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Dear Friends,

Our 2019-20 confirmation year for sixth-eighth graders begins Wednesday Sept. 11th and features a number of changes we hope will be enjoyable for youth and friendly to family schedules and your ability to learn and worship together.

- The Cornerstone Room will be open at 6:15 p.m. and Pastor Dan will be there to have sermon note discussions.
- We will start with a brief time for opening prayer and announcements promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- We will be done at 8 p.m. This is a change from last year. We decided that an hour was not enough time to get in the material that we need every week.

What and why we learn

- Our Confirmation program at St. Timothy operates on a three year learning cycle. Each year we focus on one of three key areas: Old Testament, New Testament, Christian living. Two years ago we focused on the life of Jesus and the New Testament. Last year we took on the daunting task of travelling through the people and stories of the Old Testament. This year we will focus on Lutheran theology, the catechism, liturgy, and Christian ethics and living. We will also take time to study the readings that we heard in church over the weekend.

Worship

- Corporate worship is the center of our Christian lives. Encountering Christ with one another through Word and Sacrament is the most holy gift the church offers. Our confirmation curriculum this year helps enrich our confirmands understanding of what is going on each time we gather to worship. All families are deeply encouraged to find a worship style and time that fits their needs. Attending worship will greatly enrich what the confirmands get out of confirmation and vice versa. We as Christians learn by doing.
- This year we are offering an amended version of our Wednesday evenings last year. Once a month we will have a family night when Confirmation and Logos families are encouraged to attend a joint dinner and worship service together. These nights will be open to the entire church as well. The focus is on Christian community at dinner and then the Confirmation and Logos students will help lead the parts of the service. This will all still fall under the 6:30-8pm time frame. Students are required to stay for worship as it is a part of their curriculum.

Sermon notes

- Sermon notes are part of a monthly journey of faith enrichment and discussion. Each student is encouraged to meet with Pastor Dan once a month along with other confirmands in order to talk big picture about how what we hear in church, whether it's the sermon or hymns or other parts of the liturgy, affects our lives of Christians inside and outside of church. These discussions will last around 15 minutes. Show up 15 minutes early to confirmation or schedule another time on a Sunday morning or another day during the week to have these discussions. You can pick up a sermon note guide sheet on the Kids with Christ table in the Narthex.

Monthly Dinner

- This year will have joint Confirmation/Logos dinners once per month in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that each family sign up for at least one date during the year to provide dinner (homemade, purchased, ordered, etc.). Shari Helms, our office Administrator, will coordinate these evenings. These nights are for the entire family and are divided up into the meal and then worship to follow.

Special Days and Camps

- Throughout the year we will be having special events and camps for further fun, fellowship, and growth in faith.
 - Sleep Out Saturday- The event is on Saturday Nov, 2. We will be sleeping out with churches across DuPage County to raise money for Bridge Community
 - Christmas Caroling- Due to time restraints on Wednesdays, we will go Caroling on Sunday evening December 8th.
 - LOMC Camp- During the winter/early spring we will go to LOMC for an overnight from Friday night to Saturday morning. Please plan on attending this. This will be important for their faith formation and their connection to the group during the year.
 - Lutherdale Summer Confirmation Camp- Summer camp this year will be June 15th-June 20th, 2020.
 - Bibles for 6th graders- We will be giving out Confirmation Bibles to 6th graders on Sunday Sept 15th at the 9:00 am worship.

Attendance

- We encourage and expect regular attendance. If you cannot make a session, please contact Pastor Dan who will give you session material you can review and discuss at home. We have worked to shape the schedule to avoid major school conflicts.

Confirmation day

- Saturday, May 30th, 2020, 5 p.m., we will celebrate with our eighth graders and their families as they affirm their faith.

Registration

- Please pick up a registration form from the Kids with Christ table in the Narthex and turn it in to the office no later than Sun Sept 8th, if possible.

If you have any questions, or need more information feel free to contact me (630-355-1330; danmiller@sttimothy.lutheran.com).

Peace in Christ,

Pr. Daniel Joyner Miller

Schedule

- **Bold** indicate the nights when we will have our Confirmation/Logos Dinner and Worship

September 11	November 6	January 8	March 11
September 18	November 13	January 15	March 18
September 25	November 20	January 22	March 25
		January 29	
October 2	December 4		April 15
October 9	December 11	February 5	April 22
October 16	December 18	February 12	April 29
October 23		February 19	
			May 6