

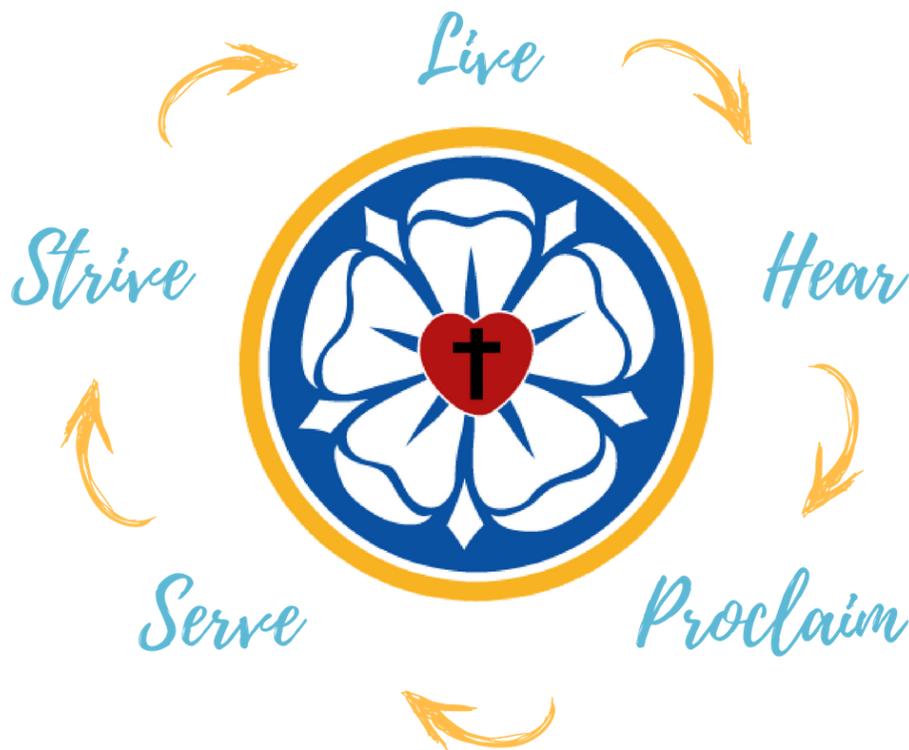


# Confirmation is almost here!

Just a few more tasks and you'll be ready for the  
Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost:

MAY 20TH, 2018

11:00 AM



ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND INFORMATION CAN BE SENT IN VIA EMAIL OR  
TURNED IN HARD-COPY. ANYTHING HANDWRITTEN MUST BE LEGIBLE.



# Pentecost Info: MAY 20TH, 2018

- Confirmands will pop into **Sunday school** to say "hi" for a bit. It's the last day of Sunday school on Pentecost, so look forward to some treats and fellowship!
- Confirmands and acolytes will go upstairs to **robe no later than 10:30 am**. Photos of confirmands and families can be taken in front of the altar at this time.
- After photos, confirmands and acolytes will **line up** in the narthex to be **ready to process** at the start of worship. Confirmands will follow the bell banners.
- After processing in, confirmands will **take their seats in the front pew** on the south side of the sanctuary (*to the right as you face the altar*). Families will sit in reserved pews behind them.
- The **Affirmation of Baptism** takes place following the **Hymn of the Day**. Confirmands and parents/guardians/siblings will come forward to the rail. (*See the ELW Affirmation of Baptism handout or page 234 in the red hymnal.*) You will have to know the **Apostle's Creed** for this, so if you don't know it - start memorizing!
- Following the Affirmation, you'll stand at the rail for the **prayers of the day**.
- At the end of worship, confirmands **process out** to the narthex in front of the pastors and **stand near the front doors while people exit**. They'll want to congratulate you and probably shake your hand as they leave.
- There will be a **party on the Mall** following the service. Feel free to wear your robes to mill around, but **take them off prior to eating food and return them to Laney**.
- You'll be celebrated at this year's brand-new Pentecost Party, the....

## SPIRIT-FILLED SUMMER LAUNCH!



# Confirmand Info

Please send Laney an email including the following no later than **April 29th, 2018**:

## FOR BULLETINS:

- Confirmand's full name
- Parent/Guardian Name(s)
- Chosen confirmation verse & translation (eg. NRSV, NIV, etc.)

## FOR CONFIRMATION ROBE:

- Confirmand's height

## FOR CONFIRMAND POSTER:

- Confirmand bio (150 words or less, written by the confirmand; feel free to include things like interests, hobbies, school and intended high school, how long you've been at St. Martin's, etc.)
- Confirmand photo (Can be a school, extracurricular, or candid photo. Must be of good quality, facing forward and unobscured.)

And if you'd like to include anything else on the poster (baby photos, artwork, etc.) let Laney know!



# Confirmation Verse Selection

IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE A CONFIRMATION VERSE!

Check out the following suggestions to choose yours:

- Look at the Gospel readings in old sermon notes.
- Check out a topic in the index of a study Bible.
- Look up a keyword on a site like Bible Gateway.
- Ask friends or family what verses have stuck with them.
- Go to [verseoftheday.com](http://verseoftheday.com) and find the day your were born in the archive to see if it fits you.

## GUIDELINES

- Your choice should say something about **your faith** in particular.
- You can use any book of the Bible (Proverbs, Matthew, Isaiah, etc.) and any translation (NRSV, NIV, etc.).
- It can be any length for use in your faith statement, but choose a bite-sized section to send in for the bulletins and your certificate.

For example, you can use all of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 for your faith statement:

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; 13 esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. 15 See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise the words of prophets, 21 but test everything; hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.

And choose **just** verses 16-18 for your confirmation verse.

## GOOD LUCK!

If you're still having trouble finding one, contact Laney for a list of suggested verses.



# Alternative Assignment List

All assignments due no later than **May 13th, 2018**.

These assignments are designed to fulfill confirmation program requirements that have not been met prior to Affirmation of Baptism.

For confirmands who haven't been to confirmation camp.

## LIVE FaithTalk Interviews

Interview two people who you admire for their faith using the **FaithTalk Question List**. Record their name, the questions you chose, and their answers to turn in.

For confirmands who haven't consistently attended worship at St. Martin's for three years.

## HEAR Worship Notes

Attend worship between now and May 13th and complete the **Worship Notes** handout to turn in.

For confirmands who haven't completed a sufficient number of sermon notes.

## PROCLAIM Faith in Everyday Challenge

Between now and May, pay close attention to the music you regularly enjoy. Listen for any words connected to faith you may hear. How are these words used? Are they consistent with what you know and believe about faith, God, the Bible, and Jesus? **Write three examples of specific words in specific songs and your explanation of how they're used.**

For confirmands who haven't served as acolytes for three years.

## SERVE Mini Service Project

Complete one of the activities from the **Service Project Ideas** sheet. Turn in a completed service assignment sheet with an adult signature.

For ALL confirmands!

## STRIVE the finale: your Faith Statement!

Check out the **Faith Statement** and **Confirmation Verse** sheets for more info!



Due no later than **May 13th, 2018.**

STRIVE

## *Faith Statement*

Oh no! Pentecost is coming up quick and it's time to write your faith statement! Have no fear, all you've got to do is answer these two questions:

**WHY AM I A CHRISTIAN?**

**WHY WOULD I WANT OTHERS TO BE?**

Your response should be at least three paragraphs and include at least one Bible verse (your confirmation verse).

Run ideas by family and friends, or contact Laney, Jason, Christine, Pr. Pete, or Pr. Andrew for any additional help. We're here for you!

## *Part II - Faith Creation*

You wrote your Faith Statement, now **SHOW** it!

Create a project that is reflective of your faith. Find a way to share with us what your faith statement is all about.

You can create a collage or art piece, write a poem, song, or prayer, find an image that embodies something about your faith, or even create a faith-based social media account and share the @! Or come up with some creation idea of your own!

This will be shared along with a poster featuring you at the party on the Mall following worship. Include a short explanation of your project to let people know all about it. And if you'd like, include a pull quote from your faith statement itself!

**GOOD LUCK!**

# FaithTalk Questions

I - LIVE

Choose two people to interview. Only one may be directly related to you. They don't have to be of the same faith tradition as you are, but be sure to tailor your questions to suit their background.

Choose **8 questions** from the following list to ask each of your interviewees, **2 from each category**. Or if you're inspired, come up with your own!

## Memories:

- What is one of your earliest memories of God or Jesus?
- Which adult had the most influence on your faith development?
- What have you enjoyed or appreciated most about your faith community?
- What is one of your first memories of attending a religious service?
- Tell me about a time when God seemed to be far away.

## Values:

- What does your baptism mean to you?
- Talk about what prayer means to you.
- If someone asked you what your faith means to you, what would be your response?
- If someone asked you, "What does Jesus mean to you?" what would you say?
- If someone were to ask you, "Where is God?" what would you say?

## Etchings:

- What is a promise of God that you have clung to during a difficult experience?
- What gives you a sense of wonder and awe? Why?
- Talk about a person who influenced your faith life.
- Tell about a difficult transition that God brought you through.
- Talk about a positive experience that caused you to thank God for God's care of you.

## Actions:

- How does your Christian faith relate to your everyday life?
- Identify a public person whose faith you admire. Say more about that person's expression of faith.
- A friend is grieving. Which of the following would you prefer to do for them? Why? (Write a letter. Talk to them. Bring food or mow their lawn, etc.)
- When do you take time to pray? Why at that time?
- Jesus asks us to "take up our cross and follow" him. What comes to mind when you consider what this command might mean for you?

# Worship Notes

2 - HEAR

## DURING WORSHIP

### What was the gospel for the day?

Write the book, chapter, and verses. In your bulletin, circle parts you find interesting and underline parts you know you've heard before.

### What did the pastor have to say about the gospel?

Write one summary sentence and three keywords that stuck out to you.

*Fill out a prayer card for someone and pass it to the aisle to an usher during the hymn of the day.*

## AFTER WORSHIP

THERE ARE FOUR PARTS TO EVERY WORSHIP SERVICE.

WHAT ARE THEY? Hint: Look at the headings in your bulletin and/or check out this link:



G

W

M

S

WHAT WAS THE PRAYER OF THE DAY ABOUT?

If you can't remember, check out this link:



Turn in your **worship bulletin** and **this sheet** to Laney's box no later than **May 13th, 2018.**

# Service Project Ideas

Complete one of the activities from this sheet and complete the portion on the back. Then turn it in with an adult signature at the bottom.

- Send a letter to a shut in from our church. (Email Laney for a list.)
- Wake up early and make lunches for your family members.
- Clean out your closet, and donate clothes you no longer use.
- Make goodies to give to your teachers anonymously.
- Bake bread for communion at 9 am worship. (Email Laney for a recipe.)
- Offer to babysit or do yard work for free for someone who needs help.
- Let others watch the television programs they prefer—for an entire week.
- Select a person you don't know very well at school, and then smile and say hello each time you see him or her.
- Tell your parents/guardians/siblings how much you appreciate them.
- Let someone go in front of you while you're waiting in a line somewhere.
- Sit with someone at lunch that you normally don't.
- Wash the dishes, vacuum, or do something that needs to be done around the house without being asked.
- Help someone with their homework.
- Make a meal for your family.
- Ask people you know if they'd like you to pray for them. Make a list and pray every day for a week for those on your list.

# Service Project Summary

What service project did you select? Why?

Did anyone help you? If yes, how did they help? If no, what was it like to serve on your own?

Find a Bible verse about service and write it down. Include the book, chapter, and verse(s).

What does this verse have to say about service? Does it resonate with your experience?

In your own words, what is the value of service in a life of faith?

ADULT SIGNATURE

I certify that, \_\_\_\_\_, has completed an act of service on  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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