

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION MINISTRY AT LORD OF LIFE 2016-2017

1. The main objective is for the student to grow in the gift of faith and the understanding of this gift of faith, by sharing in six experiences:(requirements below are on per year basis)
 - A. **worship** - students are required to attend 60% of the worship experiences offered during the year, or 25 services. Worship notes are provided. Students are also required to take part in leadership for worship by sharing in the areas they wish - being a reader, usher, helping prepare and clean up, learning about the sound equipment, Youth Sunday, (Feb. 5, `17) helping in the nursery, etc.
 - B. **study** - students required to complete 4 units each year; 12 in 3 years. The tentative schedule for units/dates is below. Classes tentatively scheduled for either 11 a.m., or 4 p.m. each Sunday.

<u>Month</u>	<u>7th grade core units</u>	<u>8th grade core units</u>	<u>9th grade core units</u>
October	10/2-Holy Baptism	10/9-The Parables of Jesus	10/16-Prophets/Messengers
November	11/6-Old & New Testament	11/13-Creeds	11/20-Father, Son/Holy Spirit
February	2/5-Jesus	2/12- Prayers	2/26-Book of Acts
March	3/5-Holy Communion	3/12-Holy Week	3/19-Luther and My Faith

- C. **retreats** - retreats are a way to build community, as well as to take a concentrated period of time to introduce a specific topic for study or reflection. The choice of one day retreat is required. One January 14, focusing on "Worship - Why We Do What We Do? & The Church Year." Another Day Retreat on a student led topic, will be scheduled. Day retreats will be scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays - trying to meet as many students needs as possible. Preferred are Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m.-2/4:00 p.m. This allows for class time, lunch, and fellowship. I will gladly welcome those who wish to help plan a seasonal retreat, and/or a camping experience.
 - D. **service** - students are required to be part of 2 or more service opportunities. Service areas include but are not limited to: Helping with Armful of Love,(publicity, shopping, wrapping); Assisting with Food Drives, including delivery and time at the Food Shelf; Visiting "Feed My Starving Children," "Adopt-A-Highway," Veteran's events, Seasonal or Weekly Set Up & Cleaning efforts inc. landscape and/or shoveling, Visiting local Senior Citizens with Pastor Jamie, Sunday Morning volunteering, junior leadership during Vacation Bible School 2017, and more. You may also develop your own service opportunity in the community - i.e., scouts, team efforts, etc.
 - E. **journaling and personal study** - beginning in Lent, personal journals and packets will be available. Students are required to complete one personal journal or study experience. The areas of reflection are Bible Reading, Prayer Journaling, Bible Memorization, or Faith Journaling.
 - F. **fellowship - "IGNITE"** - one of God's greatest gifts to us, is the gift of friendship and the strength we share with each other in faith. You are invited to join adults and students as a ministry team. I would like to see a youth directed FaceBook page, web page, youth board, newsletter, highlighting issues, concerns of teens, and publicizing events and classes, etc.
 - G. **Confirmation Sunday For this year's 9th Graders is Sunday, September 24, 2017, with a banquet and rehearsal on Sunday, September 17, 2017.**
2. The schedule for some of these events and the classes depends on coordinating schedules. (We have a big enough class where we need to just say `this is when this will meet,' and yet, we are just small enough, that if 4-6 cannot attend a class, making it up or re-scheduling will be needed. I would appreciate your help in looking ahead to major conflicts as soon as possible.)
 3. Adult volunteers and input are always appreciated. Please talk with Pastor Jamie if you are interested.

CONFIRMATION CONTACT INFO SLIP - DATE _____

STUDENT'S NAME & GRADE _____

PARENT'S(S') NAME(S) _____

BEST PHONE NO. (DURING CLASS) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

IS IT OK WITH YOU, TO SHARE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS WITH THE CLASS? YES NO

PLEASE PUT AN "X" BY THOSE ITEMS BELOW OF INTEREST TO YOU - THANK YOU!.

_____ ASSIST WITH A DINNER THIS YEAR

_____ ASSIST WITH A CLASS THIS YEAR

_____ WILLING TO BE A CLASS MENTOR

_____ WILLING TO BE A DRIVER FOR EVENTS

_____ WILLING TO ASSIST JANUARY DAY RETREAT

_____ WILLING TO ASSIST ALL NIGHT SKI EVENT

_____ WILLING TO ASSIST WITH YOUTH SUNDAY DETAILS

_____ WILLING TO SERVE AS A SUPPORT RESOURCE TO YOUTH AND STAFF

_____ WILLING TO ASSIST WITH IGNITE MINISTRY, INCLUDING, YOUTH LED EVENTS, STUDIES, WORSHIP SERVICES, SOCIAL MEDIA, PRAYER SUPPORT, ETC.

_____ WOULD LIKE MY EMAIL ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE ADDED TO THE IGNITE EMAIL GROUP TO ASSIST IN COMMUNICATION AND PLANNING

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