



Incarnation Lutheran Church

9th Grade Confirmation

Entry into High School Faith Milestone

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Family Blessing

“If ever the church is to flourish again, one must begin by instructing the young.”
~Martin Luther

What are your children echoing back to you?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What should your children be echoing back to you?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Parents + Church = The Orange Factor

- Parents; no one has more potential to influence your child than you.
- But, you are not the only influence your children need.
- Two combined influences will make a greater impact than just two influences.



A church community like Incarnation has at most _____ hours a year to influence a child. Meanwhile, a parent, even if both parents work and the child is in school for eight hours a day, still has about _____ hours a year.

Parent Baptismal Promise:

“As you present your child for Baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people. Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?” Parents: I do.

Question Asked to Confirmand at Confirmation Service:

“Do you intend to continue to trust in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?” Response: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

Creating a Vision of Life Long Faith:

[Moses said to the people,] ⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”---Deuteronomy 6:4-9

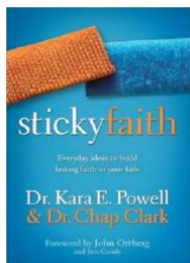
Helpful Practices:

- Create space for honest conversation and listening respectfully as you talk about faith matters, even if you disagree with one another.
- Decide together about your family's expectations for worshipping together—i.e. how often and which service.
- Try a new worship service.
- 5:1 Ratio
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
- Practice Faith5 as a family.
- Choose a devotional book or Bible reading plan that you can do together as a family.
- Commit to doing a service project together as a family, either here at Incarnation or in the community.
- Make a covenant—a shared promise—to pray together each night or each morning or to bless each other every night.

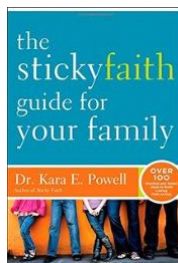
Make It a Habit:

- Write it down and be specific about what you want to do.
- Put a time frame on it. Decide how often or for what period of time you will do this activity (i.e. worship each Wednesday night during Lent, worship at the 6:00 p.m. service the first Sunday of each month, do one service project together as a family each month, or read one chapter of the Bible each day for the month of October).
- Create reminders. A Post-it Note on the mirror, a repeating alarm on your phone, a sign on the refrigerator—do whatever will help you keep this practice in front of you.
- Decide how you will hold each other accountable—with a spirit of kindness, grace, and mutual respect.

Resources for Parents



Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith In Your Kids
by Kara Powell & Chap Clark



The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family: Over 100 Practical and Tested Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Kids
By Kara Powell

Gift Ideas for Confirmands



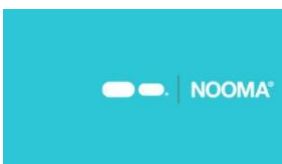
Solo Devotional
by Eugene Peterson



The Story: Teen Edition: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People
by ZonderKidz



devozine: for teens + by teens magazine devotional
from www.upperroom.org



NOOMA Videos
by Rob Bell
Download or rent
at:

<https://flannel.org/store/films/nooma>

9th Grade Nuts & Bolts

What's the difference between Confirmation this year and the last two years?

The main difference between Confirmation this year and the last two years is a shift towards taking on more ownership in your faith in Christ. That means that when we gather in Small Groups to talk about the Sacraments, Creeds or to help you create your Faith Statement or Faith Project, we want to help you transition towards you taking the initiative in your own walk with Christ.

“When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, ‘Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.’ [The boy Jesus said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.” ~Luke 2:48-52

As a family, tonight around the dinner table, please read through all of Luke chapter 2. Pay attention to all the different ways at the beginning of the chapter that Joseph and Mary raise Jesus in their own faith of Judaism. Then, take a few moments as a family to remember all of the different things you have done to help raise your children in the faith. What were some of the difficult moments? What were some of the joyful moments? How does this story in Luke 2 mirror your own family experience? How is it different? End with talking about your hopes and dreams, both individually and as a family, this coming year in Confirmation.

What are the expectations of this year?

1. Along with your parent(s), to enter more deeply into your relationship with Christ.
2. To be prayed for on a daily basis by a member of Incarnation (Prayer Partner).
3. To receive a blessing by parent(s).
4. To give a blessing to my parent(s).
5. To give of my talents and gifts to Incarnation and the wider church through acts of service.
6. To be an active participant in the life of the Incarnation congregation by attending worship services and participating in activities and events listed below specific to the 9th Grade Confirmation program.
7. Attend the 9th Grade “I Believe” Retreat at Camp Wapo, February 5-6, 2021.
8. Complete six service hours. These can be completed at Incarnation or in the greater community.
9. Attend four HSM (High School Ministry) Events between September 30, 2020 and April 23, 2021.
10. Create a Faith Statement or Faith Project and meet for 30 minutes with a CYF Staff Member or Pastor during Lent (February 17 – March 26, 2021)

What are the important dates I need to put on my calendar?

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

HSM Youth Group Begins; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

9th Grade Small Group; 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

9th Grade Small Group; 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

9th Grade Small Group; 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

9th Grade Small Group; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, February 5-6, 2021

9th Grade Retreat/Offsite at Camp Wapo

Saturday, February 6, 2021

Parents meeting to learn about Faith Project & sign-up for a Faith Statement Conversation; 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

February 17 – March 26, 2021

Schedule a meeting with a CYF Staff Member or Pastor to go over my Faith Project.

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Presentation of Confirmands at all four worship services.

Monday, April 19, 2021

Celebration of Passage; Students and Prayer Partners arrive at 6:45 p.m. Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 23, 2021

Deadline for all 9th Grade Requirements

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Confirmation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary; 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. One parent/guardian must attend.

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Confirmation Sunday; 1:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.



HSM (High School Ministry)

2020/2021

At every baptism we hear Jesus say, “Let your light shine before others that they see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).” High School Ministry (HSM) is designed to help young people in 9th – 12th grades figure out ways to live out their faith in daily life while letting God’s love shine through them into the world.

HSM Youth Group on Wednesday Nights



Most Wednesdays during the 2020 – 2021 school year from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., beginning September 30. At Youth Group, 9th – 12th grade students gather for a time of fellowship, games, worship, Bible study, and prayer. This is a great way to stay connected to Incarnation during and after Confirmation. Like all HSM events, friends are always welcome. At least initially, HSM Youth Group will meet via Zoom. As pandemic conditions improve, we will be looking for every opportunity to resume in-person Youth Group in the Youth Room.

First Thursday

Begins Thursday, October 1 from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Stop by Caribou Coffee in North Oaks for breakfast and a brief devotional on the first Thursday of each month. Through the generosity of Incarnation members, breakfast is free!



9th Grade Retreat at Camp Wapo

Join other 9th graders from Incarnation for an overnight retreat at Camp Wapo focusing on the theme “I Believe.”

Friday Feb 5 – Saturday Feb 6

Additional details to follow.

HSM Fellowship and Service Events HSM fellowship and service events are for any youth in grades 9– 12. These events provide opportunities for youth to for youth to gather together, meet new people, serve our community or the world, get to know adult leaders, and is a great opportunity to invite friends to get to know more about Incarnation.

Upcoming Events: HSM Outdoor Movie: Thursday November 5; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Stay Connected

For all HSM Opportunities visit: <https://incarnationmn.org/youth/hsm-9-12/>



Instagram @ilchighschoolmin, or on Facebook at facebook.com/HSM-at-Incarnation.





Entry Into High School Milestone

The Blessing| **September 30, 2020**

Students place a hand on their parent(s) in blessing.

LEADER: Holy God, Sacred Lord, you have given these parents as a sacred gift to their children. Bless them in their awesome responsibility and as they continue to live out the promises they made at their child's Baptism. Give them wisdom, power, and patience with their child. Give them a spirit of graciousness and a sense of humor. Give them a renewed understanding of their call. Give them joy when their relationship with their child is going well and the knowledge that they are still loved, even when times are rocky between these students and their parents. Bless these parents through their children. Remind them continually that they belong to you and that nothing can separate them from your love. Amen.

Parent(s) place a hand on their student(s) in blessing.

LEADER: Holy Creator, Loving God, you have given these children as a sacred gift to their parent(s). Bless them in their growing. Bless them in their changing. Give them wisdom, power, and patience with their parent(s). Give them a spirit of graciousness and a sense of humor. Give them joy when their relationship with their parent(s) is going well and the knowledge that they are still loved, even when times are rocky between these students and their parent(s). Bless these students through their parent(s). Remind them continually that they belong to you and that nothing can separate them from your love. Amen.

Sharing a Blessing: Parent to Child | Child to Parent

Look into the eyes of your child/parent, make the sign of the cross on their forehead, and whisper the following blessing:

“(Name), you are a loved child of God!”