



Confirmation

**Do not be afraid,
I have called you by name,
You are mine. Isaiah 43:1**

**Confirmation
Handbook
2009—2010**

Service/Fellowship Report

Name _____ Grade (circle one) 7th 8th 9th

Small Group Guide _____

Date of event _____ Activity _____

Type of event (circle one) In-service Out-service Fellowship

1. What did you do?

2. What did you see?

3. What did you learn?

4. What was your high?

What was your low?

5. Suggestions for future events?

Parent's Signature _____

Thanks for participating. You need to do one fellowship, one in-service and one out-service event per semester (September to December and January to April). Please put completed forms in the box on the youth bulletin board in the entryway. Your input is very important.

Worship Report

Name _____ Grade (circle one) 7th 8th 9th

Small Group Guide _____

Date of worship service _____ Liturgical season and color _____

Time (circle one) 5:00 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Advent/Lent

Title of music you liked best today _____

What part of the worship was it placed (circle one) Gathering Word Meal Sending

Together with a parent, write at least three complete sentences giving the main point(s) of the sermon:

1)

2)

3)

Together with your parent, discuss and give short answers to the following “trip” questions:

T – What does this worship experience help me to **THANK** God for?

R – What does this worship experience lead me to **REGRET** or **REPENT** of (or say “I’m sorry” about)?

I – What/whom does this worship experience lead me to pray about/for?
(INTERCESSORY PRAYER)

P – What purpose or **PLAN OF ACTION** does this worship service help me to strengthen? (What will I do?)

Parent’s Signature _____

Thanks for participating. You need to do at least two of these per month from September to April (20 total per year). Please put completed forms in the box on the youth bulletin board in the entryway. Your input is very important.

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Confirmation Goals

The confirmation program at Faith will:

- Present the core of the Christian faith through the Bible and Luther's *Small Catechism* and use those basic understandings to examine current issues in the confirmands' lives and world;
- Develop the habits of Christian discipleship in the confirmands by involving them in and providing ways for them to reflect upon worship, prayer, service, study, fellowship and encouragement;
- Strengthen the confirmands' identification with the Church by building relationships with other members of Faith through small group and large group experiences guided by trained and caring adults;
- Prepare for the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism.

Expectations of Students

By entering into the confirmation program at Faith, the student promises to participate fully and to make an honest effort to complete any and all assigned tasks. As leaders of the program, pastors, mentors, and volunteers will encourage students to work toward their potential, but the responsibility to grow, work, think and strive lies primarily with the student and his or her family.

Behavioral expectations are simple. It is expected that students will pay attention, participate and refrain from any behavior that distracts the group from learning or acting appropriately. That expectation includes any time that we are together, whether for meals, in class, on retreat or in small groups.

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9th Grade Mentor Program

A mentor relationship is spontaneous and fun, it can be serious and it can be light-hearted. You need to meet with your mentor at least once a month outside of our scheduled monthly 9th Graders and mentors meetings and complete the mentor booklets provided. You need to contact your mentor to attend all scheduled 9th Graders and mentors meetings (see below). Enjoy this time with your mentor!

9th Graders and Mentors Meetings in 2009—2010

Wednesday, September 23. at 6:15 p.m.
Mentor Orientation and Packet Introduction

Wednesday, October 21. at 6:15 p.m.
Mentor Packet Two Presented
Mentor Packet One Due

Wednesday, November 18 , at 6:15 p.m.
Mentor Packet Three Presented
Mentor Packet Two Due

Wednesday, January 20, at 6:15 p.m.
Mentor Packet Four Presented
Mentor Packet Three Due

Wednesday, March 3, at 6:15 p.m.
Closing Mentor Meeting
Mentor Packet Four Due

Parents Role in Faith's Confirmation Program

“Hear O [Parents]: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down, and when you rise.”
Deuteronomy 6:4-7

You are the most powerful faith teachers your child knows. What you say and do will have more influence on your child than anyone else's, even at this age. If confirmation instruction is important to you—and you let your son or daughter know that by your participation and encouragement—this experience will have a more lasting effect. Faith is caught, not taught.

Confirmation instruction and the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism come from Holy Baptism. In Baptism you promised that you would:

- *faithfully bring them to the services of God's house;*
- *teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments;*
- *place in their hands the Holy Scriptures;*
- *provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that they might live in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church so they would live godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.*

The Church provides confirmation instruction and other youth ministries to help you fulfill your vows; but the responsibility is yours.

- It is expected that you commit yourself to **praying daily** for your daughter's or son's small group guide, for the pastor and for the young people involved in this ministry.
- It is expected that you be involved in your youth's journey through the confirmation program, through caring conversation. Ask them what they are learning and discuss with them **YOUR thoughts and views**. Share and challenge each other.
- Parents will be expected to sign a covenant with their youth this year for confirmation. This is to help to remember baptismal promises and to continue to be involved in their youth's confirmation program.

It is expected that parents are to **be involved in their youth's faith development:**

THE FIVE KEYS FOR FAITH FORMATION

- ☺Family Service Together
- ☺Family Devotions
- ☺Family Rituals and Traditions
- ☺Caring Conversation
- ☺Full Participation in the Community of Faith

- **Chaperone and mentor** your child and other youth on a fellowship event, service event, or mission trip. Take advantage of this opportunity to have fun, serve, and grow spiritually with your youth.
- **Worship weekly with your son or daughter.** This is an integral part of preparing for life as God's people.
- **Keep learning.** Model to your youth what an active faith life means. Participate in a Sunday morning adult education class, take part in the Wednesday Faith Night program, do the lesson with your child and let them help you review the Bible, get a book from Luther Library or a Christian bookstore, or find that one bit of ministry that God calls you to offer.
- **Keep informed** of the ministries and activities of the church by reading thoroughly all mailings, website, bulletins and *Faith Life*.
- **Contact** the Youth and Family Ministry Team, the small group guides, Pastor Dave or Angie if you have an idea or concern.

Peer Ministry

As 9th Graders youth are given the opportunity to participate in a unique program called Peer Ministry. As much as adults would like to think that youth always go to them with their life trials and problems, we know that that isn't true. This class gives youth the opportunity to learn how to help their friends through their problems, and helps to further understand how people work. In addition to all of this it will teach youth to share their Faith with others in a non-judgmental, non-threatening way. Invitations to participate and a schedule will be sent out in early November. Check out your mail for details.

Worship Reports

50% attendance at worship is required for confirmation. Worship reports need to be filled out to record worship attendance. Forms may be found and turned in on the youth board. These will be recorded on the confirmation covenant in the Gathering House. Senior High Bible Study is not a substitute for worship attendance.

Confirmation Fees

A fee of \$50 will be required from all confirmation students this year to offset the cost of confirmation. This includes the confirmation overnight retreat, end-of-semester parties, and worship education songbooks. Other costs will depend on the fellowship events that your youth chooses to participate in. Money for other costs will be collected at the time of the event.

Snacks during Confirmation

Snacks are great, but snacks can be a distraction during the confirmation class. The small group guides and lecturers request that if snacks are brought that they be passed out following the worship education portion of confirmation class.

Cell Phones

Cell phones and other similar distractions will not be allowed during confirmation class as they are not allowed in school districts. We expect to not see cell phones during class or they will be confiscated and returned to a parent following class. If you need to reach your student during class please call the church office at 225-8334.

Washington D.C. Mission Trip—June 18-26, 2010

As the United States capital, Washington D.C. is home to some of the country's most fascinating political and historical treasures. Monuments, museums, memorials and government buildings draw approximately 15.4 millions visitors to the city each year. While this city is rich in history, there are present-day residents who struggle with poverty and homelessness. Our group will serve metro-area residents through volunteering at organizations that serve the children, elderly and homeless populations of this great city. Our goal is to partner with local ministries and programs such as homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and elderly and children centers that seek to address the very basic needs of Washington DC's residents. *An informational meeting will be held September 27 at 11:15 in the Gathering House.* We have 72 spots available for this trip and it likely will fill up. Spots are reserved on a deposit basis. Come and have your life changed.

Senior High Youth Group

9th Grade youth are invited to attend Senior High Youth Group. It occurs each Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Gathering House. From 7:30—8:00 is gathering time, so please come following confirmation. Youth gather together to make and develop Christian friendships, study the Word, discuss relative topics to being a Christian teen today, listen to stories, and play games. Come after Confirmation to unwind and have a great time! This counts as a fellowship requirement!

8th and 9th grade Education Hour:

Meet with Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Angie Larson at either 8:45 or 10:00 to discuss hot topics and current events. This Bible Study will help you look at how what you learn on Sunday morning will effect how you live the rest of the week. Regular parent/youth caring conversations will occur to open up dialogue between youth and their parents. Dates for the caring conversations for 2009-2010 are: October 4, November 8, January 24, March 7, and April 25. Students are asked to register for a time, but may switch attendance hours to accommodate changing family schedules.

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation 2009—2010

- 7th Grade Retreat
Friday , September 25, 6:00 p.m., through Saturday, September 26 4:00 p.m.
- 8th Grade Retreat
Friday, October 9, 6:00 p.m., through Saturday, October 10, 4:00 p.m.

WordScan

6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays

7th Grade—Gathering House

8th Grade—St. Michael's Hall then New Building Room 205

September		January	
9	Confirmation Orientation	6	The Exodus
16	What's the Word	13	The Wilderness
23	Creation: And God Said	20	The Conquest
25-26	7th Grade Confirmation Retreat	27	The Judges
30	Creation: God Gets Close	31	Youth Sunday
		February	
		3	The Monarchy: Saul
		10	The Monarchy: David
		17	Ash Wednesday: No Class
		24	The Monarchy: Solomon
		March	
		3	The Prophets: Amos
		10	The Prophets: Jeremiah
		17	Spring Break: No Class
		24	The Exile
		31	Holy Week: No Class
		April	
		7	The Restoration
		14	The Psalms
		18	Lead Sunday Worship at 8:45
		21	OT Review and Test
November			
4	The Ancestors: The Favored Son		
11	OT Review		
15	Lead Sunday Worship at 11:15		
18	OT Test One		

Confirmation Details You Need to Know...

The 7th and 8th Grade confirmation classes will meet together for a two-year rotating curriculum. This consists of a mix of large group and small group activities led by small group guides, along with the Pastor, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, and Junior High Ministries Coordinator. In addition to our regular gatherings there will be a required retreat each year, one for 7th Graders and one for 8th Graders.

7th and 8th Grade Small Groups

Each year, we break our group of approximately 70 to 80 youth into small groups of 5 to 6 youth. We are able to talk and pray in these small groups. As in past years, we will form groups based on both gender and age. We will have all male groups and all female groups. Our research and discussion with previous small group guides has led us to the conclusion that discussion is more honest and intimate in these types of groups.

7th and 8th Grade Acolytes

Part of our confirmation program includes service to the church in many capacities. The 7th and 8th Graders will acolyte during weekly worship services throughout the year including Advent and Lenten worship. Each youth and family will be contacted to sign up for a **minimum of five times** to acolyte during the year. This is a required activity, and we expect that each family will participate. Sign up to acolyte on the youth board in the entryway. Parents and youth are responsible to sign up for times and keep them recorded on that sheet, for credit, please include times your youth has switched or substituted. In event of an unexpected change, you are responsible for finding a substitute acolyte. Acolytes must be present 15 minutes before worship to receive credit. Changes need to be made at least one week prior to scheduled service. Please notify the Acolyte Coordinator of such changes.

Acolyte Coordinator

This year our acolyte coordinator for 8:45 and 10:00 worship is Kaitlyn Humpal. Kaitlyn can be reached at 3Humpals@mchsi.com or 402-6702.



9th Grade Youth Sunday

In addition to your personal service project, all 9th Graders are required to participate in Youth Sunday. Youth will practice on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings during the month of January. There are a variety of ways to become involved during this service using the unique gifts God gave each one of us. Youth Sunday will be held on January 31.

Worship Education

We want our confirmation kids to be life long worshipers. We hope they feel free to participate through song, word and service. 20 - 25 minutes each week we will study our Lutheran worship – songs, word, why we do the things we do, and how to serve in worship. We will make the connection between the lessons for the day and the songs and liturgy we lead worship with. The whole confirmation class will lead worship together 4 times each year. They will learn how to greet and usher, read the word and prayers, and serve communion.

Confirmation Worship Leadership

October 11 at 10:00 worship

November 15 at 11:15 worship

January 31 at 10:00 worship

April 18 at 8:45 worship

Confirmation Singers and Ringers (7th -9th grade) 5:30-6:15 PM All confirmation students are invited to sing and ring on Faith Night! Plus, your In-service points, Out service points and 10 Sermon Notes are included (so, you only have to take sermon notes 10 Sundays, instead of 20!) In addition you will learn how to improve your singing voice, learn how to read music (what do all those lines, spaces and dots actually mean?) and sight sing! Some Worship Ed. stuff will be a part of this arrangement...like what is an usher and where do the flowers on the altar really come from? We will also ring some hand bells and chimes and actually lead worship at the 10:00 service once a month. Plus a field trip, a few parties and a **Choir Tour** at the end of the year are all planned!

Parental Requirements

9th grade Out-service Requirements

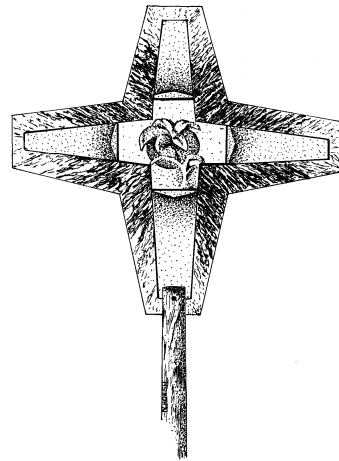
In addition to serving within the congregation we are also called to look outside of Faith's wall; out-service events will be offered on a regular basis. An out-service is a church-sponsored event that serves out in the community. Examples include: Hunger Hike, Ronald McDonald House projects, Luther Park visitation, and other activities for service. Upon completion of the event youth must turn in a service/fellowship report to the box on the youth board.

Parental Requirements

Parents are key to a successful confirmation program. Parents are required to help out with an event once per semester (fall and spring). It can be any event that is church sponsored. Students must notate the event in which their parent helped out on the master confirmation list on the Gathering House. Parents are encouraged to sign up and volunteer for events that are posted on the youth board in the entryway.

9th Grade Crucifers

Last spring our 9th graders were trained as crucifers. This is a required activity designed to encourage families to attend worship and to help teach youth to be a vital part of our worshipping community. Each youth is required to serve a minimum of five times during the year. Sign up to crucifer on the youth board in the entryway. Parents and youth are responsible to sign up for times and keep them recorded on the requirement sheet in the Gathering House. You need to be here 15 minutes prior to worship in order to receive credit. In event of an unexpected change, you are responsible for finding a substitute crucifer. Changes need to be made at least one week prior to scheduled service. Please notify the acolyte coordinator for any changes.



Acolyte Coordinator (this is the Crucifer Coordinator too)

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7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Retreats

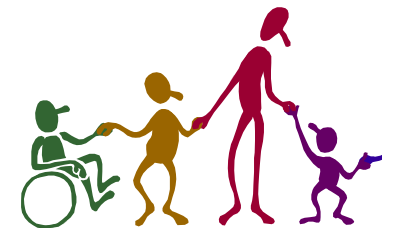
As a new addition this year, required confirmation retreats will be held overnight at the YMCA camp in Boone. The 7th Grade camp will be overnight on September 25, and the 8th grade will be overnight October 9. Please mark your calendars now—these are required. Youth will have the opportunity to have an in-depth Confirmation study on the Ten Commandments and get to experience some group building through the means of the Y-camp's rope course. Fees for this retreat are included in the confirmation fees. Parental chaperones will be needed. College and Senior High Students will be helping facilitate the retreat.

7th and 8th Grade Fellowship Requirements

All youth are encouraged to participate in fellowship events offered throughout the year. Each semester (fall and spring) youth are required to sign up for and participate in a fellowship event. Information regarding these events will be in Faith Weekly, Faith Life, and on the youth board. Sign-up sheets will be on the youth board in the entryway. Following the event youth must fill out a service/fellowship report and place it in the turn-in box on the youth board. Examples of fellowship events are: Junior High Lock-In, video scavenger hunt, snow tubing, ski trip, and more. Check with Melissa Dale at melissadale@faithlc.org or 210-0669 if you have ideas for fellowship events or are able to help!

7th and 8th Grade In-Service Requirements

As people of Faith we are called by Christ to His service and service to His church. Confirmation youth are required to participate in one In-service project per semester (fall and spring). This includes events like: helping with Alpha Sunday, helping with Craft Night, serving in the nursery, and more within our congregation. Required confirmation led worship services do not count towards in-service requirements. Upon completion of the event youth must turn in a service/fellowship report to the box on the youth board.



7th and 8th Grade Out-service Requirements

In addition to serving within the congregation we are also called to look outside of Faith's wall; out-service events will be offered on a regular basis. An out-service is a church sponsored event that serves out in the community. Examples include: Hunger Hike, Ronald McDonald House projects, Luther Park visitation, and other activities for service. Upon completion of the event youth must turn in a service/fellowship report to the box on the youth board.

6th and 7th grade Education Hour: Meet with Junior High Ministries Coordinator, Melissa Dale, at either 8:45 or 10:00 to discuss hot topics and current events. This Bible Study will help you look at how what you learn on Sunday morning will effect how you live the rest of the week. Regular parent/youth caring conversations will occur to open up dialogue between youth and their parents. Dates for the caring conversations for 2009-2010 are: October 4, November 8, January 24, March 7, and April 25. Students are asked to register for a time, but may switch attendance hours to accommodate changing family schedules.

8th and 9th grade Education Hour: Meet with Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Angie Larson at either 8:45 or 10:00 to discuss hot topics and current events. This Bible Study will help you look at how what you learn on Sunday morning will effect how you live the rest of the week. Regular parent/youth caring conversations will occur to open up dialogue between youth and their parents. Dates for the caring conversations for 2009-2010 are: October 4, November 8, January 24, March 7, and April 25. Students are asked to register for a time, but may switch attendance hours to accommodate changing family schedules.

Worship Education

We want our confirmation kids to be life long worshipers. We hope they feel free to participate through song, word and service. 20 - 25 minutes each week we will study our Lutheran worship – songs, word, why we do the things we do, and how to serve in worship. We will make the connection between the lessons for the day and the songs and liturgy we lead worship with. The whole confirmation class will lead worship together 4 times each year. They will learn how to greet and usher, read the word and prayers, and serve communion.

Confirmation Worship Leadership

October 11 at 10:00 worship
November 15 at 11:15 worship
January 31 at 10:00 worship
April 18 at 8:45 worship

All the fun you're going to have in Confirmation...

The 9th Grade class will meet weekly as a large group for a variety of activities. Most weeks we will be meeting for a large group presentation followed by small group discussion led by small group guides. Other weeks we will be meeting with our mentors. (See previous page.) Some weeks we will be preparing for Youth Sunday worship.

9th Grade Mentor Program

Last spring, youth were asked to choose their mentors for the following year so that they could spend time together. The 9th Graders choose an adult from the congregation to be their mentor. This is an integral part of our confirmation program. It is instrumental in teaching youth to be life-long learners and to seek out opportunities to fellowship with members of their church community. Mentors and youth will gather together during confirmation four times during the year.

9th Grade Small Groups

The 9th Grade groups have been together for the past two years with their same group guide. They will continue this year and focus on personal sharing, prayer and discussion.

9th Grade Fellowship Requirements

All youth are encouraged to participate in fellowship events offered throughout the year. Each semester (fall and spring) youth are required to sign up for and participate in a fellowship event. Information regarding these events will be in Faith Weekly, Faith Life, and on the youth board. Sign up sheets will be on the youth board in the entryway. Following the event youth must fill out a service/fellowship report and place it in the turn in box on the youth board. Examples of fellowship events are: Senior High Lock-In, bowling, rock climbing, ski trip, and more. 9th graders can receive fellowship credit by attending Senior High Youth Group or Senior High Bible Study.

9th Grade In-Service Requirements

As people of Faith we are called by Christ to His service and service to His church. Confirmation youth are required to participate in one in-service project per semester (fall and spring). This includes events like helping with Sunday worship, ushering, helping with the Early Childhood Ministries parties, serving in the nursery, and more within our congregation. Upon completion of the event youth must turn in a service/fellowship report to the box on the youth board in the entryway.

9th Grade Confirmation 2009—2010

- **9th Grade Confirmation Retreat**
Friday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m.—Saturday, December 5, at 4:00 p.m.
- **9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal and Family Dinner**
Sunday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Rite of Affirmation of Baptism**
Saturday, April 24, at 5:00 p.m. (Gather at 3:45 p.m., Worship at 5:00 p.m.)

Catscan 6:15—7:45
Large Group—Music Room and Room 204

September		January	
9	Confirmation Orientation	6	Youth Sunday Prep
16	Baptism I	13	Youth Sunday Prep
23	Mentor Night	20	Mentor Night
30	Baptism II	27	Youth Sunday Prep
		31	Youth Sunday
October		February	
7	Baptism III	3	Communion I—II
11	Worship at 10:00 Service	10	Communion II—III
14	Life Scan	17	No Class—Ash Wednesday
21	Mentor Night	24	Creed I
28	Luther I		
November		March	
4	Luther II	3	Mentor Night
11	Luther III	10	Creed II
15	Lead Worship at 11:15	17	Spring Break: No Class
18	Mentor Night	24	Creed III
25	Thanksgiving Eve— No Class	31	Holy Week: No Class
December		April	
	Incarnation Vacation: No Class	7	Ready to Affirm
		14	Ready to Affirm
		18	Confirmation Banquet
		21	Ready to Affirm
		24	Confirmation

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8th Grade Parent Information

It is the tradition at Faith that parents of 8th Graders organize and serve the Confirmation Banquet for the 9th Grade confirmands. This year the dinner will be held on Sunday, April 18. This counts as an in-service project for youth. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate this dinner. Please sign up to help or contact Angie Larson if you are available to help.

Worship Reports

50% attendance at worship is required for confirmation students. Worship reports need to be filled out to record worship attendance. Lenten worship, advent worship, and special services count towards this goal. If you attend another congregation you may turn in a report with their bulletin stapled to it to receive credit. Forms may be found and turned in on the youth board in the entryway. These will be recorded on the confirmation covenant in the Gathering House. Education Hour is not a substitute for worship attendance. 20 reports are due each year. If you do not finish in one grade those from the next grade will apply to the earlier grade. 60 Reports are due within the three years of confirmation.

Confirmation Fees

A fee of \$50 will be required from all confirmation students this year to offset the cost of confirmation. This includes the confirmation overnight retreats, long-sleeved t-shirts for 7th Graders, a Bible and Lutheran Handbook for 7th Graders, end-of-semester parties, and worship education songbooks. Other costs will depend on the fellowship events that your youth chooses to participate in. Money for other costs will be collected at the time of the event. Scholarships are available upon request, please contact Angie Larson, Melissa Dale, or Pastor Dave Nerdig if you are in need of one. *Replacement Fees:* If an item is lost, students are responsible for purchasing new materials:

Bibles—\$20.00 Catechism—\$10.00 T-shirts—\$12.00

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8th Grade Mentor Program

Youth will be asked to choose a mentor in the spring of their 8th Grade year. A mentor relationship is spontaneous and fun, it can be serious and it can be lighthearted. You need to meet with your mentor at least once a month during the summer between 8th and 9th Grades. Be thinking about who you want to have as your mentor so we can send information and Faith's Child Safe Policy forms to them. You need to choose a mentor and have a commitment from him or her by Sunday, April 18 when a commissioning service will be held at the 11:15 a.m. worship services. A mentor/student meeting and informational meeting will be held in St. Michael's on April 18 at 11:15. See pages 13 for how to choose a mentor.

What is a Mentor?

A mentor in our congregation is a mature Christian who is excited about modeling his or her relationship with Jesus Christ with a confirmation student. This comes from a one-on-one relationship with a young person.

Characteristics of a mentor

Most of all, a mentor needs to be committed to Christ and the Church. Effective mentors are active in the worship life and ministry of this congregation and are open to sharing with students what things enable their growth in faith. It is important for a mentor to believe in young people and their gifts and to enjoy relating to youth.

Purpose of a mentor relationship

- To build bridges between youth and adults as people of the Church who care about each other.
- To affirm with each other our faith in Jesus Christ.
- To encourage one another in love.
- To bear one another's burdens. Galatians 6:2
- To become friends.

Suggested ways to develop a mentor relationship

- Go out for breakfast, lunch, dinner, golf, etc.
- Phone each other.
- Attend concerts, games, school activities together.
- Talk about feelings and ideas toward Church, confirmation, school, etc.
- Attend Faith youth activities together.
- Discuss, plan and work on service projects together.
- Conversations about home, school, and the community.
- Talk about faith in God and Jesus.

Talk about the Lutheran Church.

Talk about college and/or vocational plans.

Talk about social issues, society's needs, benevolent projects.

Share work, hobbies, interests, etc.