

Dear CtK 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Families!

Christ the King is honored to accompany your family on this journey of faith and partner with YOU as you live the promises of your child's baptism. Living in those promises is dynamic and that's why this church has promised to be your partners in this process.

CtK's confirmation ministry is designed to:

- support families fulfilling their baptismal promises;
- create a space for young people to safely discover and wonder about their faith;
- develop both intellectual and spiritual practices in the lives of young people;
- grow intentional community among young people and their mentors

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation will look like this in 2018-19

**Schedule:** There are two important aspects to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

- **Mentoring:** confirmands will meet with a mentor a minimum of nine times before **Confirmation Sunday, May 19th, 2019**. We will provide each confirmation student with a handbook with questions/topics that can guide conversation with their mentor. **NOTE: One of their meetings will be a mandatory, day-long retreat for mentors and confirmands at Augsburg University on April 6<sup>th</sup>.** *\*\*If you need help being connected with a mentor at CtK, let Pete or one of the pastors know and we will find a good match for you from one of our many wonderful members!\*\**
- **Gathering:** 9th graders will gather together once/month in the CtK youth room. This will be a time to discuss questions of faith and life, to support one another through the ups and downs of beginning high school, and to pray together. **Gatherings will occur on the third Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM. (With a couple of exceptions that we will talk about at orientation)**

All confirmation students are invited and expected to regularly worship as a part of the CtK community. A comprehensive schedule for the year will be handed out on **September 30 at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation (Noon)**. There will be a light lunch provided.

**Rite of Confirmation Process:** There are a few details and commitments to keep in mind as we move closer to the Rite of Confirmation on May 19.

- **MEA Getaway Retreat** - All 9<sup>th</sup> graders will attend the MEA Getaway retreat over MEA weekend (October 18-21). Our speaker will be Pastor Jodi Hogue, who is amazing. We will have powerful worship and lots of time to connect through games, giant hot tubs, and tons of food. The registration cost of this retreat is included in your 9th grade registration fee.
- **Faith Statement** - All 9th graders will conclude their confirmation year by writing a faith statement. This faith statement is meant to be an honest reflection of where you are on your faith journey as you close your confirmation experience: What do you wonder about? What do you struggle with? Where do you encounter God in the world? What do you think of the church? Each confirmand will set up a time to meet with Pete or one of the pastors to discuss their faith statement.
- **Family Blessing Night and Confirmation Sunday** - We will celebrate our confirmation class and bless them in the rite of confirmation that will take place during the **10:30 worship service on Sunday, May 19th!** On the **Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 PM**, confirmands and their parents and godparents will gather in the sanctuary. We will listen to a few faith statements and take time to bless each of them as they finish their confirmation journey.

**Registration process:** Registration is open and can be accessed [online](#) or through paper registration. The registration fee for 9<sup>th</sup> grade families is \$225. Checks (payable to Christ the King) can be dropped off in the office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Here are some dates you will want to commit to your calendar. If you have questions about any of the dates, connect with Pete Erickson ([pete@lifeatctk.org](mailto:pete@lifeatctk.org)).

9/16	Registration due
9/30	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (Noon)
10/18-21	MEA Getaway 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat (details to follow)
4/6	Mentor Retreat (details to follow)
5/16	Family Blessing Night (6:30PM)
5/19	Rite of Confirmation Worship (10:30 AM)

For more information and registration details, visit the CtK website (Get Involved, Faith Formation) in the next week. Also, please feel free to reach out to Pete Erickson ([pete@lifeatctk.org](mailto:pete@lifeatctk.org)) or Pastor John ([johnschwehn@lifeatctk.org](mailto:johnschwehn@lifeatctk.org)) if you have questions, comments or concerns.

We are so grateful to you for including your church as partners in raising your child in faith. You will always be the primary former of faith in your child and this church will always be present and supportive each step along the way. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Peace and Promise,