

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH of Camarillo

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are excited that your child or grandchild has reached the age confirmation!

**SCHEDULE:** This year, starting in October, we are looking forward to our Friday evening study of (1) The Lord's Prayer and (2) The Sacraments in partial fulfillment of completing all Six Chief Parts of the Christian faith as outlined in Luther's Small Catechism. In addition to Friday evenings from 6-7:30pm, we will supplement our catechism study once again with a survey of the Old Testament Sunday mornings at 9:30am (in the Proverbs Coffeehouse with instructor, Deacon Bob Hutchison).

**COSTS:** We ask that first-year families purchase their necessary materials for the Friday evening Confirmation program (the Sunday materials are already in the church education budget). Students will need a workbook (\$13) and Luther's Catechism (\$12), if they don't already have one. The other cost involved is a flat \$35 (per year) for the banners, cakes, brunch, various flowers and Confirmand Lock-in – all of which come into play at the end of the year when students prepare for the Rite of Confirmation. Checks for the necessary amounts can be made to Peace Lutheran.

**INVOLVEMENT:** There are many ways in which you, as parents/grandparents, are counted on as the primary mentors in carrying out your baptismal vows in raising these young disciples in the Faith. (1) For starters, we have a tradition of parents providing Friday evening snacks for the class on their designated months. (2) This year, we also extend that monthly duty to the students to serve as assistants at our Friday evening grade school program, "Faith & Fun Fridays" (same time slot but only once a month). (3) Retreats and other extra-curricular activities for the students are strongly encouraged as is made possible with schedules. We have both a Fall and a Spring Jr. High Retreat (for all students), then a Lock-in, prep night(s) and a banquet for students being confirmed in 2016 (see details on Confirmation Assignment list handed out). Parents are expected to help their child follow through, as well, on their (10) sermon reports and acolyte assignments. We welcome parents/grandparents who wish to extend their involvement in any additional ways, too, such as chaperoning.

Acolyte training for our new will be worked out on an individual basis (probably following a service).

We recognize that our Confirmation program can never be a success without your leadership role. For that, we thank you and pray for you. In order to acknowledge the importance of everyone's participation and commitment we ask that you and your child/grandchild sign our attached Confirmation Covenant that includes the expectations and goals of Confirmation class. May God bless your parental leadership in this important task.

Yours in Christ, *Mike Schubel*  
Deacon, Director of Youth Ministry

"...proclaiming peace through Christ" - Acts 10:36

