

# ***Good Samaritan Lutheran Church***

## **Youth and Family Ministry**

### **Frequently Asked Questions about Confirmation**

**Q. When and what time does Confirmation meet?**

A. Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:40 am.

**Q. Is there a cost to Confirmation?**

A. No, there will be cost for various scheduled activities and trips. Scholarships are available.

**Q. Why does Confirmation require a bit more than Sunday School?**

A. Confirmation is a special kind of Christian Education. Confirmation goals are:

1. To build disciples for Jesus Christ.
2. To encourage a student to set healthy boundaries in their life.
3. To learn, explore and accept baptismal and membership vows.
4. To experience the “means of grace”, which includes prayer, worship, Scripture study, sacraments, small group sharing and service.

**Q. What is my role as a Parent?**

A. Your responsibilities for your child’s faith development began with the birth and / or baptism of your child. The faith you live is the faith your youth will inherit. You are your youth’s greatest teacher in all things. During confirmation, your youth will be expected to be in worship and other church activities. We strongly encourage you to accompany your youth to church and model faithfulness for them.

**Q. What am I required to do for Confirmation as a Parent?**

A. You will be asked to support your youth throughout this educational experience and attend all “Parent’s Nights” at Confirmation when scheduled..

**Q. Can I help teach or volunteer in one of the confirmation classes?**

A. You sure can! We welcome your involvement! You may want to be a Guide. Be sure to check the “YES” box on the registration form. Parent volunteers are also always needed as drivers and/or chaperones on activities.

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### **Q. When is my child confirmed?**

A. At Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, the rite of Confirmation takes place in October of the student's 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

### **Q. Are there any special requirements for my youth to be confirmed?**

A. Yes, In order to be confirmed at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church your youth must:

- (1) Meet with the senior pastor in the fall of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and develop a personal statement of faith that is presented to the church council;
- (2) Attend 75% of the Sunday Confirmation classes in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year,
- (3) Participate in a Mexico Mission trip or a comparable service project approved by the Youth and Family Minister or the Senior Pastor.

### **Q. What is Faith 5?**

A. The GSLC confirmation curriculum is based on the **Faith 5** program from Faith Inkubators. This is a curriculum designed to encourage a faith relationship in your home, have some fun, keep your family communicating every night, and grow in your understanding of yourself and God?

It is a simple five-step process. Here's how you do it: Whoever is going to bed first in your home calls "FAITH 5" or "Huddle Up!" Everyone must drop what they're doing, turn off the television, put down the newspaper or their homework, set the cell phone on silence and gather in a room of the convener's choice. Then take turns going through these five simple steps:

1. SHARE highs & lows of the day
2. READ and highlight a verse of Scripture in your Bible
3. TALK about how the verse relates to your highs & lows
4. PRAY for your highs & lows, for your family, and for the world
5. BLESS one another