



Hello 9th Grade Students, Parents & Leaders!

Welcome to 9th Grade Confirmation at Faith Lutheran. We want you to know that we are excited to be walking with you toward Affirmation of Baptism – **Sunday, April 28th 2019**. The Affirmation of Baptism is an important faith milestone in your journey following Jesus. It is your opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation into lifelong relationship with Him. It's our prayer that through confirmation you will understand that this is not a final step in a process, but really the next step in following Jesus forever!

If you've participated in IGNITE Confirmation during your 7th and/or 8th grade years, you would have come every Wednesday night for large group teaching and small group discussion. However, in your 9th grade year, you will be meeting on Sunday nights and participating in Faith App courses. These courses are designed to help you use your talents or interests while applying your faith. You are ALSO invited to participate in Faith's High School Ministry (H.S.M.) on Wednesday nights, 8:00pm-9:30pm. There will be 7 Sunday nights that you will be required participate in as a 9th grade confirmation student. On the Sunday nights listed below, you will be meeting in your faith app groups for one hour, and then breaking off into your usual small groups for deeper discussion. There will also be a Wednesday night service option for those involved in Sunday sports or other activities. To sign up for the Wednesday night option, you must first speak with Ally.

We believe that commitments within the Confirmation process help students take ownership of their faith. That's why there are a few requirements necessary.

Schedule:

Sept. 16, 7:00 pm - Orientation for all 9th Grade confirmation students, parents and leaders

Sept. 23, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm: Intro to 9th Grade Ignite with Ally, meet in the sanctuary in small groups, Sign up for first Faith App Course

Sept. 30, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Session 1 of Faith Apps

8:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Small group time in classrooms

Oct. 7, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Session 2 of Faith Apps

8:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Small group time in classrooms

Oct. 14, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Session 3 of Faith Apps

8:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Small group time in classrooms & Sign up for second faith app.

Oct. 21 -- Off for MEA

Oct. 28, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Session 1 of Faith Apps

8:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Small group time in classrooms

Nov. 4, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Session 2 of Faith Apps

8:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Small group time in classrooms

Nov. 11, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Session 3 of Faith Apps

8:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Small group time in classrooms

April 12 - 14: 9th Grade Retreat @ Green Lake

April 28, 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm: Affirmation of Baptism

“I Believe” Statement

Students are asked to write a 2-3 page paper describing how their faith has developed and what their faith personally means to them. Students describe why they have decided to be confirmed. Guidelines for the paper will be sent to students at a later date. **Due February 10th**. We will talk more about “I Believe” Statements on September 23rd.

Church Council Interviews – Tuesday, February 25th. This is an opportunity for students to attend a church council meeting and engage meaningfully with our council members. 5-6 students will sit down with a member of our church council for caring conversation.

9th Grade Confirmation Retreat – Friday, April 12 - Sunday, April 14 @ Green Lake

This is a time for students to make stoles, explore the role of the Holy Spirit and their spiritual gifts, learn what is going to happen on the Confirmation day, and to have some fun.

Confirmation Walkthrough & Pictures – Wednesday, April 24th / 6:00pm – 8:15pm

Students and parents will walkthrough and practice the service. They will also get formal pictures taken in robes and stoles.

Affirmation of Baptism/Rite of Confirmation – Sunday, April 29th / 12pm & 2pm

This is the day that we all get to celebrate the student's desire to affirm their faith and become full and active members of the church, the Body of Christ! Remember that students are in charge of the service! From ushering, to reading, even the message! We always need special music on this day, so please let me know if your student or a group of students are interested in playing/singing.

High School Ministry Opportunities

Other awesome stuff to be involved in at Faith Lutheran!

H.S.M. Youth Group

Be you. Go deeper.

Wednesday Night / Youth Room / 8:00pm – 9:30pm

H.S.M. will be a weekly high-energy time of community and a relevant, engaging message. Whether you have a crazy amount of questions about God, the Bible, Jesus and the Church or you're pretty confident in what you believe, H.S.M. is a place for you and your friends!

Be a SPARK Leader (Sunday/Wednesday School)

Students are encouraged help lead the children of Faith in Sunday School. You will report to Mary Toufar for this. Must complete two terms - Sep - Dec and Jan - May.

High School BWCA Trip!

Boundary Waters Canoe Area, see handout for more information. Fundraising opportunities available!

Youthworks Mission Trip 7th-12th grade combined

Wild Rive, WY, see handout for more information. Fundraising opportunities available!

July 28-August 2

Cost: TBD

Camp Wapo or Green Lake - TIM TEAM (Teens in Mission)

Dates Available in Winter/Spring

Cost: \$425

TIM Team is a leadership development opportunity for Senior High youth. TIM Teamers will spend time at both Ox Lake and Wapo during the 6 day experience. TIM Teamers will have lodging at Ox Lake, as well as experiencing the Low / High Ropes Challenge Course. During the week, much of each day is spent at Wapo interfacing and participating as leaders amongst the younger youth from their congregation.

Again, we are excited to be walking with you towards your Affirmation of Baptism and want to help this milestone be a fantastic experience for you and your family! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Peace,

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