



*8th grader—You are invited!

*or older if you haven't attended Confirmation before

2009/10 Confirmation class at St. Matthew's!

Invitation

If you are in 8th grade at SMLC, we hope you already know that you are welcome here and that the stories we tell about God's grace and love apply to you. But what does that mean? Why would an 8th grader want to spend time with others their own age at a church? Come find out!

Overview

As an 8th grader, you have lots of opportunities: making friends, exploring new interests, discovering who you will be in the future. But some of the best resources for life are those that come out of a faith community. We share not only some good times and laughter, but also some of the tough times. We share the powerful stories of who we are and who our God is.

We learn about our faith, our doubt, and ourselves. We ask lots of questions.

Model

The program includes a mixture of activities. We meet together on Wednesday evenings for study, stories, skits, songs, movies, games, and group interaction. During this time, you hear stories of the Bible and of life, explore some of the building blocks of faith, and wrestle with what it means to be a human being. You have a chance to do some great things for others in service projects at the church and in the community. You are able to get away for a while during weekend retreats, and you have some fun. A confirmation ceremony takes place at the end, when the church celebrates your work and life

among us.

Family

Parents are an important part of your life, and many times parents are involved in Confirmation. Your parents, amazingly, have stories about their own faith that they've never shared with you. This year, as you explore some of the stories of faith, you have great opportunities to talk to your parents. You will give them an excuse to re-study some of our lessons. You will give them another reason to realize just how awesome you are. Along the way, they will be encouraged to volunteer in a variety of ways—so don't be too surprised if they show up once in a while. They're welcome!

How to get involved

Send in the Registration Form and Youth Permission Slip ***
We'll forward more information

Register now for further details



WHEN?

Wednesday Nights 7 pm beginning 9/16/09
Confirmation continues, with some breaks, through May. You will receive a detailed schedule.

?s—Contact Pastor Kathryn at 425-226-2420 or kathryn.buffum@comcast.net

Orientation for Parents Only (Student orientation when class starts!)

Parents, please attend one of the two parent orientation sessions. We will explain the program, outline the approach behind it, and answer your questions. We will describe the commitment Confirmation will take from both student and family. You will have a chance to find out why we believe confirmation continues to make a difference in kids' lives!

Orientation: Sunday August 30, 11am or Wednesday September 9, 7pm

Save the Date!
Confirmation Family Dinner
Wednesday
Sept 23
6:30pm



