

## **MILESTONE MINISTRY: Affirmation of Baptism**

**PURPOSE:** To mark the affirmation of baptismal faith by youth who have completed CORE ministry and requirements for Confirmation by celebrating with their biological and faith families.

**WHEN:** This milestone is normally celebrated on Reformation Sunday in the fall of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year for students.

### **SCHEDULE OF MILESTONE EVENTS**

(DATE)      **4 weeks prior:** Sunday School event for parents of youth being confirmed. Parents will receive instructions to assemble pages for a faith “scrapbook” and information to prepare a blessing for their son/daughter.

(DATE)      **1 week prior:** During the Fall Festival, parents will bring the scrapbook pages they have prepared and meet with Sue to assemble the scrapbook for their daughter/son. Scrapbooks will be left with Sue for presentation on Reformation Sunday. At 6:00pm, after the Fall Festival, students, parents, and pastors will rehearse the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism in the chancel. Confirmands will be fitted with a confircape. *Service of Blessing*, where parents bless their son/daughter using the blessing they have written. After the Service of Blessing, the confirmands and staff will go out for dinner. Confirmands asked to bring \$10 toward dinner. Staff will take confirmands home after the dinner and dessert.

(DATE)      **Reformation Sunday:** Confirmands will arrive at 9:00am. Meet in the Luther Lounge to put on confircapes. They will be introduced and asked to say their memory verse at the end of both the 8:15 and 9:45 services. They will stand in the lobby to allow members to greet them at the conclusion of each service. The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism will be celebrated at the 11:15am service. Parents, mentors, pastors, and ministry staff will share in the laying on of hands portion of the rite. Confirmands will receive a “milestone ministry bag” containing: scrapbook, nametag, and framed confirmation certificate. After greeting 11:15 worshipers following the service, they are free to go continue the celebration with their families.

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