

October 8, 2020

To Parents and Prospective Confirmation Students:

We are writing to invite your child to participate in our Confirmation program. As you may know, historically, our First Communion Class was a precursor to our Confirmation Program. This year, we have changed our format and are integrating First Communion into our program. Through this 3-year program, your child will prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Spring of 2021), learn more about our Lutheran faith, study God's Word, participate in the ministry of serving others and in the spring of 2023 celebrate his or her Affirmation of Baptism. We feel that this change will provide your child with a seamless Christian education. This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for your child to continue the faith journey begun in Baptism.

Our first class will be held Sunday, November 1, from 10:30 – 11:30 am and will be for both parents and students. We'll gather in the main Sunday School room immediately following worship. During this meeting we will provide an overview of our program, discuss guidelines and expectations, distribute materials and schedule. Subsequent classes (for students only) will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 10:30 – 11:30 am. In the spring, we set aside a five-week time frame for you and your child to prepare for their Sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you wish to enroll your child, please call the church office at 570-622-9910 to let us know you'll be attending. If you are planning on attending worship (and haven't been here since we reopened), please let the office know and the number of people attending. Entrance to the church building is through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street doors. At this time, the doors off the parking lot are not open. Everyone (except those under age 2) who enters the building must wear a facial mask covering both mouth and nose. Prior to worship, temperatures will be taken. We ask anyone who has a fever or is not feeling well to refrain from attending.

If you have a child older than age 11, but has not previously participated in our Confirmation Program and you would like to have them participate, they are more than welcome to do so.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call the church office 570-622-9910.