

February 5, 2010

Dear Parents of 8th Grade Confirmand,

This letter is to give you the basic information concerning the following:

- Confirmation Pictures
- Confirmation Gowns
- Confirmation Retreat
- Intro To High School Ministry
- Confirmation Service

Confirmation Pictures:

Each year we ask all 8th Grade Confirmation students to have their pictures taken in a Confirmation Gown (the gown will be provided by the photographers).

Confirmation pictures are scheduled for two dates:

Sunday, March 14th from 10:15–11:15am and 12:15-12:45pm in the gym.

Thursday, March 18th from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in room 10.

Photos for the church composite are free of charge. If you would like to purchase additional photographs they may be purchased at this time. There is no set dress code for these pictures, but you may want students to dress similar to how they will at the Confirmation Service (see the last section of this letter for the Service's dress code). Enclosed in this letter are the packages and prices available for our Confirmation photos.

Confirmation Gowns:

During the Confirmation Service students will be required to wear a Confirmation Gown. The cost for **gown rental is \$20**. Enclosed is a post card on which you can indicate the proper measurements for your son or daughter's confirmation gown. Please return this postcard and payment (checks can be made out to Faith Lutheran Church) to the church office or RJ Grunewald **no later than March 21ST**. You will be able to pick up your gown following the 9:15am and 11:00am services on **May 1st** in Room #16.

Confirmation Retreat:

The dates for the retreat are **Friday, April 16th – 18th**. The retreat is held at Michigan Christian Youth Camp in Attica, MI. The cost for the retreat is **\$75**. If you have an emergency and need to get a hold of us please call the camp at (810) 664-8040. Let the camp personal know you need to contact RJ Grunewald or Dave Frank from Faith Lutheran Church.

Your student's confirmation teacher and other volunteer adult staff will help transport the students for this trip. If you would be available to help drive your student's class please let your teacher know. **Please have students arrive at Faith and meet in the Worship Center Lobby by 5:30pm on Friday, April 16th**. The students will need to eat before they arrive on Friday. We will arrive back at Faith at approximately 12:00 noon on Sunday, **April 18th**. Students will be dropped off at the Gym entrance. Please have rides ready at that time.

Your Students Status for this Trip:

Not Registered

Not Paid

Attendance on this retreat is mandatory for Confirmation. If you have a conflict please contact RJ Grunewald at (248) 689-4664 to discuss the situation.

Please have your students bring the following on the retreat:

Bible, flashlight, pencil/pen, sleeping bag, pillow, towel, warm clothes, jacket, shoes, toiletries. Please pack for 3 days in soft side luggage (duffel bags) if possible. Also students may want to bring extra money for pop, snacks and pay phones. **Students must also bring the enclosed medical form and turn it in upon check-in for the retreat.**

During The Retreat:

On Saturday night we will hold a special screening of the Passion of the Christ movie. This movie is rated R due to extreme violence. We feel this movie is a very accurate display of what Christ went through for each of us, and want students to understand this. If you object to your student seeing this movie there will be a Bible Study walking through the Passion story available. Please let your student's leader know in advance and they will help direct them to the Bible Study that evening.

Do Not Bring:

Any electronic device like Mp3 Players, Gameboys, and CD Players. Do not bring any kind of weapon (knives, slingshots etc.).

Introduction to the High School Ministry:

On Sunday, **April 18th** before all the students are picked up from the 8th grade Retreat we would like parents to join us for a presentation on the High School Ministry by Dave Frank. We will start at 11am. Dave will take some time to share the following with you:

- What your student has been doing at the Confirmation Retreat
- Life in the High School Ministry
- How to keep your student connected
- Testimonies from Youth Staff and Students who have stayed involved

Please plan on attending this short (1 hour max) meeting. Please RSVP to Dave Frank at (248) 689-4664 if you will not be able to join for the meeting.

Confirmation Service:

This years **Confirmation Service will be held on Saturday, May 8th from 2 – 4pm** in the Worship Center. We ask that your son or daughter and at least one parent **meet in the Youth Room (#16) by 1:15pm sharp** in order to receive instructions for the service. There is no limit to the amount of people that you can invite to the service. Male students are asked to wear slacks, a dress shirt, and tie (no tennis shoes). Female students are asked to wear a soft colored (preferably white) dress or shirt/skirt to the service. Both sets of students will place their gowns on over the top of their dress clothes when they reach the Youth Room at 1:15pm. Please have the gowns pressed/ironed before arriving at Faith. We will provide a corsage/boutonniere for every student to wear during the service.

Thank you for the outstanding effort you have made with your confirmand. It is amazing to see the change in student's faith during the confirmation process. It

is our prayer that this is not the end but a mile marker in your student's faith journey. We hope that we can continue to partner with you during your students high school career as each one of them grows into men and women of God. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at (248) 689-4664.

In Christ,

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Important Dates for Confirmation

March 14 th	Confirmation Pictures (following both services in the Gym)
March 18 th	Confirmation Pictures (6:45pm – 7:45pm in Room 10)
March 21 st	Gown Payment Due (\$20)
April 16 th	Confirmation Retreat Drop-off (5:30pm)
April 18 th	Introduction to High School Ministry (11:00am)
April 18 th	Confirmation Retreat Pick-up (Noon, Gym)
May 1 st	Gown Pick-up (following both services in the Gym)
May 8 th	Confirmation Service (2pm – 4pm, students arrive at 1:15pm)