

## **What is Confirmation?**

The Rite of Confirmation is actually the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism, in which young people publicly confess their faith, claim the promises of their baptism as their own and become adult members of the Christian community. Confirmation - which is called "Affirmation of Baptism" in our worship book - is in no way a graduation from Christian education and growth in faith, but one stepping stone along our life-long journey of faith.

### ***The Role of Parents or Supportive Adult in Confirmation***

As parents or a supportive adult, you promised on the day of your child's baptism to diligently and faithfully teach your child the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and, as they grow, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, bring them to the services of God's house, and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, abiding in the covenant of their Baptism and communion with the Church, they may be brought up to lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

### ***The Role of the Whole Church in Confirmation***

Parents aren't the only ones who made promises at their children's baptism. The gathered people of God made promises, too. The sponsors and congregation promise to nurture each baptized child in Christian faith, to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church, to pray for them and support them in their life in Christ.

So. . . it's not primarily the Pastor's job to "do" confirmation. Think of them as the coordinator or coach that leads the team in carrying out ministry that brings the youth to a fuller maturity in the Christian faith that parents and the church have already formed in each child.

## **About This Year**

We are excited to resume in person instruction this year! We have updated the classroom for our use this year. We have 1 hour each week to review a topic, but during the week we ask confirmands and their parents or supportive adults to engage in the topics we discovered in class. This year we are covering The Bible chronologically through The Story. Each confirmand has been provided a copy of The Story. The Story, Teen Curriculum has been designed with the hope that each student will:

- See the big picture of God's great Story
- Listen for God's direction through Scripture and insights from their leaders and peers
- Learn deep truths about the character and nature of God
- Express their learning and thoughts through discussion and creative mediums
- Discover new insights and directions for their lives in light of God's Story
- See how their story is part of God's bigger Story

In order to achieve these goals, students will SEE the story through a short video we will watch in class; HEAR the story through skits and reading; and JOIN the story through discussion and creative responses. At home we ask that you discuss each week's lesson and as a family discuss one or more of the response questions for each week. This year there will be a lot of

creative work. Your confirmand may want to finish some of their responses at home. Please encourage them to finish their responses.

### **Expectations of Supportive Adult and Confirmand**

We are excited to explore scriptures with you this year as you continue to mature in your faith! We have provided you with several materials for you to be successful. The following are our expectations for this year:

1. Attend **Faith Learning Hour** each week from 9:45-10:45.
  - a. If you are unable to attend, review the lesson with your family and fill out your worksheet with things you take away from the lesson, answer at least one question in JOIN the story on your handout.
  - b. Participate in conversation, reflect in your binder on The Story.
  - c. Bring your Backpack that includes your binder, book, and writing utensils.
  - d. Bring your Small Catechism and a Bible.
2. Talk about lessons together as a family **at home**.
  - a. If homework is assigned, complete the homework.
  - b. Homework will be assigned in class and emailed out to the class by the end of the day on the Sunday it was assigned.
3. Complete 7 **Sermon Responses** throughout the year, final Sermon Response due by May 15, 2022. Best not to wait on this! Get started early - save at least 3 of them for after Christmas.
4. **Lenton mentor program** - during lent you will participate in a Lenton mentor program where you and an adult member of our congregation will work through a packet each week.
  - a. You are welcome to find your own Lenton Mentor - if you prefer to find your own, please do so by February 13.
  - b. If you prefer for us to assign one to you, we will do so on February 20.
  - c. Brief meeting with confirmands and Lenton Mentors on February 27 at the beginning of class to review the program.
5. Participate in the **Good Friday Youth Service** on April 15, 2022
6. Volunteer to serve in the church at least twice during the fall and twice during the spring. There are many opportunities - if you are struggling to find something, please speak with Pastor or Ms. Kris.
7. Complete a "Stained Glass" project by 5/22/22. This will be an interpretation of one of the Bible stories we've covered in class this year.

If you like a Google Calendar - you are welcome to use the one Ms. Kris created, follow the link below or ask Ms. Kris to add you

