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Dear Parents,

This letter is going out to the parents of sixth and seventh graders who are members of Trinity, plus the parents of older children who have not yet been confirmed. If you don't fit into this category, please let me know so I can have our records checked and find out where the mistake is. Also, please check with other parents whose children are the right age to make sure we're getting the word out to everyone.

Confirmation instruction begins Sunday, September 10, with an orientation meeting and lunch for all the students and parents. I hope you'll join me that day from 12:30 to 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. That's a special time, chosen because of the meal—classes the rest of the year will be 2:00 to 4:00 pm, enabling us to finish church, grab a quick bite, and be back for class. If you are unable to attend, please contact me so I'll know to get the information to you another way.

Since this letter is going out to people in several different categories, let me have you pick your category below and just read the appropriate part.

- **If your student is in Sixth Grade and attends Trinity Lutheran School**, they receive their Confirmation instruction in school, so **you don't need to come** to the meeting Sept. 10. Your students will have the chance to get to know the others in our middle school youth group meetings, but will not attend confirmation classes this year.
- **If your student is in Sixth Grade and does not attend Trinity Lutheran School**, they will be attending Confirmation instruction on Sunday afternoons, and **you should attend** the Sept. 10 meeting as a family. Our new DCE Intern, Dan Davies, will be teaching your student and will explain the process to you.
- **If your student is in Seventh Grade, no matter what school they attend**, they will be in class with me this year for confirmation, and **you should attend** the Sept. 10 meeting.

Worship Services: Saturday 6:00pm • Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am (Jazz 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9:30)

“Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through ministries which strengthen and equip people for Christian witness and service in downtown, metropolitan Orlando, and the world.”

- **If your student is in Eighth Grade or higher and has not yet been confirmed, you should attend** the Sept. 10 meeting, and I would welcome a phone call from you beforehand so we can talk about the specifics of confirmation instruction.

I'm excited about having moved from a "church-based, parent-assisted" model of Confirmation instruction to a "family-based, church-assisted" model. From the very beginning Luther's Catechism was intended to serve as a resource for parents to teach the faith to their households. I'm hoping that we can move away from a conception that faith is something for Sundays and for church toward the idea of living out the faith all the time, everywhere. I strongly encourage Second Year Confirmation parents to plan to spend this time with their children, and I expect at least one parent to attend with your child every class.

We will distribute a calendar on September 10th that will include both the actual Confirmation instruction dates and the youth group dates to make planning easier for you. For now the important things to remember are that classes will meet twice each month, with a few exceptions, and Confirmation Sunday itself will be April 29th.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On September 10th please bring your student, your checkbook or cash if you need to purchase a catechism, priced at \$7.50. Lunch will be provided, with a basket out for a free-will offering to cover the cost.

God's blessings!

Pastor Moore