

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Westminster, Maryland**

**Confirmation Ministry Covenant
2013-2014**

Confirmation Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church is a time of intentional learning and growing in Christian faith and life in order to prepare a young person to affirm their faith in and commitment to Christ. Preparation for Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) takes place through loving relationships, learning opportunities, social and servant events, faithful participation in worship and engaging conversations with adult mentors. Normally, confirmation ministry is a two year program at Grace taking place in seventh and eighth grades. However, not all students begin the process at this time and some students may be able to complete the program more quickly while others will take longer than the two years. The most important thing is for you to be ready to affirm your faith when participating in Affirmation of Baptism.

I/We understand that the following requirements must be completed (usually over a two year period) in order to participate in Confirmation:

- Establishment of a relationship with an adult mentor
- Fulfillment of all class requirements
- Participation in worship on a regular basis, including turning in no less than 15 Worship Reflection sheets
- Participation in six servant events offered through various church ministries (at least half of the events should be focused on service to the community beyond the congregation)
- Participation in Confirmation Ministry Retreats (offered each fall and in the spring of the final year)

I/We understand that participating actively in these additional elements of confirmation ministry will enrich the student's experience and more fully develop my understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus active in the church and the world. Therefore, we will endeavor to participate as fully as possible in these opportunities:

- Participation in the social events offered through middle school ministry
- Participation in the annual weekend ministry retreats offered through middle school ministry (i.e. "Youth Quake" and others)

Student _____

Parent _____

Mentor _____

Pastor _____