

## **Confirmation Mentors**

Before beginning to participate in the confirmation process, each student is required to enter into a mentor relationship with an adult at Grace Lutheran Church. This adult will work in partnership with the student, parents, pastors, staff, and teachers throughout the student's confirmation training. After the student is confirmed, it is hoped that the student and mentor will continue to develop a life-long caring relationship with one another.

### **Mentor Responsibilities:**

1. The mentor enters into a covenant relationship with the student and pastors.
2. The pastors will provide at least a yearly opportunity for mentors to learn about the confirmation program and its requirements.
3. The mentor will work along with the parents to encourage the student to follow through with requirements and assist the student if they need help in doing so. If parents are not involved in the life of the congregation, the mentor will take the primary role of overseeing the student's participation in classes and activities.
4. Mentors will occasionally be invited to participate in an event or class session with the student.
5. Throughout this process and beyond, the mentor will serve as a faithful example of how one lives as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
6. During the student's Confirmation, the mentor will participate along with family and friends in the laying on of hands.

### **Qualifications of Mentors:**

1. A mentor must be an active member of Grace Lutheran Church.
2. The mentor should not be a close relative of the student. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by a pastor prior to asking the person to serve as a mentor.
3. A mentor must be willing to spend time with the student and serve as a real source of encouragement throughout this process.
4. A mentor should be a person open to learning and growing along with the student.