

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION MINISTRY AT LORD OF LIFE 2011-2012

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, helping prepare and clean up, learning about the sound equipment, Youth Sunday, (Jan. 29, `12) helping in the nursery, etc.
 - B. **study** - students are required to complete 4 units during the year. The tentative schedule for units and dates is below. Classes are tentatively scheduled for either 12 noon or 4 p.m. each Sunday.

<u>Month</u>	<u>7th grade units</u>	<u>8th grade units</u>	<u>9th grade 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	3/4-Holy Communion	3/11-Holy Week	3/18-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 summer 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 Operation Christmas Child; Helping with Food Drives, including delivery and time at the Food Shelf; Visiting "Feed My Starving Children," "Adopt-A-Highway," 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 2012, 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 web page, youth board, newsletter, highlighting views on issues, concerns of teens, and publicizing events and classes, etc.
- G. **Confirmation Sunday For this year's 9th Graders is Sunday, September 30, 2012, with a banquet and rehearsal on Sunday, September 23, 2012.**

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 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.