

## **Hello 8th Grade Families,**

I hope you all are doing well and enjoying your summer! It seems like the confirmation retreat was a long time ago. Just a reminder, if your young person is choosing to be confirmed we are asking that they spend some time reflecting on their faith journey thus far and how they see themselves continuing in their faith journey going forward. The [attached retreat journal](#) will help begin this reflection process if they have not started (if they were at the retreat, they completed this step.). They should then take 10 questions that they reflected on from the journal to create a project. This project could be:

- A **shoebox** of items that you can use for “show-and-tell” (10+ items).
- A **photo album/scrapbook** with photos and labels (10+ items)
- A **map** with important places marked and described (10+ places)
- A **life timeline** of at least 10 peaks/valleys or important events marked and described.
- An **essay** (2-3 pages) that narrates the story of your life and faith, highlighting the people, places, and events that have been most formative

Finally, each student will have a one-on-one conversation with me sometime in August or September. You can sign up for this 30 minute meeting using [this link](#). They will bring their project to church for their one-on-one and use it to share their Life and Faith story.

In order to be confirmed, the project and the 1-on-1 need to be completed.

I'm looking forward to the conversations that I will have with each of these students this summer. I pray that this will be an experience that will help them to see God's amazing presence throughout their life and their important role in God's continued story.

Please also make note of the following dates/times:

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon-** Confirmation Luncheon and brief walk-thru of Rite of Confirmation service.

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>-** Confirmation Sunday at 10:30 worship service. Students should arrive by 10:00 AM.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful day!

Blessings,

Erin