

# Confirmation

## **Confirmation**

Provides the opportunity for our students to either publicly be baptized for the first time or affirm the baptismal vows taken by their parents at the students birth. Confirmation begins your ninth grade year and ends when requirements are met. Confirmation includes church participation, monthly Bible study, and specific event participation.

## **Church Participation**

We expect students desiring to be confirmed to attend Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night youth group. We believe in the necessity of Christians understanding what it means to be a part of the 'body of Christ'.

## **Monthly Bible Study**

We expect students desiring to be confirmed to meet once per month (see calendar for dates) with the intention of completing assigned Bible studies. We feel that in order to confirm a person's faith in Christ, they have to know who Christ is. Small groups provide accountability with the goal of education and relationship.

## **Confirmation Retreat**

Students desiring to be confirmed are expected to attend a three day retreat at the end of the school year to study the vows they will be taking at their confirmation. We feel that extended periods of time in an environment with other students seeking God has the potential for life-changing impact.

\*We also strongly encourage students to participate in both the Fall Retreat and Acquire the Fire (winter). Both of these events are excellent opportunities for students to grow in their faith.

## **Getting Confirmed**

When you have completed the above requirements, we expect students desiring to be confirmed to make an appointment with Pastor Spahr to discuss the students upcoming confirmation and reason for wanting to be confirmed. At this time a date will be set to be confirmed in a worship service of the students choice. We feel it is necessary for the student to have personal responsibility in both the decision and expression of their confirmation.

*"And Jesus said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.'" - Matthew 28:18-20*