

## Parish Faith Goals for Confirmation at Bygland and Fisher Lutheran Churches Gr. 6-9

Students will receive direct curricular instruction for three years (Gr. 6, 7, and 8) focusing on an overview of the Bible (*Old and New Testaments*) and the *Small Catechism*. The church pastor will provide the instruction. Non-curricular studies will follow in the fall of Gr. 9 with the students preparing to affirm their Baptism (to be confirmed) on Reformation Sunday in October. Students will be provided with relationship building experiences amongst themselves, their parents, other families, their church, their parish, and their community.

### Expectation for Confirmation for Grades 6, 7 and 8

1. **Attendance at all classes.** It will be expected that all students will come prepared for instruction by bringing their Bible and confirmation workbook (as provided) to each session. Parents are invited (not required) to attend the curricular instruction with their child to promote building familial relationships. *Confirmation classes meet on Wednesday evenings during the school year.*
2. **Attendance and participation in mid-week Lenten and Holy Week** worship services during the Lenten season in lieu of confirmation classes.
3. **10 Hours of community service** at a church sponsored event/service project *per confirmation year* (i.e. Adopt-A-Highway, Feed My Starving Children Packing Event, various service projects).
4. **15 In-Person Sermon Notes** *per confirmation year*. Sermon notes can be from our parish services, or another church attended. Special circumstances must be approved by the Pastor,
5. **Participation in at least one Middle School Northwest Minnesota Synod sponsored gathering** during the 3 years of curricular confirmation. These take place in the fall of the year, typically November. Just to note – we are Conference 3.
6. Participation in **one session** of a **Christian sponsored summer Bible camp** or **Confirmation Retreat** during their educational career.

### Expectations for Confirmation for Grade 9

1. Students will complete individual faith reflection exercises as well as group faith explorations and a retreat as determined by the pastor.
2. Students will complete a written statement of faith which they will publicly present at the Affirmation of Baptism service (at discretion of Pastor).
3. Holy Communion Worship with Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will take place on Reformation Sunday in October for those who have a desire to live their life for Christ, met the expectations of the program, and have been approved by their congregation's council.