

Hope Lutheran Church

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Dear Parents of our 7th and 8th Grade Students,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

I pray that your summer is going well. May God bless you with some time for relaxation and recharging before we hit the ground running for another school year.

You are receiving this letter because your son or daughter is going into 7th or 8th grade this fall. I would like to welcome your family officially into the 2024-25 Confirmation program here at Hope. I eagerly look forward to walking with our 7th and 8th graders as we explore and grow in the faith together this year. In the Lutheran Church, Confirmation instruction has continually been an important part of the process of helping young men and women grow to greater maturity in the faith, a process that culminates in the public confession of faith before God's people and the pledge to live as children of God all the days of our lives. May God bless our year!

To introduce you to the key details regarding the year ahead of us, I invite parents and students to a **Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30pm in Hope's Fellowship Hall**. During that evening, I will introduce what we will be learning this year, what will be expected of our confirmands, and what the schedule will look like. Given the potential size of this year's class and our desire to help equip parents to teach the faith at home, I will be asking for parents to partner with me by signing up to attend one of our classes. There will be time for any questions you may have.

As you plan out your weekly family schedules moving into the fall, the plan is for us to meet **Wednesday each week from 5:30-6:20pm in the Meeting Room near the Church Main Entrance** for instruction and faith building activities. Our 8th grade families are encouraged to mark their calendars for Confirmation Sunday on May 4, 2025!

I look forward to being with you on Wednesday, September 4 and sharing more details about the journey ahead. In the meanwhile, God bless the remainder of your summer and fast-approaching first days of the new school year. God be with you!

Christ's peace and joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Baye".

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