



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Dear Rising 7th Grade Confirmand and Parents,

This letter covers important material concerning Prince of Peace's Confirmation Ministry during the 2018-2019 school year.

Your child is at the age when s/he is invited to participate in our Confirmation Ministry. This is an intentional two and a half year program of learning and exploration their understanding of and participation in the Christian community and its mission. Pastor Brett has been working with others to re-tool the format and content of our Confirmation Ministry so that it is highly experiential.

In brief, our Confirmation Ministry includes:

- Seventeen (17) faith learning events held Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - September-May
- Eight (8) faith learning events held Sunday mornings 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. - December – February
- **Required Confirmation Retreat, Friday, Sept. 28 to Sunday, Sept. 30**, more information forth coming.
- Four (4) fellowship/service events with their small groups.
- Active and regular participation in Worship.

The full details and requirements of the program will be explained at the **Confirmation Ministry Orientation Night—Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** (This is for all 7th and 8th grade confirmands and their parents). If you wish to participate in this important life changing opportunity, please complete the enclosed "Confirmation Enrollment Form" and return it to the church office by **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. It is vital we have these returned so decisions about small groups may be made; each young person will be placed within a small group. Also please bring your child's health insurance cards with you to the orientation meeting so that we may make copies and have them on file.

Confirmation Instruction will emphasize small group involvement. In order to meet this goal of the program we rely upon adult "Guides" to function as leaders/mentors for these small groups of 4-6 young people. **We need caring Guides!** All guides will have a comprehensive training as well as intentional support throughout the year. If you are willing to serve in this important life changing role, please call the church office (856.983.0607) or email Pastor Brett at: PastorBrett@popmarlton.org. Please consider offering your time as a guide. We must have two (2) guides for each small group. The job description has been included with this mailing. We will also need "substitutes". If you would like additional information on the responsibilities of a guide, please call Pastor Brett.

We realize that busy schedules and involvement for parents and youth may present a challenge for Confirmation participation. We ask that you make every effort to make this instruction a priority. Your commitment to this ministry is significant. If you have concerns or conflicts, please call Pastor Brett or the Confirmation Ministry Coordinators as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm - Confirmation Ministry Orientation Night

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 6:30-8:15 p.m. – First Night of Confirmation - Full Schedule given at orientation.

Friday, Sept. 28 – Sunday, Sept. 30 – Required Confirmation Retreat (Camp Dark Waters, Medford, NJ)

We look forward to a great year! If you have questions, please give us a call.

Peace,

Pastor Brett &
Beth Gerber
Confirmation Ministry Coordinator

Enclosures: Confirmation Enrollment Form & Confirmation Guide Job Description