

2025

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, all events and activities listed are from 7-8 p.m.

- 9/17/2025 6th grade student and parent orientation
10th grade faith paper instruction (students only)
- 9/24/2025 Family Faith Night
(6th-10th grade students and parent(s) attend)
- 10/1/2025 Regular confirmation begins for 7th-10th grades
- 10/8/2025 7th-10th grade confirmation
- 10/15/2025 No confirmation or youth activities
- 10/22/2025 7th & 8th grade service projects (off-site)
9th grade serves at the 10th grade dessert banquet
10th grade dessert banquet, rehearsal, pictures
- 10/26/2025 10th grade Confirmation Ceremony @ 2 p.m.
- 10/29/2025 Regular confirmation begins for 6th grade
6th-9th grade confirmation
- 11/5/2025 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 11/12/2025 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 11/19/2025 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 11/26/2025 Thanksgiving Break - no youth activities
- 12/3/2025 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 12/10/2025 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 12/17/2025 Christmas Break - no youth activities
- 12/24/2025 Christmas Break - no youth activities
Christmas Eve Worship Services:
12 p.m. Carols & Communion Service
2:30 p.m. Children's Service
4:30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols
8:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
- 12/31/2025 Christmas Break - no youth activities

2026

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- 1/7/2026 Regular confirmation resumes for 6th-9th grades
- 1/14/2026 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 1/21/2026 Mentor night
- 1/28/2026 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 2/1/2026 Youth-led worship @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- 2/4/2026 Youth-led worship @ 6 p.m.
6th-9th grade confirmation @ 7 p.m.
- 2/11/2026 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 2/18/2026 Serve Ash Wednesday dinner & attend worship @ 6 p.m.
- 2/25/2026 Serve Lenten dinners & attend worship @ 6 p.m.
- 3/4/2026 Serve Lenten dinners & attend worship @ 6 p.m.
- 3/11/2026 Serve Lenten dinners & attend worship @ 6 p.m.
6th-9th grade bowling @ 7:30 p.m.
- 3/18/2026 Serve Lenten dinners & attend worship @ 6 p.m.
- 3/25/2026 Serve Lenten dinners & attend worship @ 6 p.m.
- 3/29/2026 Serve Palm Sunday breakfast
- 4/2/2026 Serve Maunday Thursday dinner & attend worship @ 6 p.m.
- 4/3/2026 Good Friday
- 4/5/2026 Easter Sunday
- 4/8/2026 Regular confirmation resumes for 6th-9th grades
- 4/13-4/16 Stock sales fundraiser @ 5:30-9 p.m.
- 4/15/2026 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 4/22/2026 6th-9th grade confirmation
- 4/29/2026 Mentor night
- 5/6/2026 Last night of confirmation



6TH-10TH GRADE confirmation

2025-2026
schedule

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 AT OLIVET.ORG SIGNUP

6-9 grade | \$40/student
10 grade | \$10/student
maximum per family: \$120
scholarships available

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CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Each week of “regular” confirmation, we will gather in Fellowship Hall as a large group for a welcome and announcements. We then break into grade groups for our confirmation lessons, followed by small group activities.

Confirmation lessons are led by our staff of pastors. Pastor Kris Gorden works with our 7th and 10th graders. After the 10th graders are confirmed at the end of October, Pastor Kris then leads the 6th graders as well. Pastor Hope Deutscher leads the 8th grade lessons, and Pastor Bill Boelter leads our 9th grade students.

MENTOR PROGRAM

Our mentor program encompasses all four years of confirmation. This program gives the students the opportunity to build healthy relationships with other adults in our church. Each confirmation student is asked to find their own mentor but if you need help identifying someone to connect with, please contact Michelle at melness@olivet.org.

Mentor nights for this year are scheduled for **January 21, 2026 & April 29, 2026**. Please share these dates with your mentor now!

SNL (SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE)

SNL is a time of fun, food, fellowship, and games, for high school and college-age youth. Join us as we grow closer together and in our relationship with Jesus as we talk about everything from our everyday experiences to the difference we can make in the world as we journey through our lives.

HANG TIME

HangTime is just as it sounds; time for students to hang out together, play games in the youth room, chat and have snacks. HangTime runs from 8-9 p.m.

Plan to stay after confirmation for HangTime on one or all of these dates:

10.1.25	11.12.25	1.7.26	2.11.26
10.8.25	11.19.25	1.14.26	4.8.26
10.22.25	12.3.25	1.28.26	4.15.26
10.29.25	12.10.25	2.4.26	4.22.26
11.5.25			

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

Family Faith Nights create an intentional space for confirmation students and their families to connect, be inspired, and grow in their faith together.

Family Faith Night will be held on **September 24, 2025**. We will welcome keynote speaker Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, who will share with us with a personal message of walking through life’s highs and lows; and how Jesus is the ultimate “anyways person.”

LENTEN DINNERS

Throughout Lent, Olivet Youth serve the Wednesday evening meals, Palm Sunday breakfast, and Maundy Thursday dinner. Students are assigned to a date to serve with their small group, but are encouraged to serve additional times through Lent to help raise funds that will be applied to their youth account to pay for youth activities, retreats, and trips.

YOUTH LED WORSHIP

February 1 and February 4, 2026 the youth of Olivet will lead our worship services. From greeting and ushering, to reading, preaching, singing, serving communion and sharing prayers, our youth serve in every capacity of these worship services.

WEDNESDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP

We know Sunday mornings don’t work for everyone. That’s why we offer a chance to pause, reflect, and be spiritually fed midweek. Join us for Wednesday worship at 6 p.m.

Come early for dinner! Bring the whole family and enjoy a delicious meal. Dinner is served from 5–6 p.m.

SACRED GROUNDS

A favorite hangout for confirmation students, Olivet’s Sacred Grounds coffee shop is the perfect place to grab a smoothie, Italian soda, or specialty coffee before class. Make sure to allow enough time before confirmation on Wednesday evenings to stop by and treat yourself!

The logo features the words "do good better." in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is white with a thick black outline, giving it a 3D, shadowed appearance. The words are stacked vertically: "do" on top, "good" in the middle, and "better." on the bottom.

EAND FALL YOUTH RETREAT | SEPTEMBER 26–28

We are excited to once again be able to gather at Camp Castaway with other friends from our Synod. This is a weekend of faith building, worship, game rooms, a climbing wall, frisbee golf course, soccer field, basketball courts, tennis & volleyball, gaga pit, great food & coffee shop.

This retreat is geared toward students in grades 6-10. Visit olivet.org for more information and to register.

Please know that we have scholarships available for this event and for all youth events at Olivet.