kit where they sent you the wood and you have to make it. So the kit arrived and I got my wood glue, set out all the pieces and started to put it together. After I got all of the pieces glued together I waited for it to dry until it was finally done. That's how I made my project. What does faith mean to me? Faith to me is something that God has in each of us to do what we love to do each and every day of our lives. God has faith in us because he knows that we appreciate what he did for us, so he knows that he can have faith in what he asks of us to do every day. He also has faith in us because he knows everybody will pray to him everyday, and ask him to watch over them and keep them safe. He also watches over us to make sure we do what he asks so he will keep his faith in us. Even though he will still have faith in us even if we fail to do what he asks every once in a while. The past 2 years of confirmation have meant a lot to me. I have really enjoyed going to confirmation almost every Wednesday night and learning new things every week. Confirmation is a big step in life for us, you learn a lot, and it is a great experience. I am going to miss going to confirmation and laughing with my friends. I will continue to be a part of Christ's life by coming to breakfast club, and making it to church as often as I can. Christ is a big part of life, and people should get to church and other things as much as possible. You will learn a lot, and it is just flat out amazing. I love spending my Sunday mornings at Sunday School and church. Even after I get confirmed I will continue to do that.

Jacob Scholl



Parents: Ron and Crystal Scholl

Sponsors: Pat Jobman, Russell Wallman, Larry Scholl

Confirmation Verse: John 15:16

You did not choose me, I chose you.

Baseball

By: Jacob Scholl

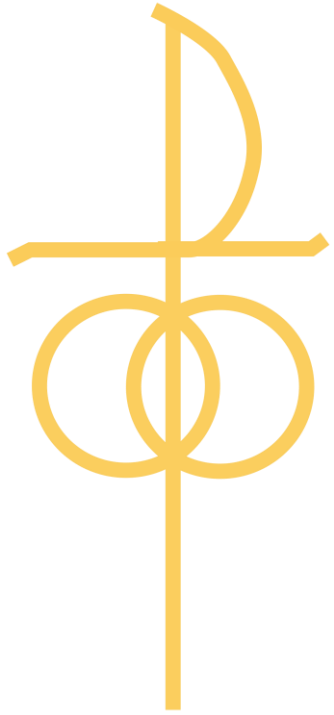
I choose Baseball as my theme because of the correlation between it and God. In Baseball, things may not go your way sometime, just like in life. But once you go and look at the end goal, you raise your head. The end goal and reward in life being eternal life with God.

Everything you do in Baseball leads up to something and that something being a win. Everything you do in your life leads up to meeting God.

You respect your coach just like how you respect God and listen to them.

I choose this Bible verse because it says that I chose to serve God. I chose to play Baseball and I chose to be the best that I can become.





Stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit; 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, both now and forever. **Amen**

