



Dear 6th-8th grade students, parents, and Life Guides,



We are excited to continue a tradition in Family of Christ's confirmation program! All 6th-8th grade classes go on an overnight winter retreat each year! During the retreat, the students and Life Guides will be participating in a variety of activities to help build community. We want each small group and class as a whole to have a strong sense of community among one another and to find the relationships they have at confirmation to be deep and meaningful.

We will be leaving FoC at **8:00am on Saturday, Jan 14th** to head to Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. We will return on **Sunday, Jan 15th at 2:00pm.** We will be staying in a variety of Luther Crest's winterized cabins and retreat facilities. All have bunk beds and bathrooms. A packing list will be emailed out closer to our departure date.

Attendance at this retreat is very important in order to build relationships among the students. We hope that you will make it a priority in your schedules. Also, we ask that students leave their cell phones and Ipods at home. We want the retreat to focus on building relationships with those we are with. That will be more easily accomplished without the distractions that these devices can cause. In case of an emergency during the retreat, please call Leann's cell (612.720.3496).

Please fill out and return the enclosed release form by Wednesday, Dec. 7. Because we feel this retreat is such a high priority, we included the cost in the fall registration, so no payment is needed to attend! On the enclosed form, you will see a place to order a fun retreat t-shirt for only \$5 and have the option to sign up to make a penguin fleece tie blanket for only \$15! Please turn payment in for these optional items with the release form!

Let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Leann Thompson
Director of Faith Formation

Lindsey Ruhland
Minister to Youth and Families



Family of Christ
**Winter
Retreat**

CONFIRMATION WINTER RETREAT FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Name _____

_____ Yes, I WILL be attending the retreat!!!!

_____ No, I am unable to attend the retreat :o(

_____ Yes, I would like to order a retreat t-shirt for only \$5!!
t-shirt size S M L XL XXL

_____ Yes, I would like to make a tie blanket on the retreat for only \$ 15!!

I give permission for my child to travel with Family of Christ Lutheran Church Jan 13-14th for the Leadership Retreat. I understand that there are inherent risks involved with any trip or activity and I agree to not hold Family of Christ Lutheran Church, its staff or leaders responsible for any injury or loss incurred while participating in this activity. In the event of an emergency while traveling, I give permission for necessary medical treatment to be provided for my child. I also agree that, in the event that a medical or behavioral issue deems it necessary for my child to be sent home, I will be responsible for any travel costs incurred.

Agreement to Transport Home

I/we, the undersigned, are the parents having legal custody or the legal guardians of the above named participant, a minor, have given our consent for him/her to attend the above trip/program, or are of legal consenting age myself. I/we understand that the leaders may need to send a participant home as a result of illness or discipline problem. I/we understand if the participant named above is dismissed from the trip, **I/he/she will be transported home at my/our expense.** Chaperones will attempt to contact the parent or guardian to arrange such transportation.

Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs – Substance Use Policy of Family of Christ Lutheran Church

Chemical or tobacco use or possession by minors or adult leaders is **NOT** allowed at *any* church sponsored activity. If this policy is broken, a staff member will contact the parent/guardian and the individual will be removed from the activity unless another arrangement is worked out between the individual, the staff member, and/or parents. **We understand that if our son/daughter does not follow the set guidelines, that we are responsible to immediately pick them up or arrange for their transportation home, at our expense.**

_____ I do not give permission for Family of Christ to use any photos of my child on the church website or for other publicity or information-sharing purposes.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____