



# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Dear Confirmation Students and Parents:

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . ."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Believe it or not, it's time for **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION!** We hope this information packet contains everything you wanted or needed to know about Confirmation but were afraid to ask!

Our mission statement for confirmation ministries is ***to be filled with joy in being Christ's own as we live under him and serve him.*** To strive in this mission, Confirmation at LCOOR is made up of several different components. Our goal is for all students to grow in your/their:

- love and discipleship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
- biblical Understanding; and
- understanding of Luther's Small Catechism and our Lutheran Christian faith.

And that you/they will:

- discover the joy of sharing your/their gifts.
- understand the promises you/they will be making at the Rite of Confirmation.
- become better prepared to participate as adult members of Christ's Church and live faithfully in God's world.

In short, we want you/them **to be filled with joy in being Christ's own as we live under him and serve him.**

## REGISTRATION:

Enclosed you will find a Confirmation Registration Form (terra green sheet). All 8<sup>th</sup> graders also need to indicate their desired mentors. ***Please note: Nettie will be available to accept your confirmation registrations and all other forms beginning Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8am.*** You may mail your registration forms in before August 16<sup>h</sup>, **but are asking that they be in the office by the 16<sup>th</sup>.** That way, small groups can be made by the time we meet on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for Worship.

*"Making Jesus Christ known through word and deed . . ."*

### **INFORMATION MEETING:**

We have scheduled a **7:00pm worship service for all parents and students on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 followed by an informational meeting at 7:45pm** in the church sanctuary. You will find out at this time which small group you will be in.

Because Confirmation Ministry is an important part of our life together as members of the body of Christ, we will make this covenant with one another:

#### **Covenant for Students:**

**As confirmation students who are preparing to affirm our baptism into the body of Christ, we understand there are expectations of us, therefore we will:**

- attend all Wednesday night classes each year (make-up times for excused absences are to be negotiated by the student with the pastor).
- attend Sunday/Wednesday Church School and Worship regularly, including midweek Lenten services.
- attend Lutherans Outdoors of SD church camp at least once during our three years of confirmation. (LCOOR will help subsidize the cost of church camp through the church budget, camp scholarships are also available.)
- meet regularly with your mentor during your 8<sup>th</sup> grade year for relationship building, faith conversions, etc. (6 weeks during Lenten season).
- complete ONE "Service Support Card" (i.e. 'green card') during each of our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade years of confirmation.

#### **Covenant for Parents:**

**As parents, we will:**

- pray for the students, the adult leaders, and the pastors.
- support and encourage our son/daughter as they grow in faith and discipleship.
- model the Christian faith through our own regular worship and lives of discipleship.
- attend Wednesday Confirmation classes when requested.
- assist in the Confirmation and Christian Education programs as a volunteer.

#### **Covenant for Pastors:**

**As your pastors, we will:**

- pray for, encourage, and support all students and their families.
- teach and pass on the faith.
- model faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ.

### **CLASSES FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:**

Each Wednesday evening, between 7:00 – 7:45PM, all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be in Worship/large group and between 7:45 – 8:15PM students will meet in small group.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

Electronic devices may not be used during Church School Classes or Confirmation Classes. This would include cell phones, iPods, MP3s, cameras, etc. All electronic equipment should be turned off and stored in backpacks or kept in pockets and out of sight during the educational programs. Violators will be asked to give the electronic items to the leaders. On the first violation it will be returned to the student when the class time/session is completed. Second and subsequent violations will require a parent to pick up the item from the Education Coordinator.

**MENTORS:**

For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the registration form includes a space to indicate your top three preferences of adults whom you would like to serve as your mentor. We need more than one choice from you because sometimes an adult is requested by more than one youth. We will contact prospective mentors and try to make a good match for you. If you have questions about mentors, please talk to Nettie.

You will be expected to meet regularly with your mentor during the 6 weeks Lenten Season (February 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012). The two of you will complete a “Faith Conversations Study” which will be given to you at the orientation meeting. *There will be a mentor/student orientation meeting on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm (alternate date will be Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm) to attend together. A wrap-up mentor/student meeting will be Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:30pm.*

**ENCLOSURES:**

In addition to this cover letter, enclosed in this packet you will find the “Confirmation Registration Form” (terra green sheet), the “Church School Registration Form” (lunar blue sheet – see both sides) for the 2011-2012 year and the “Transportation/Picture Release Form” (tan). You will also find the Christian Education Discipline Procedures form (goldenrod ½ sheet), the Church School Calendar (canary yellow sheet), and the Babysitting/Childcare Opportunity Form (purple ½ sheet) for anyone interested in being placed on the list at the church. Please fill these forms out and return them to us when you register for Confirmation. Finally, if you have any questions feel free to call us at the church office 886-2696 or email us.

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*Confirmation Registration Form 2011-2012*

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY:**

Please give us the name of two or three adults from Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer that you would like to have for a mentor: (We will contact these individuals)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration forms will be accepted at the church office beginning Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.**

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**Confirmation Class Calendar**

***Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents***

***Informational meeting at 7:45pm for All students, parents and small group leaders***

**Classes will be:**

Wednesday evenings Large group/worship 7:00pm – 7:45pm and Small group 7:45pm – 8:15pm.  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>,  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacation Days:**

November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thanksgiving break)  
December 28<sup>th</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup>. (Christmas break).

# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

2011-2012 Sunday & Wednesday

Church School Registration

Ages 3 Years - Grade 8



Church School sessions begin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Birth date</i> (M/D/Y)	<i>Baptized</i> (Yes/No)	<i>Present Age</i>	<i>Grade Entering</i> (Fall of 2011)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Are there special needs - learning difficulties, behavioral difficulties, dietary concerns, allergies, family or friend issues, or other things we should be aware of to better minister to you or your child? (Please list): \_\_\_\_\_

### Enroll my child in the following session:

(Check which session you desire)

#### Wednesday Church School

\_\_\_\_\_ Beginning September 14, 2011  
6:00-6:55 pm

**Please return these forms**  
on or before  
**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### Sunday Church School

\_\_\_\_\_ Beginning September 11, 2011  
9:30-10:25 am

*All members, both men and women, are needed to support the educational ministry of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer for our children.*

### In what ways will you help in the Christian Education of the children of LCOOR?

#### Bible Storyteller (approximately 1 month commitment)

Preschool (ages 3, 4 & 5 yr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Kindergarten - Grade 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 3 - 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Fall Term \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday only \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Term \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday only \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Term \_\_\_\_\_ Both Sun. & Wed. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Music Volunteer

Piano \_\_\_\_\_ Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_

#### Resource Room Volunteer (prepare & distribute

materials, compile

attendance)

Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_

#### Shepherd (Small Group Leader - year long commitment)

Preschool (ages 3, 4 & 5 yr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Kindergarten - Grade 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 3 - 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 6 - 8 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Co-Shepherd with \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_

#### Substitute Shepherd (available to be called as needed)

Grades \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please turn over this page to complete the Permission to Treat form.**

# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer PERMISSION TO TREAT FORM

**September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012**

(Please complete one per student)

**YOUTH'S NAME:**

DOB: SEX: (*circle one*): M F

AGE: GRADE: SCHOOL:

ADDRESS:

Current Medication(s):

Additional necessary medical/dietary information:

**PARENTS' MARTIAL STATUS:** (*circle one*) married / separated / divorced / single / widowed

**FATHER'S NAME:** Home Phone: Cell #:

Father's Place of Work: Work Phone:

**MOTHER'S NAME:** Home Phone: Cell #:

Mother's Place of Work: Work Phone:

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

RELATIONSHIP to family:

Home Phone: Cell #:

Address:

**INSURANCE** Subscriber Policy # Group #

1.

2.

**MEDICAL DOCTOR:** Phone:

**DENTIST:** Phone:

In case of medical/dental emergency concerning my child, at a time when I/We cannot be notified, I/We hereby authorize Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer officials to act on my behalf in seeking emergency treatment for my child in the event that such treatment is deemed necessary. I/We give permission to those administering emergency treatment to do so using those measures deemed necessary, such as but not limited to x-ray examinations, anesthetics or medications, medical/surgical/dental diagnosis or treatment, and/or hospital care. I/We absolve Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, its employees and volunteer chaperones from liability in acting on my behalf in this regard.

**DATE:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' SIGNATURES:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Transportation and Picture Permission Form

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## Transportation Permission

I/We give permission for my/our child to participate in activities sponsored by Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer of Watertown, South Dakota from September 1, 2011 - August 31, 2012.

I/We understand that a church staff member(s) and/or volunteer chaperones will accompany my/our child and other children. I/We understand that the children may be transported in privately owned cars driven by parents of students or in a bus driven by a licensed driver. I/We agree that the travel arrangements are appropriate. I/We waive any claim against the church, its employees or the volunteer chaperones for any injury suffered by my child in excess of the church's insurance limits.

## Picture Permission

I hereby grant Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its print publications and communication mediums such as website, e-mail, social networks, video, television, billboard, etc...without payment or other consideration.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Babysitting/Childcare Opportunities . . .**



Students Grades 6 and Older

From time to time, church members will call into the church office inquiring about care for their children. For a number of years now, we have compiled a list of potential youth desiring to provide childcare for families and made this available to members requesting the list. This list is also included in the baby packet furnished to parents upon the birth of their child. If you wish to be included in the 2011-2012 group, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by September 11, 2011.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your age as of 9/1/11 \_\_\_\_\_ Your grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Age of children you wish to care for \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a Babysitting training/clinic? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type? \_\_\_\_\_

Other experience \_\_\_\_\_

References names & telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer staff will make this list available to all who request it,  
**but take no further responsibility for referring or recommending students.**

# 2011-2012 LCOOR Church School Calendar

## Sunday Church School

**September 11 – Classes Begin/Rally Day**  
 18 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles class  
 25 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles presented in worship

**October 2**  
 9 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Worship & Acolyte class  
 16  
 23  
 30

**November 6** – Preschool Prayer class  
 13  
 20  
 27 – **No Class** – Thanksgiving weekend

**December 4**  
 11 – (Church School Christmas Program 4pm)  
 18  
 25 – **No Class**- Christmas break

**January 1** – **No Class**- Christmas break  
 8 – **Class Resumes**  
 15 - Kindergarten Baptism class  
 22  
 29

**February 5** – 1<sup>st</sup> grade 10 commandments class  
 12  
 19  
 26

**March 4**  
 11  
 18 - **No Class** – Spring Break  
 25

**April 1** – Palm Sunday (Sun & Wed. Preschool – Grade 2  
 sing at 8:30 and 10:30am )  
 8 – **No Class** - Easter  
 15 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade 'Creed' class  
 22  
 29

**May 6**– **Last Day** – Sun. Church School

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 Communion  
 Classes  
 (watch newsletters  
 for times)

## Wednesday Church School

**September 14 – Classes Begin/Rally Day**  
 21 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles class  
 28 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles presented in worship

**October 5**  
 12 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Worship & Acolyte class  
 19  
 26

**November 2**  
 9 – Preschool Prayer class  
 16  
 23 – **No Class** -Thanksgiving Eve.  
 30

**December 7**  
 11 – (Church School Christmas Program 2pm)  
 14  
 21  
 28 – **No Class** – Christmas break

**January 4**– **No Class** – Christmas break  
 11 – **Class Resumes**  
 18 - Kindergarten Baptism class  
 25

**February 1**  
 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade 10 commandments class  
 15  
 22  
 29

**March 7**  
 14 - **No Class** – Spring Break  
 21  
 28

**April 4**  
 11 - 4<sup>th</sup> grade 'Creed' class  
 18  
 25

**May 2** – **Last Day** - Wed. Church School

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 Communion  
 Classes  
 (watch newsletters  
 for times)

# Discipline Procedures

## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Education Ministries

The following discipline procedures have been adopted to create and maintain a healthy learning environment for all of our young people so that they might grow in their Christian faith and discipleship to Jesus Christ:

1. The first time the child/youth is disruptive or acts inappropriately the teacher or assistant will take the child aside to determine the cause and give fair warning of the next step. At this time, the teacher will also document the incident on the forms provided. This form is to be given to the Education Coordinator to be filed in the appropriate manner.
2. Should the behavior persist an adult will be summoned to help monitor the classroom.
3. If the child/youth continues the inappropriate behavior he/she will be escorted to the Education Coordinator's Office. The child/youth will then be given an opportunity to explain his/her actions and discuss possible solutions before returning to the classroom. A phone call to the parent(s) may be necessary.
4. In the event the disruptive or inappropriate behavior continues, the parent(s) will be contacted and may be asked to accompany the child/youth to the next class session or activity.

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