



August 1, 2010

Dear FaithBuilder (7th-9th Grade Confirmation Students) & Parents:

We want to welcome all 7th, 8th & 9th Graders and their parents to the 2010-2011 FaithBuilder Confirmation Program at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. The goal's of the Confirmation Program are to help youth, parents and leaders to:

- Gain a basic understanding of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism
- Participate more fully in the worship life of the community
- Explore the connections between faith and daily life
- Develop relationships with peers and adults within the program
- Serve within the congregation, community and the world
- Lead an active prayer life

The opportunities & expectations will include attending class each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm, which includes, as part of class, attending "The Gathering" at 6:30 pm; attending one overnight retreat each year; attending summer camp after either the 7th or 8th grade year and also serve in the church and community in individual, small & large group settings.

On the nights listed below, the FaithBuilder student and at least one parent should attend the appropriate FaithBuilder Orientation Night. The purpose of the Orientation Night is to build community among the families at St. Philip's, explain the FaithBuilder Confirmation Program and get organized for the year. We will also ask the FaithBuilder and at least one parent to sign a FaithBuilder Confirmation Covenant. As you can see, this program is much more than simply putting time in; it requires a high level of commitment from the student, the parent(s) and St. Philip's to make it work.

Wednesday, September 1	<u>8th Grade</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m. – Gathering Room
Wednesday, September 8	<u>7th Grade</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m. – Gathering Room
Wednesday, September 15	<u>9th Grade</u>	6:30 p.m. – "The Gathering"-Sanctuary 6:50 pm – Orientation-Gathering Room

Enclosed you will find a registration form and a medical/permission form to enroll in the 7th- 9th FaithBuilder Confirmation Program at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. Please **return your registration and permission form by August 30 along with the fee** to the church office. The registration fee is an investment in the faith formation of the student. The cost for the 7th -9th graders covers the cost of confirmation materials, one overnight retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp & the bus transportation. All classes use the New NRSV Student Study Bible so please contact us if one is needed.

All 7th graders will receive a new NRSV Student Bible and Small Catechism from the church as recognition of the milestone of entering the confirmation program.

If financial assistance is needed, please contact Julie Henrichs.

In His Love and Service

Pastor David Wrightsman
Associate Pastor

Pastor Ed Frederick
Senior Pastor

Julie Henrichs
Education Coord.

Renee Anderson
Youth Coord.