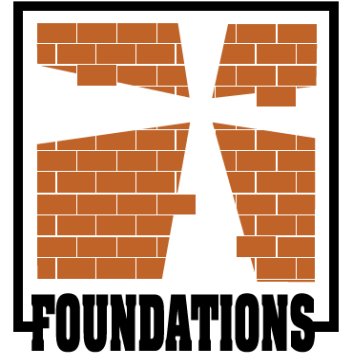


August 1, 2011

Does the phrase "Where did the summer go?" keep crossing your lips? It's August already and that means that summer is almost over and school is about to begin. With that start up comes the beginning of school-year programming here at WLC. Foundations, our Confirmation instruction program, is the topic of this letter...below you'll find information and details to help you get ready for the year ahead.



All students: Please register for Foundations using the enclosed registration form. Return it to Stacy Winter at WLC by Sunday, August 21. You'll need a Bible and a Catechism with you each evening. If you don't have either of those let us know and we'll make sure you do!

Some dates to put on the calendar:

September 14.....	Foundations begins
October 26	Last day of 9th grade classes
November 30.....	No Foundations, Thanksgiving
December 21	No Foundations, Christmas Break
December 28.....	No Foundations, Christmas Break
January 4	No Foundations, Christmas Break
January 11	Foundations resumes
February 22-April 4.....	No Foundations, Lent
April 11.....	Foundations resumes
May 23	Last day of Foundations

Curricular Retreats

September 30-October 1	9th grade Cornerstone Retreat
November 11-12.....	7th grade Made in God's Image Retreat
March 23-24	8th grade Marriage and Sexuality Retreat


Regular Schedule:

3:00pm	The Bridge is open
6:15pm	Bridge café closes
6:30-8:00pm	Foundations classes
8:00	Classes dismissed, students picked up

Parents, do you have an interest in sharing Jesus with kids? We're looking for folks to serve as small group leaders, folks to go on retreats, folks to help enter data and folks to pray for the program and the students. Training and ministry descriptions will be provided. (Foundations and our other discipleship ministry programs rely on volunteer servants to make them work.) Contact me if you're interested.

We're looking forward to our time with your kids this year. Foundations is a great program for kids to really dig in and explore their faith. Thanks for the opportunity to partner with you in passing on the faith to this generation.

God's blessings on these last weeks of summer!


Joel Symmank, DCE
Minister of Youth

7th graders and parents...welcome to Foundations! We're excited to begin this process with you! Over the next two and a half years we'll be working together to explore our Christian faith, to understand what God has done for us in Jesus and what the life of a Christian looks like.

Foundations is a programmed ministry. This means that there are expectations and requirements associated with it. These are in place to provide accountability, investment and a sense of accomplishment.



Students are placed in small groups of 6-8 students. Groups are created by grade and by gender. See the registration form for some group options. Each small group has an adult leader who has committed to take the Foundations journey with the students. Groups stay together all year. The small group leader leads the group discussion, keeps kids and parents informed of important events and details and creates fun experiences for the group.

Each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm groups meet in their room for an opening activity, teaching and small group discussion time. Each class will have a memorization assignment associated with it. Memorization is an important practice for Christians; students will memorize portions of Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism.

In addition to classes there are three other components to Foundations:

Retreats:

November 11-12, Made In God's Image...Girls and Guys: At this curricular retreat ladies will explore what it means to be made in God's image and how they are beautiful, accepted, blessed, and eternal because of Jesus' love. Gents will spend time looking at what it means to be a man after God's heart by studying men of the Bible and spending time celebrating who God has made them to be.

Action Module (10 : 10 : 10): Students will complete 10 sermon summaries, attend 10 sessions of Powerhouse, and complete 10 hours of servant work. (Please note: these are minimums...especially with Powerhouse we want them there all the time to really get the most out of the experience.)

Parent Class: A four-week "Transition to Adolescence" class will be taught by Jane Dibbern. This class focuses on changes going on in your child's life and in your role as parent. This is a required part of the Foundations cycle. Dates TBA.

Foundations begins on Wednesday, September 14. Classes run from 6:30-8:00 p.m. On the 14th all students are asked to come to the Genesis room for an opening and orientation. Each week following students will go directly to their class room: 7th grade, Genesis; 8th grade, Isaiah; 9th grade, Paul. Please fill out the Registration form. Foundations fee for this year is \$20.

8th graders and parents...welcome back! A new year of Foundations is just around the corner. We're excited to continue this process of building on the faith God has given us with you!

Time Change: Classes this year will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm...the same as TNT, 6'ers and lots of our other discipleship programming.

Retreats:

March 23-24, Marriage and Sexuality. This curricular retreat focuses on God's Word on marriage, the role of sex in marriage, abstinence, sexual promiscuity, adultery, pornography, & dating.

Action Module (10 : 10 : 10): Students will complete 10 sermon summaries, attend 10 sessions of Powerhouse, and complete 10 hours of servant work. (Please note: these are minimums...especially with Powerhouse we want them there all the time to really get the most out of the experience.)

Parent/Youth Class: All Dressed Up, a drama on choices and consequences relating to sexuality, purity and dating, held on February 8.

Confirmation Sunday: October 30, 2011

Foundations begins on Wednesday, September 14. Classes run from 6:30-8:00pm (please note the time change). On the 14th all students are asked to come to the Genesis room for an opening and orientation. Each week following students will go directly to their class room: 7th grade, Genesis; 8th grade, Isaiah; 9th grade, Paul. Please fill out the Registration form. Foundations fee for this year is \$20.

Put it on the calendar: Confirmation Sunday will be October 28, 2012.



9th graders and parents...welcome back! A new year of Foundations is just around the corner. We're excited to continue this process of building on the faith God has given us with you!

Classes: The final class in the Foundations cycle is "Cornerstone." This class meets from September 14 through October 26. During this class 9th grade students will be challenged to take what they've learned in the first two years of Foundations and apply it to their new context as high school students, they'll learn how to articulate their faith story as they develop and present a testimony to the class and they'll look ahead to Confirmation Sunday and the statement of faith they'll make there.



Retreats:

September 30-October 1, Cornerstone retreat: the final Foundations wrapping up the experience and looking ahead at the life God is calling each student to.

Action Module (5 : 5 : 5): Students will complete 5 sermon summaries, attend 5 sessions of Sunday Impact, and complete 5 hours of servant work. (Please note, these are minimums...especially with Sunday Impact we want them there all the time to really get the most out of the experience.)

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, October 30, 2011 (students with siblings in the 10th grade class may choose to confirm their faith on Sunday, October 23. Please let me know if this is your choice.)

Foundations begins on Wednesday, September 14. Classes run from 6:30-8:00pm (please note the time change). On the 14th all students are asked to come to the Genesis room for an opening and orientation. Each week following students will go directly to their class room: 7th grade, Genesis; 8th grade, Isaiah; 9th grade, Paul. Please fill out the Registration form. Foundations fee for this year is \$10.