

January 18, 2012

Dear Parents of Affirmation of Baptism participants,

For the next 10 weeks, your students have the opportunity to go deep in their faith, ask lots of questions, and prepare for their Affirmation of Baptism. In baptism, you as parents made a series of promises and confessions of faith. Now, as the students prepare for Affirmation of Baptism, we'll be examining those promises and preparing the students to make their own promises.

To be used as part of the Affirmation of Baptism classes, **each parent needs to write a letter to their student.** Things you may want to include in the letter are:

- Why did you choose to have them baptized?
- Who are their Godparents?
- How do you hope that your student will live out these baptismal promises?
- Who do you dream that they will become?
- How do you hope they will live out their faith?

The letter doesn't need to be long, but it is an essential element of the Affirmation of Baptism Ministry. You may also ask your student's Godparents to write a letter, if you'd like. These letters will be passed out during class.

Here is the liturgy from the baptism service, as printed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book we use for planning worship at Prince of Peace. You may want to reflect on these words as you write your letter.

In baptism you and the child's Godparents promise to help your children grow in their Christian faith and life through these promises:

To live with them among God's faithful people,
Bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
Teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
Place in their hands the holy scriptures,
And nurture them in faith and prayer,
So that your children may learn to trust God,
Proclaim Christ through word and deed,
Care for others and the world God made,
And work for justice and peace.

Please send your letter to church by March 25th.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Re: Affirmation of Baptism Letter for (Student's Name)

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In God's Amazing Love,

Beth Feltes, Family Ministry Director

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Mark your calendars!

Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal

Thursday, May 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

- Parents and Students should attend together.

Affirmation of Baptism Worship Celebration

Sunday, May 6th at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a short reception following in the Community Room for the Congregation Members to greet the students.

(If there are more than 30 students in this class, we may open up another service time as another option.)