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To: 7-8th Grade Confirmation Students and Parents
Re: Confirmation 2011-2012

Greetings in Christ:

I am writing to let you know about this year's confirmation program at First Lutheran Church.

This last school year was full of change. Both Pastor James Darchuk and Pastor Beth Caulfield were called to new congregations. In the midst of this we completed the school year thanks to the help of our devoted volunteer leaders and the hard work of Pastor James Holthus and myself.

This year, both the Board of Education and the Board of Youth and Family Ministries have approved a new model for our confirmation program. We feel this model will help students and families commit when they are available without guilt or concern. The schedule will allow for more choice for both students and parents. And considering our staffing and transitional situation, it will allow the church to maintain a high level of quality in our program.

This year we will offer two six-week confirmation sessions. They are optional.

Session one will be held on October 5, 12, 19, and November 2, 9, and 16. Topic: Christianity 101

Session two will be held on March 14, 21, 28, and April 11, 18, and 25. Topic: New Testament

Over the course of your child's time at First Lutheran, we will ask them to have participated in four sessions sometime between their 7th and 12th grade years. They will need one Old Testament Session and One New Testament Session amongst those four. Each year we will offer two sessions, and one will be Old or New Testament. After having completed their four sessions, the following fall they will attend a faith statement retreat, meet with the pastor, and present their faith statement to the congregation.

Confirmands will be required to acolyte two or more times this year. Confirmand and families will be asked to help serve Wednesday Night Meals, along with another family, two times throughout the year. This year's Eighth Graders will be credited two sessions and their old testament requirement.

Finally, we will be meeting on September 7th at 6pm in the Auditorium to go over the program and to sign up for acolyting and meals. Please bring your calendars and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,



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