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## Countdown to the Rite of Confirmation

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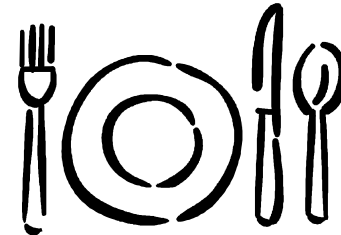
10.  Put "Important Dates" on your family calendars.
9.  If you have not turned in all 3 parts of your "Faith & Life" paper or made an appointment for a one-on-one with one of the pastors, please do so as soon as possible. Papers can be turned in to Barb in the Youth/Children's ministry office and appointments can be made by calling her at 952-985-7351.
8.  Think of a Confirmation Bible verse. Some suggested verses are found in this mailing, but please feel free to use any that is meaningful to you.
7.  Fill out and send in the enclosed blue postcard by June 1. This contains important information regarding the place and date of your baptism, your Bible verse, and your height.
6.  Mail or bring to the Youth/Children's ministry office or pay online your confirmation fee of \$55. This fee covers the dinner, robe rental, and a picture package which includes a 5X7 group, 3X5 individual & 4 wallets.
5.  Come to dinner and a special worship service on September 27 at 5:00 PM. (This is not the Rite of Confirmation.)
4.  Come to SOTV for breakfast, rehearsal, and pictures at 9:45 A.M. on the day of your Confirmation.
3.  You will receive your photo envelope at rehearsal. At that time, you can order additional pictures. We will let you know at a later date how much those additional pictures cost. Wear clothing that will work with your robe and especially pay attention to your lower legs and shoes. They **may** show in the pictures.
2.  Come to rooms 20-21 twenty minutes before your assigned Confirmation service.
1.  Two - 3 weeks later, remember to come in and pick up your photos.

## Special Worship & Dinner

On Sunday, September 27, you are cordially invited to a special worship service and dinner for confirmands and their parents. Worship begins at 5:00 PM and will be immediately followed by a catered dinner.

The cost of dinner is covered by your \$55 fee. Because of space issues,

we are sorry that we have to limit the dinner to the confirmands, parents, step-parents and guardians. Dress for the evening is casual. You will receive an invitation to the dinner and more information in late August.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 27 at 5:00 PM** Special Worship and Dinner for 10th graders & parents.
- **Rite of Confirmation**  
(Youth come at 9:45 AM on assigned day for breakfast, pictures, and rehearsal.)  
**October 24**  
12:00 Noon - Last names A-G  
2:15 PM - Last names H-K  
**October 31**  
12:00 Noon - Last names L-P  
2:15 PM - Last names R-Z

### Things YOU can do this Summer!

- Ox Lake High Adventure Challenge Course - Saturday, June 6. Cost is \$40. Register online or on a form found in the Youth/Children's Ministry office.
- URL Wednesday night bonfires from 8-10 PM in the "backyard" at SOTV.
- ELCA Day at Valleyfair - Monday, June 29 from 1 PM - 10 PM. Cost is \$30 or only \$10 if you have a season pass. Sign up online or on a registration form found in the Youth/Children's Ministry office.

## **What is the Rite of Confirmation? It's saying "Yes" to your baptism!**

On October 24 and October 31, confirmands are invited to participate in one of four special worship services. The Rite of Confirmation celebrates and witnesses the completion of formal confirmation education, as well as encourages all of God's children to continue a life of worship, study and service. Here is what happens at the Rite of Confirmation service.

*Pastor invites the Assembly to stand for the **Affirmation of Faith***

L I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

L Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
If so, answer "We do."

**A We do.**

L Do you believe in God the Father?

**A I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**A I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, And born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**A I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Pastor directs the assembly to be seated and then addresses the confirmands:*

Affirmation of Baptism

L You have now made public profession of your faith. I now ask you: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism? Do you intend to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper? Do you intend to proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed, serving all people, following the example of Jesus to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each confirmand responds individually:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*Pastor turns and faces the assembly.*

L People of God, will you continue to support these young people in their faith, encourage their life in the church, and pray for them as they live a life of service to others? If so, answer "We do."

**A We do.**



*The pastor instructs that immediately upon the reading of each name, both the student and their family members should begin walking forward and gather at the kneeler with the confirmand.*

The Pastors and family say :

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Your name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.