

First and Laketown Lutheran  
Confirming our Faith/Affirmation of Baptism  
2016-2017  
Parent/Guardian - Student Meeting  
September 21, 2016

- Welcome/Introduction
- Devotions/Prayer
  - Deuteronomy 11:18-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)  
18 You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem[a] on your forehead. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 20 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.
  
- Program overview and Goals
  - What is Confirmation?
  
- Attendance, expectations and participation:
  - Learning opportunities
    - You will work on and complete lessons together at home. Each week check in with questions or concerns that you have about that weeks lesson.
    - Online: Each week you will review the new lesson. Together read the prepare, parents guide the discussion with Parent Guide/Student connect sheet. Student complete the worksheet, parents look it over and discuss.
      - On Monday of each week I will post questions for us to think about as we discuss (they may be from the material, they may stretch our thinking). Students must post 3 questions you have from your work by Thursday night. I will respond to all questions by Sunday evening.

- We will meet quarterly as a large group in: Nov, Feb, May, and Bible Camp in the summer. In our quarterly meetings we will talk more in depth about the lessons covered.
  - Service opportunities, Fellowship opportunities, Worship opportunities (explained in another section)
  
- Your Activities
  - Let Pastor Marilyn know when you are involved in activities where she can come and support you. Such as sports events, dance recitals, school plays. I want to support you in your life in school and the world.
  
- Congregational and class participation opportunities
  - Circle of Love Bazaar Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Community Dinner/Coat give-away/Trunk or Treat on October 28th
  - Volunteer at the Blood Drive on December 5th
  - Leadership in Worship: Acolyte, Reader, Worship Assistant
  - Lenten suppers
  - Easter Breakfast
  - Spring Community event
  - Other events
  
- Parent and Student Expectations:
  - Learning Opportunities
    - Families will receive Prepare and Connect Sheets that will be used to learn the lessons each week. In the Here We Stand website there are also student worksheets that correspond with each lesson. To complete these go to the website and download them, fill them out and put in your binder or they can be filled out on the computer, saved and mailed to Pastor Marilyn.
    - It is expected that each student will actively participate in the opportunities available to grow in faith together. Learning opportunities are very important as we will be covering much each week and it will be difficult to make up these times. Other important opportunities are service, fellowship and worship. These help us learn to live out our faith in the congregation, community and world.

- o **Worship/Sundays**
  - Students are encouraged to attend Sunday School or be leaders.
  - Students will help lead the catechism classes for the younger age groups.
  - Students and families are encouraged and expected to attend and participate in worship, hearing *God's Word* and receiving His Sacrament. 10 sermon notes are assigned each year. These can be taken at another congregation when out of town. Sermon note forms are located on Pastor Marilyn's door and can be turned in there after worship, or in class.
- o **Service Opportunities and Hours**
  - Each student is asked to do 15 hours of service. 5 of the hours will be done with the group and 10 will be completed on their own. This would be a great thing to do with your mentor. "Service" is working for or giving of yourself to another person without receiving some kind of compensation in return. Please keep these logged in your service log.
- o **Retreats and Bible Camp**
  - Retreats and Bible camp are a very important part of confirmation, faith building, and personal experiential learning. Throughout the year there opportunities offered and encouraged. Each summer we will, as a group decide on a week to attend Bible Camp together with the Pastor.
- o **Memory Work:**
  - Students will be expected to learn their memory work and complete students sheets prior to group meeting where those lessons will be discussed.
- o **Parent Involvement**
  - The ultimate responsibility for nurturing a child's faith is given by *God* to the parents. Join your child in worship, encourage their participation in the congregation and in service to the community. Review the lessons and memory work, find ways to make this part of family devotional time, family meal

discussions. Faith is not only taught but it is caught when we share our faith, our struggles and our questions. These opportunities are provided to help you fulfill the baptismal covenant that was made on the day of your child's baptism to "raise them up in the Christian faith".

- The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism
  - Prior to the day of confirmation, each confirmand will:
    - Complete all lessons, memory work, and sermon notes.
    - Attend a confirmation week at camp and a confirmation weekend/retreat or designated learning with the pastor.
    - Demonstrate knowledge of basic Christian beliefs as well as commitment to Jesus Christ and his Church.
    - Share a statement of faith with the pastor and maybe the congregation.