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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our records indicate that your child will be entering (or is in) the early teen years. As you know, this is traditionally the time our Lutheran youth are involved in a two-year period of instruction leading to Confirmation. As a trained deacon and your Youth Minister at Peace I am looking forward to providing this instruction in the historic Christian faith as laid out in Martin Luther's Small Catechism (and associated workbooks).

I'll once again combine a first-year & second-year-student class on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm beginning September 25th. There is a Parent Orientation meeting the previous Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30pm in the Peace Fellowship Hall.

In addition to Wednesday evening sessions, the class will meet together Sunday mornings to supplement the midweek catechetical instruction with Old & New Testament survey classes. This year we'll "voyage" through the NT Sundays at 9:30am with instructor Roger Sage (in coffeehouse).

We ask that first-year families purchase their necessary materials for the midweek 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.

Each student will also need his/her own Bible (and pen). We will be using the New International Version (NIV) translation. A basic hardcover Bible can be ordered through the church office for \$10. Check with the office for gift suggestions on Bibles, if you'd like. The other cost involved is a flat \$35 (per year) for the banners, cakes, brunch, various flowers and Confirmand Retreat - 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 and turned in to the church office.

We recognize that our Confirmation program can never be a success without the leadership role of you, the parents. The church is here to support you in your baptismal vows to bring up your son or daughter in the true knowledge and worship of God. In order to acknowledge the importance of everyone's participation and commitment we ask that you and your child 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, 
Deacon, Director of Youth Ministry

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

