

Greetings parents and 7th & 8th Grade confirmands,

School is back in session which means Confirmation class is starting again. Classes begin September 5th with meal at 6:15 and class from 6:45 – 7:45. That way kids are fed, taught and home early enough to do homework, chores or whatever. We will have a meal and class every Wednesday, Sep 5 - Dec 12, and from Jan 9 - Apr 10. During Lent, the kids will eat with parents at 5:30 and come to class at 6:15 while parents attend Lenten services. April 14 is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Our youth are expected to attend services. April 21 is Easter and the Confirmation Banquet will be May 1st.

We are asking our confirmation students to help with 11AM Sunday services in town or their respective country services. 7th & 8th graders will be responsible for greeting and ushering. While this may seem like a chore, the trade-off is there will be no sermon notes. Parents will be asked to join their youth in these duties to help them, encourage them and build their confidence. As young men and women who are becoming members of the church, we want our youth to participate in worship and be involved in church life. I am sending home a schedule with this letter listing the dates and duties for our 7th & 8th Graders.

In addition to teaching these young men and women in class, they will be encouraged to bring their journals home to study for our monthly Trivia Night! Your encouragement in this at home will help them in their competitions. The more often they hear the material, the more likely they will remember it. There will be games/activities and prizes at nearly every class. I hope to make the classes fun and engaging, to help them think about what God is saying to them thru the Old Testament. I am excited about this new venture, and I encourage you not to fear the changes this year.

Even though meeting every Wednesday seems like a lot, if you do the math (and I have) we are only talking 18 hours of instruction (3 school days) to cover the entire Old Testament.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Feel free to text me at any time with thoughts or questions at 605-467-0374.

Growing, together, in Christ,
Pastor Alyssa

P.S. Upcoming LYO Events

Sept 14th - 5th Quarter

Sept 16th - Paintball

Sept 23rd - FLC LYO GaGa Ball

Sept 30th - Lake Day

Oct 6th - Minot High Air & Concert (\$25.00)

**Waivers must be filled out for Paintball, Lake Day, & the Minot Trip. If they are going to more than one event, you can put down the name of each event on one waiver form.*