

## **Confirmation Mentor Information**

*Studies show that formation of faith is powerfully strengthened in students through meaningful relationships with multiple adults.*

*Our Confirmation structure has gone through a bit of transition in the past five years, but one strength we've seen is through the opportunity for students to experience Confirmation with a mentor. Due to COVID and other reasons, much of our Confirmation instruction is moving online. Having a mentor work through the lesson or review the lesson with Confirmation students is an excellent way to engage in our vision to be a church family of disciples who make disciples from generation to generation.*

**We want each student to have an adult mentor work through the Confirmation curriculum with their student. The purpose of a confirmation mentor is to help disciple a Confirmation student.**

### **Who should we choose?**

A person who has a relationship with Jesus and is willing to build into the faith of a confirmation student. The mentor must be the same sex as the student (unless a parent or grandparent). Bethesda can help find a mentor if you do not have someone among your family or friends who can serve in this role.

- A professing believer in Jesus Christ
- 17 years old or older
- Regular attendee of Bethesda (unless approved by Executive Pastor)
- the mentor can be one of the parents- we will leave that decision to each family to make.

### **What is expected of a mentor?**

To disciple a Confirmation student through the Confirmation program. We ask mentors to commit to a full ministry year (September – August). Mentors may continue year after year, but the consistency of having the same person for at least a year will help greatly.

- Meet weekly or biweekly with student to complete or review Confirmation lessons.
- Willing to learn and familiarize yourself with Luther's Small Catechism
- Willing to engage and encourage student in how to study Scripture
- Engage student in specific activities during the Confirmation lessons
- Pray for your student on a regular basis
- Hold your student accountable for memory work and assignments
- Attend the Confirmation Service with your student and possibly pray for your student