

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

The goal of Confirmation ministry is to prepare youth to commit themselves to a life of Christian discipleship as active members of the congregation. The Confirmation Program has been created with this goal in mind. The final decision as to whether an individual is confirmed will be based on evidence of personal faith. While merely fulfilling Confirmation Program expectations cannot automatically produce personal faith, willing participants will find the program as a whole to be a valuable means of nurturing such faith.

Required:

- Participation in the Confirmation Retreats
- Completion of Pre-retreat and Post-retreat assignments
- Regular worship attendance
- Twenty sermon notes per year (due the day the sermon is preached)
- Regular Sunday School attendance
- Annual interview with a member of the pastoral staff
- Basic Concepts Test (any time during 6-9th grade)
- (9th grade) Essay: "What I Believe As A Christian" (2 typed pages)
- Service within the congregation (e.g., acolyte, choir, usher, etc.)

Strongly encouraged:

- Middle School (W.I.L.D.) or High School (Coffee House) Youth Program

Sixth-Eighth Grade Retreat Dates:

- Oct. 26-28, 2007 ("I Believe in...God the Father")
- March 7-9, 2008 ("By Grace Through Faith")
- May 16-18, 2008 ("Christian Morality")

The cost for all weekend retreats is \$75.00. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.

Ninth Grade Retreat Dates:

- October 5, 2007 "Refresher Course" Overnight Lock-in (7:00 p.m. until breakfast at church)
- January 13, 2008 "Sharing My Gifts in Ministry" (1:30 through dinner at Pastor Martens' house)
- February 10, 2008 "Marriage & Dating" (1:30 through dinner at Pastor Martens' house)
- March 2, 2008 "Facing Death as a Christian" (1:30 at Einans)
- April 25-27, 2008 "Following Christ" Final Retreat (at Ghormley Meadows)

Packing List:

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| • Two changes of warm clothing | • Sweater or Sweatshirt | • Bible |
| • Shoes suitable for hiking and/or wet weather | • Toiletries | • Pen or pencil |
| • Warm jacket | • Towels & washcloth | • [Money for "Sundeck"] |
| | • Sleeping bag | |
| | • Pillow | |
| | • Flashlight | |

Blessing of New Confirmands: October 14, 2007 at both services

Confirmation Banquet: May 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday: May 4, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

