

CONFIRMATION COVENANT

2011-2012

I understand that the purpose of Confirmation Ministry at Rejoice Lutheran Church is for all participants to grow in Christian faith together. I recognize that, for this to happen, it will require commitment on the part of all participants.

In view of this, to the best of my ability and with the help of God, I agree to strive to live up to the following expectations:

- 1) To attend all scheduled confirmation events
 - To the extent it is in my power, I will not allow other commitments to intrude on this commitment
 - If I am ill or otherwise unable to attend, I will give notice prior to the event; if I know I will be unavoidably late, I will call and give notice so others will not be kept waiting unnecessarily
 - This expectation extends to Fellowship Events as well as Learning Events and Servant Events, and to seasonal midweek Evening Prayer Services (Advent and Lent) along with a retreat at Briarwood in the Fall (at least once during two years of confirmation)
 - If I must miss an event of any kind, I will complete the Faithful Alternatives requirements for that type of event (see "Faithful Alternatives").
- 2) To participate fully in all event activities
 - Even those that may be outside my normal comfort zone
 - I will arrive on time
 - I will bring my Bible, a highlighter, a notebook, pen, and any other items requested, to all Learning events
- 3) To relate respectfully with all other participants
 - I will maintain a positive attitude
 - I will avoid using put-downs
 - I will respect others' physical boundaries
- 4) To complete special assignments in a timely way
 - I will complete and submit my personal faith statement drafts on the dates due (2nd year participants only)
 - I will complete and report on my service project by the date due (1st or second year participants)

I have been claimed by God in Baptism, to be member of Christ's Church. I know that, together with other participants, I am called by God to become a confirmed member of Christ's church.

Understanding that we all need each other, I make these commitments.

Participant's signature

Parent's (or Guardian's) signature

Faithful Alternatives for those who must miss confirmation events

Missed Learning Event:**

- Get the "Thought Time" packet used by small groups during the event missed, (available at request as email attachment from church office, usually by the day of the event).
- Have student review the first 3 1/2 pages.
- Use "FAITH5 Home Huddles" on page 4 of the packet daily at the dinner table as a guide for family conversation (for at least 4-6 days that week)
- Turn in to pastor a Faithful Alternatives form completed by student and parent

Missed Servant Event:

- Commit to extra (beyond what may already have been scheduled) service of some type at Rejoice
 - Examples: work in sound booth or serve as usher/greeter at a worship service, help with church grounds maintenance or building cleanup, participate in an outreach project
- Should take at least one hour
- Discuss with parent the value of this kind of service, what it takes to plan and carry out this type of service
- Turn in to pastor a Faithful Alternatives form completed by student and parent

Missed Fellowship event:

- Take part in an upcoming youth event or other Rejoice Fellowship event outside of confirmation
- Discuss with parent the value of this type of activity, and what it takes to for plan and carry out this type of event
- Turn in to pastor a Faithful Alternatives form completed by student and parent

** During Lent, Wednesdays February 29 - March 28, Confirmation Learning Events will occur weekly in the form of "Mini" Learning Events during the mid week worship. Soup suppers will begin at 6:00 PM where Small Groups will gather to check-in. Our Worship using Holden Evening Prayers will begin at 7:00 PM. Included in this mailing is a packet reminding you concerning expectations, especially as they relate to absences. Parents and confirmands(students) it is your responsibility to complete the makeup lessons (see below) that are missed.

Make up:

Parents and Confirmands,

Please check Rejoice website: <http://www.rejoicelutheran.com/> for weekly lessons in PDF form. Share Highs and lows. View PDF (one page Word doc, plus Lesson Power Point). Pray and Bless each other. Thank you.

Faithful Alternatives for Confirmation Ministry

Having missed a Learning Event on _____ , family members and I
date

checked in this week by sharing highs and lows, reading and highlighting Bible verses

assigned, and praying for and blessing each other. We did this _____
number of times

times between _____ and _____
date date

Teen's signature

Parent's signature ' _____

Having missed a Servant Event on _____ , I used my gifts in service
date

by _____ for Rejoice's _____
role served ministry at Rejoice

Ministry on _____. This service involved _____
date served amount of time

This was in addition to what I was already scheduled to do, and I discussed the value

and nature of this service with a parent.

Teen's signature

Parent's signature

Having missed a Fellowship Event on _____ , I took part in
Date

_____, and I discussed with a parent the value
youth or fellowship event at Rejoice

of this type of activity, as well as what it takes to plan and carry out this type of event.

Teen's signature

Parent's signature