

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Grades Six through Eight

Confirmation classes are held for those in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. In the course of the three-year catechetical program, the youth study the Bible and its interpretation, Lutheran Church history, Luther's *Small Catechism* (Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion), worship, liturgy, hymnody, discipleship, and the church year. Eighth graders participate in a comprehensive examination at the conclusion of the program as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation.

Confirmation classes will be held from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

September 25	January 8
October 9	January 22
October 23	February 12
November 13	March 12
December 4	March 26

The Junior Youth Group meeting schedule overlaps with some of these dates (November 13, January 8, February 12, and March 26) so that youth may attend both Youth Group and Confirmation Class on the same trip.

In addition to class attendance, there will be some homework assignments, Sunday morning worship assignments, independent learning activities, serving as an acolyte, and service project requirements. Additional information will be distributed at the first class session.

Our mission is to further assist parents in fulfilling the promises made at Holy Baptism to provide for their child's "instruction in the Christian faith." Should your child have any learning challenges, please speak with me in advance so that the course of study can be structured to build on your child's strengths.

We look forward to an enriching and integrated Christian formation experience for our youth. Thanks for your participation in this very important ministry.

Parents of eighth graders are reminded that The Rite of Confirmation will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017, at the 10:30 a.m. service. Please mark your calendars and save the date.