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To: Confirmation Students and Parents  
From: Pastor Greg Wilcox

Dear Friends,

I began as interim pastor at Trinity last April. I was able to visit with a few kids and parents about their experience with the Confirmation Program here at Trinity. My overall takeaway was that the pandemic had caused some significant disruption in this program and that it is important that we work together to get Trinity's Confirmation curriculum and class routine back on track.

Confirmation this year will begin on Wednesday night, September 14th, from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the sanctuary. **For this first session, I would like not only the students to attend, but at least one parent.** I am tentatively planning with Marie Ray, Trinity's EDGE Youth Director, to have the Confirmation kids join the EDGE youth for the last 20 minutes or so of that first night while I visit with just the parents about Confirmation.

I'm planning on keeping the past schedule for Confirmation, with classes being every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30pm. I will have the first half hour with the kids—and parents are always welcome at these sessions as well—and then we will break into three small groups—6th, 7th, and 8th grades—that will meet with small group leaders. (I know some of you parents have served as small group leaders before—thank you. And I will be looking for at least two parents for each of the three grades to serve as small group leaders this year. Small groups are a time for sharing and there is a process that has been used in past years—like asking kids to share their highs and lows from the week—that we will plan to use again.)

I will share more about the curriculum we will be using, along with related resources, during our time together on Wednesday, September 14th. Generally speaking, I will be mixing learning about the bible—and especially the gospels key stories about Jesus—with lessons from Luther's Small Catechism—the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer and so on.

For now, I would like to confirm who will be Trinity's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Confirmation classes this year. **Would you please let Julie know no later than September 1st if you have a child who will be in the Trinity Confirmation program?** You can do that by filling out the attached form and returning it to Julie.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at: [gregwilcox01@gmail.com](mailto:gregwilcox01@gmail.com) or call me at the church or on my cell phone: 605-351-3289.

I'm excited about beginning Confirmation this fall.  
In Christ,  
Pastor Greg Wilcox