**9th Grade Faith Formation 2017/2018 School Year**

At baptism, promises were made. As parents you stood by a font and a pastor said:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

*Your Response:*I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,

bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,

**teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,**

place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,

so that *your children* may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Your Response:*I do.

Water was then splashed on your child’s head and they were named publicly what was already known to God: that they are loved, that they are a Child of God, that they were made for faith and community. God made a choice for them before they could make a choice for themselves. That’s how grace works.

During the past two years of Faith Formation we have worked on the Catechism, the part that is bolded in the promises above, namely the Lord’s Prayer/prayer practices and the 10 Commandments. It is central to our beliefs as Lutheran Christians. This year of Faith Formation we will learn about the Creed and talk about what is central to the Creed, the part where we profess “I believe,” while working towards the student’s Faith Statements for their 10th grade Affirmation of Baptism. This year is only one year of many in Faith Formation. It started at baptism and continues through life. We cannot learn everything there is to know about what it means to believe this year, but we will learn a part of what it means to be a person of faith. We will learn in classes, through Servant Events, activities and everyday life.

Our goal is there in the vows: that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

**Expectations for the 2017/2018 School Year**

**Class**

Attend and fully participate in each Faith Formation class period. Class will take place on October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11 and March 11. ***Due to the amount of material covered and the few times we meet, there will be make-up work for missed classes. Make-up work will be made after the class to make sure it accurately reflects what was covered. All make-up work can be found on the website: www.glyndonlutheran.org***

**Worship**

Attend and fully participate in the worship life of our congregation.

We are asking that our youth make it a priority to attend worship on either **October 25th or 29th**. These services will have our 10th grade confirmands sharing their faith statements. This is an excellent time for our youth to hear how faith plays a part in daily life of their peers, while also getting a feel for what the faith statements can look like as they journey through confirmation toward their own Confirmation day.

Attendance is required during Holy Week either at GLC or another congregation:

Palm Sunday, March 25th

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

Good Friday, March 30th

Easter, April 1st

***There will be assignments emailed for missed worship services that are required. A bulletin from another congregation with a brief summary of the sermon may be counted.***

**Sermon Notes**

Beginning in the fall of 2017, students will be expected to have **20 sermon notes per year for 7th, 8th and 9th grade**. ***4 of these sermon notes should include Holy Week*** as that is what we will be using for attendance. If there is not a Sermon Note from GLC or Bulletin from another congregation turned in for Holy Week, the youth will be marked as absent and will be expected to complete make-up work for those assignments.

**Servant Events**

A total of 12 servant events should be completed by the end of 9th grade; 4 each year in 7th, 8th and 9th grade.

We strongly encourage youth to serve at God’s Work. Our Hands. September 10th

***We require 9th graders and their families to serve at two events:***

1. ***The Confirmation Banquet – October 25th***
2. ***The Harvest Supper – November 1st***

One other Servant Event (see additional options on next page)

**Additional Servant Event Opportunities:**

Day Camp – 1 Servant Event/Day (Youth must be fully engaged to count)

Family Service Event – Just provide a write-up of what you did, when you did it, and the difference it made

Assisting with Faith Formation (amounts vary depending on Sunday/Wednesday)

Camp Clean-Up at both Pathways Camps in the spring (Emmaus or Minne-Wa-Kan would count as 2)

**Worship Experience**

Experiencing worship in different ways (not just in a church building) is critical to developing faith and seeing God work in new ways. As a result, we are encouraging our youth to experience worship and fellowship in different ways through opportunities that are presented near and far.

Youth will be expected to have **two** worship experiences through their Confirmation time. One of these includes their week at camp.

Options to fulfill the other worship experience include:

\*Serving all 4 days at Day Camp (cannot be both servant event and worship experience)  
 \*Attending Camp a second time  
 \*Attending the Middle School or High School Synod Youth Gathering  
 \*Attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018  
 *Please note: other opportunities may arise and be presented. If you have an experience that you feel would fulfill the opportunity to worship God in a different setting than church, please talk with Pastor Kayla and/or Kris.*

**2017/2018 9th Grade Schedule**

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| **Date** |  |
| Sunday, September 10 | God’s Work. Our Hands.  \*\*Encouraged Servant Event\*\* |
| **October 8** | **Confirmation Class @ Church 11:30am to 3:00pm** |
| October 21 | Feed My Starving Children & ValleyScare  \*Tentative Servant Event – More Details in Fall\* |
| **October 25** | **Confirmation Banquet**  **\*\*Required Servant Event\*\*** |
| **November 1** | **Harvest Supper**  **\*Required Servant Event\*\*** |
| **November 12** | **Confirmation Class @ Church 11:30am to 2:30pm** |
| November 26or 29 | Advent 1 – \*\*Worship Encouraged\*\* |
| December 3 or 6 | Advent 2 – \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| December 3 | Christmas Caroling –  \*Tentative Servant Event – More Details in Fall\* |
| **December 10** | **Confirmation Class @ Church 10:30am to 1:30pm** |
| December 10 or 13 | Advent 3 – \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| December 17 or 20 | Advent 4 – \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| December 20 | Christmas Program Breakfast (Servant Event or Fundraiser) |
| **January 14** | **Confirmation Class @ Church 10:30am to 1:30pm** |
| **February 11** | **Confirmation Class @ Church 10:30am to 2:00pm** |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday  \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| February 21 | \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| February 28 | \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| March 7 | \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| **March 11** | **Confirmation Class @ Church 10:30am to 2:00pm** |
| March 14 | \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| March 21 | \*\* Worship Encouraged \*\* |
| **March 25** | **Palm Sunday \*\*Required Worship Attendance\*\*** |
| March 25 | Palm Sunday Breakfast (Servant Event or Fundraiser) |
| **March 29** | **Maundy Thursday**  **\*\*Required Worship Attendance\*\*** |
| **March 30** | **Good Friday**  **\*\*Required Worship Attendance\*\*** |
| **April 1** | **Easter Sunday**  **\*\*Required Worship Attendance\*\*** |
| April 1 | Easter Breakfast (Servant Event or Fundraiser) |
| April 13-15 | Sr. High Synod Youth Gathering @ Arrowwood |
| **May 1st** | **First Copy of Faith Statement Due to Pastor Kayla and Kris**  (If not completed on Faith Statement Work Day) |
| **September 1st** | **All Make-up Work Due**  **Final Draft of Faith Statement Due** |