

Tuesday, July 26, 2016



Dear Parents of 6th Graders,

Confirmation is not a three-year class - it is not memorization, it is not sermon notes. It is not graduation and it is not a "have to." *Confirmation is an amazing part of a faith journey. It is a time of exploration, play, discovery, relationships, learning and prayer.* Confirmation happens when a person chooses to affirm his or her baptismal promises. The Confirmation Ministry exists to help prepare youth to make the choice to continue living a life with Christ. A significant and successful part of the Mount Calvary Confirmation ministry is the inclusion of parents – most specifically their attendance with their child in the class!

Parents are the primary models of faith for their children and it is very important in the adolescent years to partner with your child and be open to their journey, especially their faith journey. The first half of 6th grade you attend with your child every other week, the second half of the year the 6th graders will be in their small groups! Together you will share stories, prayers, learning, exploring and growing. Through you, your child will come to know the significance of a life of faith.

Confirmation takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM. Everything will be explained in great detail at the **Parent Orientation Meeting** (dates listed below!) This is a "parent only" meeting . We will discuss confirmation schedule, curriculum for the year, structure, retreats, etc. All parents are expected to attend.

Confirmation Registration: Please complete the enclosed form for all students. You can print out additional forms online or register online at www.mountcalvary.org. Return them to Brenda Lund at Mount Calvary. This year, confirmation fees are \$155 which covers all curriculum, materials, special events and retreats. Financial assistance is available by contacting Pastor Dave Olson or myself.

We are excited to offer this opportunity for you and your child to "do" faith together. We know it can be life changing and pray God's blessing on your journey together. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 952.474.8893 or email me - andrea.fieldhouse@mountcalvary.org or email Brenda Lund at brenda.lund@mountcalvary.org Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Many Blessings,

Andrea

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IMPORTANT dates...

- September 6 - 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Parents Only Meeting
 - September 7 - 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Parents Only Meeting
 - September 14 - 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Confirmation Begins!!
 - September 23-24 Confirmation Retreat at Camp Iduhapi, Loretto, MN (will fill out form at Parent Orientation Meeting)
- You need only attend one!***