



*Meet Jesus
Make Friends
Make a Difference*

August 10, 2016

Dear Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students,

Greetings in Christ, our Lord and Savior! It is with much enthusiasm that I extend this invitation for your student to join us for this coming year of CrossTraining at Family of Christ Lutheran Church. CrossTraining is Family of Christ's Confirmation program for students in grades 6-8. Upon completion of this three year course, students will be invited to participate in a special "Rite of Confirmation Service" in which they will publicly profess their faith in Jesus and be affirmed as a baptized child of God.

CrossTraining exists to help families prepare and equip middle school students to become dynamic followers of Christ. This is done through education of the Christian faith as well as opportunities that engage students to "experience" faith in ways. Additionally, students will participate in activities designed to build Christian friendships and foster mentorship with caring Christian adults.

CrossTraining takes place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. starting with a Parent/Student kick-off on September 14. At the kick-off, students will receive class materials, information and course schedules.

Parents play perhaps the most important and influential role in their children's faith life. It is no coincidence that this is the model and expectation laid out in Scripture. As a result, CrossTraining is intended to partner with what you do in the home and will have expectations for parents to be involved in the Confirmation process. Expectations include active involvement in worship and weekly home study. In addition parents may also participate in a number of ways including: being a CrossTraining Small Group Mentor, participating in an adult life group or volunteering in another capacity. Please refer to the parent participation section in the Registration form. If you are unable to meet this expectation, yet would like to support this ministry in another way, please contact me to discuss other options.

To register for CrossTraining, complete the enclosed **Registration Form** and the **Annual Permission / Waiver Form**. Please complete both sides of all forms. In addition, we are asking that parents submit a photo of their student to help the CrossTraining staff. The pictures will not be distributed but kept in your student's file. The fee for this year's CrossTraining program is **\$75.00**, which offsets expenses for materials and program costs. The completed forms are due to the church office by **Aug. 31**. If you are in need of financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for taking time to review this material. If you have any questions or concerns regarding CrossTraining, please feel free to contact me, or visit the church website at www.foclutheran.org and click on the youth tab. I, along with the entire CrossTraining team, look forward to another year of partnering with you in the faith development of your child.

In Christ,

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