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Greetings in the Name of our Savior-Jesus Christ!

Now that we are in a Post-Coronavirus Pandemic World, it is time to think about Youth Confirmation Classes resuming at St. Matthew.

This past year, we were able to overcome “lock-downs” by offering all three years of youth confirmation classes virtually.

This was not the ideal situation, but we made the best of it and God blessed us tremendously by sharing His word with all levels of confirmation and confirming the third year confirmation class

This Autumn we should be able to offer in-person instruction once again. In addition, we will also be able to continue to offer virtual instruction as well!

The instructors for 2021-2022 will be Kristin Gierke (Director of Youth Ministry) and myself.

Kristin will be teaching the 2nd Year Confirmation class. I'll be teaching the 3rd Year Confirmation class.

1st Year Confirmation classes will be slightly different in that I'll record most of the lessons for the first-year students to watch on their own and we'll meet once in September, October, November, January, February and March.

What we'll need to determine at this point is *when* to meet.

For the past ten years, instruction has been on Sunday nights from 6:30-7:45.

However, this year we would like to hear from you as to what day & time works best for you and your child.

Please call Cheri Selimos in the church office at 847/438-7709 or email her at selimos@stmattsonline.com to let her know what day and time is best for you.

We'll then use all that information to set a schedule for the Autumn Semester that will start the second week of September and conclude the second week of November. We'll then pick up the Spring semester the second or third week of January and conclude by the end of March.

Second and Third Year students should not need any new materials. We'll be using the unused portions of the workbooks this coming year and the same Small Catechism and Lutheran Study Bible.

First year students will need to purchase a copy of all three.

Luther's Small Catechism \$16.00

Lutheran Study Bible \$35.00

Catechism Study Workbook \$20.00

If you need assistance in purchasing these materials, let Cheri know and we'll work with you on that!

We are planning a "Confirmation Kick-off" on either September 7 or September 8 at the church, where we will go through the schedule, what to expect with instructions, and get to meet one another. As we get closer, we'll nail down that date - if one works better than the other, let us know that as well.

If you have any questions, you can give me a call or drop me an email - my contact information is below.

Blessings to you and your family.

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