

## CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS #4

### SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION EXPECTATIONS

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**PURPOSE:** To prepare people for full partnership in Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church through work, study and play.

**EXPLANATION:** Confirmation is a familiar word to Lutherans. It is an event of importance in the life of the Christian, but it has had a variety of interpretations throughout the centuries. Not only have Lutherans, Catholics and Episcopalians had differing views, but in recent generations there have been major reevaluating of confirmation within each of these communities. For Lutherans the basic perspectives have not drastically changed. Confirmation takes place when the individual affirms his/her baptism with a public confession of his/her faith in Christ.

There is a great need to reaffirm the relationship between baptism and confirmation. An individual's growth in faith and grace begins with baptism. His/her learning about and experience of Christianity started then. It does not wait until he/she begins the catechetical program which this or any congregation offers. This is the basis for the promise made by parents at baptism to raise their children in Christian community. Confirmation is not merely a statement of intellectual agreement with a set of doctrines. It is also a statement of commitment to the worship, service, study and fellowship of the church. These things the individual will experience both before and after the Public Rite of Confirmation.

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN The Third Year CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

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- (1) To attend worship regularly with the minimum requirements being 80% of Sundays from June 15 through Pentecost. Hand in a bulletin each week with your name on it. If on vacation, a bulletin or note from where you attended with that Pastor's signature can be handed in.
- (2) To attend Sunday School regularly with the minimum requirement being 80% of the classes from September through Confirmation.
- (3) To demonstrate knowledge of material covered in Confirmation Class.
- (4) To attend a special confirmation workshop or retreat at an approved location.
- (5) To submit 25 sermon cards, from September through July 1.
- (6) To complete twenty service units as an active worship service participant such as reader, acolyte, crucifer, greeter, puppet ministry.
- (7) To attend one church council meeting.
- (8) To attend a congregational meeting.
- (9) To demonstrate an understanding of the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and Apostles' Creed before Confirmation.
- (10) To work cooperatively with teachers, church council and pastor.

As a parent(s), I (we) realize my expectations include:

- (1) To review the requirements and put the appropriate dates on my (our) calendar.
- (2) To encourage and promote my child's interest in the program.
- (3) To notify the church office if illness or another emergency will prevent my child from attending a scheduled event.