

# ST. JOHN'S WEST BEND

## ***Our Confirmation Process***

1. Family Faith Conversations
2. Baptism – Family Discipleship Plan
3. Discipleship Training
  - a. Family devotions, weekly worship, discipleship hour, early childhood program, elementary and middle school programs, youth groups and events, summer camps, servant events, personal Bible reading
  - b. Formal and informal training
4. Family Faith Conversations – leading up to confirmation
  - a. Youth acknowledges to parents a desire to confirm faith
  - b. Age prerequisite: 12 and up
5. Pastoral Meeting
  - a. Parents, youth, and pastor meet to review our process of confirmation
  - b. Youth schedules a date to take the knowledge exam
6. Knowledge Exam
  - a. 2 – 2 ½ hour exam taken in the church office
  - b. Old Testament/New Testament Bible Stories
  - c. The Small Catechism
    - Lord's Prayer
    - Ten Commandments
    - Baptism
    - Lord's Supper
    - Apostle's Creed
    - Confession/Absolution & the Office of the Keys
7. Pastoral Interviews with youth & parents – 1 hour meetings
  - a. First Meeting – Review Bible story portion of exam
  - b. Second Meeting – Review catechetical portion of exam
  - c. Third Meeting – Review relationship covenant & confirmation liturgy
  - d. Subsequent Meetings – As often as needed for youth, parents, and pastor to verify that the youth is ready to confirm his/her faith in light of knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

8. Promises of Grace
  - a. Participate in ten week discipleship class – on Sundays or Wednesdays
  - b. Parents and youth participate together with other youth and adults
  
9. Confirmation Orientation
  - a. Participate in two-hour orientation regarding St. John's and the day of confirmation
  - b. A designated Saturday morning following the completion of Promises of Grace
  
10. Confirmation Day
  - a. Confirm faith in the worship service most frequently attending
  - b. "Yes, with the help of God"
  
11. Life of Discipleship
  - a. Ongoing worship
  - b. Ongoing reception of the Lord's Supper
  - c. Ongoing Bible study and devotional life
  - d. Ongoing service

Note: conversations regarding the reception of the Lord's Supper may begin at any point on or after step 3.