Our Saviour’s Confirmation Program  
2016-2017

Our Middle School program is one of the best around! Part of what makes our program so outstanding is the unique balance of service, scripture and fellowship. There are many different components of our program that we feel will benefit the youth in their faith journey.

- **Sessions**-Sunday evening sessions from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Each week we are in session, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students all gather for a 45-60 minute session of music, announcements and a lesson. Each lesson will give an overview of what our small groups will discuss. With the talents of our Pastors and High School Xteam, we are able to make each lesson unique. The final 30-45 minutes is spent in our small groups reviewing the lesson, doing activities, planning service projects and, of course, getting to know each other a little better. **The enclosed calendar lists all currently scheduled confirmation dates. Confirmation families are expected make attendance at all sessions a priority.**

- **Fellowship Opportunities**-Growing in faith happens as much through fellowship as it does through education.
  1. **Confirmation Retreat**–During this synod wide mini camp, held the first weekend of February, youth are offered the opportunity to deeply explore the chosen theological topic while also working on team building activities and games.
  2. **Middle School Youth Group**–Our Middle School Youth Group gives 6th-8th graders the opportunity to interact in a less structured way and form friendships with their peers. The MSYG fall schedule is enclosed.
  3. **Ultimate Lock-in**–This synod wide overnight lock-in event is a combination of faith formation and fun. The night begins with a scheduled faith based activity and ends at Enchanted Castle with games, laser tag, go karts and more.
  4. **Quake Zone**–The Quake Zone experience is a weekend long workshop, worship, and music filled time that gives our youth the opportunity to meet others from around the country who are dedicated to God and living as Christians.

- **Confirmation Camp**–Students finishing 7th grade (year 2) will spend a week at Camp this summer. We will have a fun-filled, faith-growing experience of traditional camp activities, team-building, canoeing, Bible study, and service projects.

- **Worship Reports**-Worship reports give our Confirmation students the chance to connect the worship experience with their lives and think about the sermon critically. Students are required to submit a **minimum of 15 worship reports/year**.

- **Service Projects**-Middle Schoolers will complete at least one service project with their small group. Additionally, as a Confirmation Program, we will serve at Feed My Starving Children on October 15th at 7:00PM.

- **Service Points**-These will be awarded to the youth based on various activities or service opportunities. There are many, many ways to receive points. Each time you
participate in a service opportunity you earn a point, going on retreats, attending youth group, passing out Love In Action bags, volunteering in a Sunday school class etc. Service points can be earned outside of church as well. Have you helped a neighbor (not for pay) by mowing, babysitting etc? These all count as points. **Your youth will be required to turn in a service point sheet indicating the service opportunities they were involved in.** These forms along with sermon report forms can be found in both the North and South Narthex. Our service points are solely a means of encouraging a life of service within and outside the church.

Each of the students will be given a record sheet to keep track of their points. All of the above requirements will give them points. This includes a point awarded for each sermon report, attendance and service opportunity. Any incomplete sermon reports and service points will be carried over to subsequent years. At the end of Confirmation, students are expected to have completed 45 sermon reports and 90 service hours. Students who miss Confirmation sessions will be expected to complete makeup work.

**A Note About Confirmation**

*If you register your child to participate in our Confirmation program, our pastors and leaders are committed to helping them grow and learn so they are ready to affirm their faith. As their parent, we are counting on your commitment to provide transportation, discuss curriculum, and support your child as they grow in their faith.*