

**Confirmation Student/Parent Orientation  
2018-2019  
September 5, 2017**

**WELCOME**

**ICE BREAKER**

Pastor Lisa

**REFLECTION**

***“God’s Love Changes Everything!”***

Pastor Mark

- *Thanks be to God for gathering us together tonight! We welcome this moment as we anticipate all the amazing wonders God has in store for us at confirmation this year.*
- **Scripture:** *“Woman at the Well”*
- *We are thankful for our Mentors: Troy Tadych, Dan Watrud, Pia Penzotti, Pam Larson, and Mary Kohl. They are here to mentor living out the example of Jesus’ love. They see each child in their care as equal, valued and worthy of love. They love God, they love youth and want to share thirst of the Holy One with each of them.*

Confirmation is a process of learning, designed to grow Jr. High youth in small groups or cell groups by injecting the DNA of Jesus into the small groups through care, love, and attention of an impact adult. Pastor Lisa and I along with the mentors and leaders of the small groups are those impact adults, along with parents and leaders of this congregation. **“We believe that this approach opens youth in a wonderful way, for you need to open the child before you open a book!”**

**Being There:** for young people need adults who are there for them consistently.

**Being Moved:** Providing moments at worship, through education with fellowship and service forming a three-legged stool that impacts each child with excitement.

**Being Known:** is genuine by another who accepts them into the family of faith. This offers every young adult a sense of belonging.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS: GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS, ALTAR GUILD, USHERING (10:30)**

**WORSHIP TRAINING - CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (worship space)**

Pastor Lisa

**OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMATION – PARENTS (fellowship hall)**

Pastor Mark

**EXPECTATIONS:**

**WORSHIP PARTICIPATION (15 Worship Services)**

*Simply fill out the Worship Notes and place in box at the confirmation station. This is found at the back of the church. Next to the container is a binder with the names of every confirmand and the dates of worship; mark off the date you turned in the worship note. If you and your family are out of town on the weekend, we will honor your participation at another church. Simply take the worship notes with you before you leave and drop off at the confirmation station with a parent or adult signature.*

## **CONFIRMATION ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION (Weekly)**

*Each mentor or small group leader will keep a record of participation weekly. Attendance is expected.*

## **REGULAR ACOLYTE PARTICIPATION**

*Training is provided by one of the pastors at the beginning of each confirmation year in September.*

## **WORSHIP TOGETHER AS FAMILIES**

*Luther's idea that confirmation is best taught by a parent; this operative idea is that faith and practice is best taught as young people model their parent(s). Youth who are dropped off at church are far less likely to begin a regular practice of worship after confirmation which makes the whole confirmation process moot.*

## **REVIEW SCHEDULE OF CONFIRMATION YEAR 2018-19**

### **CONFIRMATION FEE:**

\$45 a family

### **CALENDAR:**

Wednesday evenings we hope to provide two learning moments a month with one servant event. On the fourth Wednesday we offer a family night; which includes the parents. The exceptions are Thanksgiving in November, Christmas in December; Lent in March and Holy Week in April. So, the fourth Wednesday of September, October, January, February and the second Wednesday of May (*Thank You* dinner for the Mentors is on May 8<sup>th</sup>) involves families and we encourage you to set these dates aside now.

## **PHILOSOPHY:**

### **Pastors/Mentors:**

We will give each student the basics of the faith, using the teachings in Luther's Catechism. We promise to love them, listen to them and be here for them!

### **Students:**

At baptism, your parents/guardians claimed the faith for you. At confirmation, you will claim it for yourself. We realize that this commitment may be at different levels. We also realize that your parents/guardians have a continuing role in guiding and modeling the faith beyond your Confirmation. We are aware of the academic and extra-curricular activity pressures put on the teenagers of today. We will give you academic, inspirational, worship, and fellowship opportunities during your three years in this program.

### **Parents/guardians:**

There will not be a lot of homework, but in exchange, we expect you to enable the students to participate in the various aspects of the three-year program. The learning experience is receiving both knowledge and witness because the faith is both taught and caught.

**NEXT AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SUNDAY IS: OCTOBER 21, 2018**

## **QUESTIONS**

## **CLOSING WORSHIP AND PRAYER**