

# Pastor Sailer's Page

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## THE POWER OF YOUR CONFIRMATION VERSE

*This Sunday, nine young people will be confirmed.  
What do you remember about your confirmation day?  
Do you remember your confirmation Bible verse?*

**W**e congratulate and wish God's blessings to Faith's junior confirmands this weekend! They are:

*Lytasia Lynn Basche*  
Daughter of Justin Basche

*Jacob Samuel Bezug*  
Son of Jeremy and Dara Bezug

*Pierce Gordon Garrow*  
Son of Jon and Julie Garrow

*Nicholas Daniel Handberg*  
Son of Daniel and Janelle Handberg

*Allison Marie Harr*  
Daughter of Darin and Roxanne Harr

*Tabitha Suzanne Heckmann*  
Daughter of Robert and Kim Heckmann

*Marcus William Lamp*  
Son of Katie Bergjord

*Tristen Robert Ruesch*  
Son of Deron and Bonnie Ruesch

*Carson John Wilson*  
Son of Chris and Alice Wilson

This is a big day for these families, as these young people publically confess their faith in the Triune God and pledge their faithfulness to Him.

One of the important traditions of confirmation in the Lutheran Church is the giving of Scripture words of blessing to the young people – their own confirmation verse. These words become words to live by, promises of God to lead them and to stand on.

What is your confirmation verse?

Back in 1973, at Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Dickinson, ND, Pastor Gary Wittmayer spoke these words over me at my confirmation: Roman 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation for those who believe." I have tried to make these words of St. Paul my words to live by, remembering especially that it is the Gospel which is the power, the dynamite. I get to experience it and share it. In a way, these words led me into the ministry, and they lead me as I conduct my ministry. And not only my ministry, but my daily, personal life as well.

Each of the confirmands this weekend will be given incredible verses to live by and be blessed by. Please keep *Lytasia, Jacob, Pierce, Nicholas, Allison, Tabitha, Marcus, Tristen, and Carson* in your prayers, asking God to bless them and to help them live and draw strength from the words spoken over them.

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### In Case You Haven't Heard

This weekend is not about me; our times of worship are always about our gracious God. But it's important to inform you, if you haven't heard it already, that I was elected President of The South Dakota District of the LCMS at our District's convention, April 13-15.

I will be installed in this full-time position, for a three-year term, on Sunday, June 14, 5 p.m., in a service here at Faith. This will mean that I will not be able to continue in my service here as the senior pastor after June 14.

Be assured that your leaders are truly leading in taking care of the ongoing pastoral needs of the congregation. They, with your pastors, are working on the next steps in eventually calling another pastor to serve the Faith flock. Ironically, I, as the new District President, will get to assist the congregation in this process.

Most of all, be assured God will take care of us! He always has. He promises. Could it be that your confirmation verse has something to say to you about this situation? Mine does.