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Dear Parent(s) of Confirmation Students:

I am writing to update you about the Confirmation retreat and the advent meal coming up on Wednesday, December 19.

**Confirmation Retreat:**

On January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, our confirmation students are going to have a great opportunity to not only get to know each other better, but to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. These are the two days we will be heading to Lutheran Island Camp for the Confirmation Retreat. This will be a great chance to have some fun and learn a few things!

There will be other churches at Lutheran Island Camp at the same time with their confirmation students. This means the confirmands will be able to spend time with other Christian youth their age. All the youth will be from right here in Northern Minnesota!

We will be leaving Friday night from St. Johns at about 4:30 p.m. We will have supper at Burger King in Wadena before arriving at Lutheran Island Camp for registration. All three meals on Saturday will be provided by the camp and we will then arrive back at St. Johns at about 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night.

The total cost for the event is \$59. However, St. Johns will contribute \$34 for each confirmand. This means the cost is only \$25 per confirmand. The cost includes: transportation, a night's stay at Lutheran Island Camp, three meals on Saturday, and all the activities while we are down at camp. The only extra money you need to bring will be for Burger King on Friday night and if you want to buy anything from the "Canteen" (snack bar) at camp.

Attendance is expected. I understand that there are some unavoidable conflicts, but I strongly encourage making the confirmation retreat a priority. Please let me know a.s.a.p. if your child is *not* going. More information and a packing list will be sent in early January.



**Advent Meal:**

Hopefully you already received the heads up about the meal with the note sent home this past Wednesday. The confirmation students and other youth are serving the Advent meal this Wednesday, December 19. Brandi Backmann is heading up a mac and cheese bar (think taco bar only cheesier). We are asking the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to bring a 9x13 pan of bars or its equivalent for the dessert and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to bring a bag of salad greens, either bought or a head of lettuce already prepared for salad.

The students will help set up at the end of confirmation class (4:30) and are expected to stay and help with serving and clean-up. We'd also ask parents to stop by the kitchen to see if adult supervision is needed. Of course, Advent worship follows the meal at 6:00 p.m.

Any questions, just give us a buzz 732-9783.

Pastor Neubauer & Pastor Newton