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Dear Confirmation Parents:

Confirmation will start soon. This year the 7th and 8th grade students will use a new curriculum called "Co-lab-orate". It's a hands-on investigative learning that leads to deep engagement with the bible, church history, and Lutheran theology. The 9th grade students will learn about the Seven Marks of Discipleship throughout the year and have activities outside of class connected to monthly themes. Pastor Duane Miller, our interim pastor, will lead and guide your students in confirmation this year.

7th and 8th grade parents will again be asked to help with confirmation classes. The enclosed schedule includes assignments. If you are not able to help on an assigned Wednesday, you will need to find another parent to sub or exchange times with you.

As part of the confirmation curriculum the 7th and 8th grade students need to complete 25 sermon notes. They can earn a ½ credits toward sermon notes through attending Sunday Middle School Bible Study or serving in worship as a acolyte, reader, usher, or a communion assistant.

We will kick-off the year with a meal and meeting for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade **confirmation parents, students and mentors** on **Wednesday, September 2rd at 5:30 PM**. The cost of the meal will be \$3 per person. Please email or call Theresa if you can help with set-up or clean-up on that day at 515-233-2421 or gilbertlutheran@q.com.

Confirmation Schedule:

The Wednesday schedule will be as follows:

6:30 PM	Worship
7:30 PM	9 th Confirmation (First Wednesday of each month beginning in October), 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation (Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Wednesday of the Month)
7:30 PM	Youth Group (9 th grade are asked to attend youth group the 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th Wednesday of the month through October.)

Upcoming:

Sept. 3	7 th , 8 th , and 9 th Parent/Student/Mentor Confirmation Kick-Off Meal at 5:30 PM
Sept. 10	Confirmation Class begins for 7 th and 8 th at 7:30 PM
	Youth Group begins for 9 th Grade at 7:30 PM

Peace and blessings to you and your family as your confirmation students continues to grow in their faith this year.