



Peace Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Greetings confirmation students and parents,

We are a couple of weeks into summer now and as all Minnesotans know, it goes to fast. To make it feel like it is going way to fast I thought I would contact you about confirmation 2017-18 which will begin in August. Summer is a wonderful time to get away and relax for a little bit and I hope that you have an opportunity to do that, but I also hope that you continue to make worship a priority as that is the only place where we will ever find true relaxation and peace.

With August being in the not so distant future I want to begin to put confirmation information back on your radar. Confirmation classes typically begin in 7th grade and continue through 8th grade. I wanted to let you know a basic time frame for the beginning of confirmation as well as a shell of an outline for the upcoming year. This includes the tentative dates of questioning and the rite of confirmation. I say tentative due to some conflicts that are part of the Faribault school calendar and I would like to have some feedback from parents at our orientation meeting. Some important dates to keep in mind are **August 20** [Confirmation Orientation Meeting], **August 23** [First day of confirmation class], **March 18** [2nd year student public confession/ 1st year students host lunch], **March 25** [Rite of Confirmation], and **March 29** [First Communion on Mundy Thursday]. I have also included an information form for you to use to sign up for confirmation for the upcoming year.

We will continue a similar structure with our classes on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. We again will be requesting that a parent attend class with their students so that they can be better equipped to assist their child in learning the doctrine of the faith. There may be some other small additions or changes but they are unclear at this time and will not drastically change the structure or schedule.

I want to do my best to try to communicate that confirmation is not intended to be a hoop that one must jump through to “complete” their duties at church. Confirmation is part of a Christian’s lifelong connection to Jesus in His Church in which they will grow in their understanding of what He has done for them and what that means in their daily lives. With the understanding of the wonderful grace of Jesus Christ a Christian will continue to be connected to where Jesus has promised to be, his word and sacraments.

God’s blessings to you in all that you do this summer as you continue to hear God’s word and receive the grace of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Rev. Matthew D. Lane

²⁰ *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (ESV)*

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