

SJL Confirmation Covenant

I am excited you want to begin the confirmation process so that we can celebrate your desire to follow Jesus with the entire St. John church family! Confirmation is an intentional year long process for high school youth who want to grow as disciples of faith and take responsibility for their place in Jesus life-changing movement called “Church.” High school youth are welcome to join this process when they are ready to take the risk of learning to follow Jesus.

Confirmation is a dynamic process that involves different elements to help you be rooted in the essence of the Christian faith, be transformed in Christian community with peers and caring adults, and be empowered to participate in God’s mission. Confirmation takes commitment and responsibility from both the parents and the youth.

Here are the steps to confirm your faith with St. John:

- Sign and turn in a confirmation covenant to Corey’s box in the front office by Aug31st
- Actively participate in 10 monthly meetings (schedule below)
 - This will include times of engaging teaching, small groups, and a meal
 - **If you miss one, you are responsible for making it up by meeting with Corey**
 - **If you miss more than one, you can sign up again next year to complete confirmation.**
- Engage spiritual growth opportunities in between meetings
- Actively participate in Sunday morning youth community group and/or youth group at night
- Actively participate in worship regularly
- Meet monthly with a mentor and small group of other youth for breakfast or dinner
- Participate in the Famine/Compassion weekend
- Attend the end of the year faith hike and celebration with your family
- “Confirm” your faith in Christ at a public worship service on Pentecost Sunday (5/27)

I, _____, realize the confirmation process is an important step for my in my journey with Christ. I would like to take the risk of learning to follow and grow as a disciple of Jesus. I commit to finishing the confirmation process to become a member of the St. John church family.

Name: _____ Signature _____
Parent’s Names: _____ Signature _____

Sunday Learning Themes:

September 4-5: 7pm-10:30am: Confirmation 1: Overnight Retreat—Real Spirituality

October 9: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 2: The Drama of Scripture

Nov 6: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 3: Christ-centered community

Dec 11: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 4: Spiritual warfare

Jan 8: 12:30-3pm: Confirmation 5: Lutheran Theology and History

Feb 5: 12:30-3pm: Confirmation 6: Apostolic Faith

Feb 26: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 7: Worship and Spiritual Formation

Apr 1: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 8: Finding Your Place in God’s Story

May 11-12: The Famine and Compassion weekend

May 20: Confirmation: 1-8pm: Faith hike and dinner celebration

May 27: Pentecost Sunday: confirmation in 2 services

Confirmation Vision and Plan: 2011-2012

Vision of confirmation: A dynamic year long process that equips youth to grow as disciples of Christ and empowers them to take their place in Jesus' life-changing movement of the Church.

Goals:

- **To be rooted** in the truth of God's Word, sound Lutheran doctrine, and the apostolic tradition of the Church
- **To be transformed** through relationship with Christ, Christian community, and mentors
- **To be empowered** to participate in Christian community, mission, and spiritual disciplines

Schedule:

- **September 4-5: 7pm-10:30am: Confirmation 1: Overnight—Discuss Real Spirituality:** Equipping youth to discern real spirituality by learning how to become rooted in God's Word, committed to the Body of Christ, and how God's works in us to produce fruit for His kingdom (Col. 2:6-8, John 15)
- **October 9: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 2: The Drama of Scripture:** Equipping youth to understand the big vision and unfolding narrative of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation (Gen-Rev):
- **Nov 6: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 3: Christ-centered community:** Focused on how living in Christ creates a counter-cultural community by following God's commands (Mt. 22:34-40, Ex 19-20, Luther's Catechism)
- **Dec 11: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 4: Spiritual warfare:** Equipping youth to learn how to discern and defend themselves against the attacks of Satan and become dangerous for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's prayer and putting on the armor of God. (Gen 2-3, Eph 6)
- **Jan 8: 12:30-3pm: Confirmation 5: Lutheran Theology and History:** Helping youth to understand the significance of the Reformation historically and the distinctives of Lutheran theology. (Eph 2, Luther's catechism, Augsburg Confession)
- **Feb 5: 12:30-3pm: Confirmation 6: Apostolic Faith:** Grounding youth in the apostolic tradition and sound theology by learning the orthodox creeds of the Church. (Various Scriptures, Luther's catechism on creeds)
- **Feb 26: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 7: Worship and Spiritual Formation:** Equipping youth to understand the significance of the means of the grace, confession, sacraments, worship, and spiritual formation over the church year. (John 4, Romans 12:1-2, Various Psalms, Luther's catechism)
- **Apr 1: 4-6:30pm: Confirmation 8: Finding Your Place in God's Story:** Empowering youth to become full participants in God's story by learning to share their faith in Word and Deed, pursue sanctification, and be stewards of their time, talents, and treasures. (James 1, I John 3, Matthew 25)
- **May 11-12: The Famine and Compassion weekend:** Empowering youth to practice the spiritual discipline of fasting and prayer, learn about God's heart for justice and compassion, and serve others in tangible ways. (Various Scriptures, Mt 25)
- **May 20: Confirmation 10: Hike:** Inviting youth to surrender their lives to Jesus, reflect on the significance of confirming their faith as part of the Body of Christ, and share their testimonies with each other on a faith hike. (Matthew 16 @ Cesearia Phillipi)
 - **Dinner celebration:** After the hike, we meet with their families for fellowship, dinner, worship/prayer, and sharing testimonies.
- **May 27: Pentecost Sunday: confirmation in 2 services**