

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What is the parent's role?*

Research has shown that no matter how independent teenagers are, parents are still the primary influencers of their child's faith and values. It will be very important for parents to be invested in this journey with their students in the following ways:

- Help your student with their Bible memory verses
- Regularly attend worship with your student
- Attend the first and last Affirmation of Baptism class
- Ask them questions about what they are learning
- Pray for them throughout this journey
- If a parent, godparent, sponsor or guardian is unable to support a student through this process, Prince of Peace staff will help find an individual mentor.

### *Is my student also expected to come on Wednesday nights?*

Sunday classes are more content driven and Wednesday night Sr. High Ministry is more relationally driven. We know that you will see the value in being involved in both. We realize that this is a big time commitment, but this is an important time in these students' faith development. Your family may have to make some tough choices about priorities and time commitments, but this 10 week class and participation in Sr. High Ministry on Wednesday nights will set them up for a lifetime of faith.

### *What if my student isn't ready or doesn't want to participate?*

Just as all of us mature physically at different rates, so too, we mature in our faith at different rates. Affirmation of Baptism is available to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Please continue to pray with and for your student and when they are ready they may enter the journey.

### *What if I'm not baptized?*

Prince of Peace pastors and staff would be happy to talk with you about, and make arrangements for your baptism.

## Before You Register

### *Before registering for a class, please pray and discuss the following points as a family*

- This is not something that you *have* to do. But, if you choose to enter this process, you must commit to making this a priority for these 10 weeks.
- Student: Are you ready to take ownership of your faith?
- Parent: Are you willing and able to support your student through this intensive 10 week course?

### *Registration Information*

- Registration: Visit [www.popshm.org](http://www.popshm.org) and click on the Affirmation of Baptism link.
- \$30 fee is charged when registering to cover materials, robe and carnation.

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# Affirmation of Baptism

## *Faith Formation*

Faith formation and growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ is lifelong. During your child's time in Family Ministry at Prince of Peace certain milestones are celebrated. Keeping the Promise [KTP] events are designed to help parents and the congregation keep the important promises made during baptism.

## *The Promises of Baptism*

"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?"

## *Affirmation of Baptism*

In the Lutheran church, people of all ages are baptized, however, we most often baptize infants. This is a beautiful picture of God's extravagant grace that reaches out to us: names us, claims us and makes us God's own children in the global family of faith. In infant baptism, parents and sponsors (Godparents) promise to raise their children in the Christian faith. Affirmation of Baptism is the student's opportunity and privilege to take on those promises made at their baptism, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, live them in their daily lives. In order to equip students to make these promises there are certain things that a student needs to *Know, Do, and Be.*

## *Know*

**Classes** – This is where the educational portion of Affirmation of Baptism takes place. In order to grow as a Christian, there are certain things that you just need to know. The Pastoral team will lead these classes.

1. Overview of Baptism/Affirmation of Baptism\*
2. Apostles' Creed: God the Father
3. Apostles' Creed: Jesus
4. Apostles' Creed: Holy Spirit
5. Sin and Salvation
6. Habits of Christian Life
7. Lutheran History
8. Law & Gospel
9. Living out Baptismal Promises
10. Sharing Your Faith Story\*

## *Do*

**Bible Memory** – God's word is living and active. Through scripture memory, we imbed God's word in our hearts so that it can live and breathe through us! As we grow in our relationship with God, it's important for us to know God's words. Choose five Bible verses that are meaningful to you and memorize them before your Faith Talk.

**Worship Notes** – One of the habits of Christian life is worship. To develop that habit during Affirmation of Baptism, we ask that students attend weekend worship regularly and take notes at least seven times before their Faith Talk. We also hope that this discipline will help students grow in their understanding of worship and help them to see the value in worshipping as a community of believers.

\* Parent attendance required

\*\* Snow-day make up, if necessary

## *Be*

**Faith Talk** – This is an appointment where the student meets one-to-one with a staff or board member to talk about his/her faith and reflect on the Affirmation of Baptism journey. There will also be an opportunity to go over Bible Memory and Worship Notes, as well as to answer any questions the student may have.

## *Fall/Winter Option* [Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.]

October 2*	December 4
October 9	December 11
October 16	December 18*
October 30	January 8**
November 6	January 15 - Faith Talks
November 13	January 22 - Worship Celebration
November 20	

## *Spring Option* [Sundays from 11:00 a.m. - noon]

February 5*	March 25
February 12	April 1**
February 19	April 15
February 26	April 22*
March 4	April 29 – Faith Talks
March 11	May 6 – Worship Celebration
March 18	

