

About Baptism, Confirmation, Adult Profession of Faith

At St. Luke's, baptism is a joyous celebration. Baptism, of course, for people of any age, is a public declaration of the intention to follow the ways of Jesus, through life in a faith community.

If you are bringing an infant for baptism, we celebrate with you that you have a new member in the family. We feel privileged that you have chosen St. Luke's to share with you in your child's upbringing, as, in baptism, parents are making a declaration of their intent to raise their child in a community of faith and to share the faith story with them as they grow in faith.

As a faith community, we all agree that sharing faith with our children is a very important part of their lives. As we all seek the best for our child/children's health, education, and overall development, we believe attending to their spiritual nurture is the way to help them live full and fulfilled lives.

Often in one's teenage years, youth enter a period of exploration of faith. At the end of confirmation classes, a series of conversations between a group the teens, the minister, and spiritual mentors, the youth may choose to reaffirm the vows made for them at their baptism in Confirmation.

We rejoice if, as an adult, you have come to a place in your spiritual journey where you want to publicly declare your faith with others. Profession of Faith takes place as part of our Sunday Service.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows through Confirmation and Profession of Faith involve a period of discernment . We celebrate your intention to begin the time of exploration around this important step in your life's journey.

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Baptism Policy

The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, " I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28: 16 – 20)

One or both parents (or designated Sponsor) must be a baptized member of a Christian Church in order for your child to be baptized.

The parent(s) must meet with the Ordered Minister to discuss the meaning of Baptism prior to the baptism of their child(ren).

As Baptism is an act of becoming part of the Christian community, Baptism is expected to take place during Sunday worship. Exceptions may be approved by the Worship Ministry in case of medical conditions of the parents or child.

Adults wishing to be baptized at St. Luke's United Church shall attend Confirmation sessions and be baptized/confirmed in accordance with United Church tradition.