

Dear Incoming 5th Grade Parents,

We hope you are enjoying summer and family time together!

Royal Redeemer's confirmation program continues to have a positive impact on our children, providing an environment for them to grow in faith and friendships as they transition into the teen years. In order to endure that this program continues to offer a high-quality experience, we will be implementing changes that will affect your child during the 2011-2012 school year as well as the 2012-2013 school year.

In 2012-2013(when your child is entering the 6th grade) we are expanding the Sunday evening program to include 5th grade students. Fifth and sixth grade students will be grouped together in a pre-confirmation program which, like confirmation, will be structured around social, study, and service activities. We will use the same Faith Inkubators curriculum we have used for years in confirmation, focusing on stories from the Old Testament and from the New Testament. Students who complete this program will then move up to the seventh and eighth grade confirmation program. The seventh and eighth grade program will focus on the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism.

This year, we want to provide a smooth transition to 2012-2013. Starting September 18, we will be offering Grade 5 students (only) the opportunity to learn and connect during the late service Sunday School hour (10:45-11:45) with their 5th grade peers. We will not be offering Sunday School for the 5th grade during the 9:00 service. During the late service Sunday School they will get a taste of our confirmation program through biblical lessons and activities. Students will be given a binder to help them with the biblical lessons throughout the year.

We are excited with these changes. This will allow Royal Redeemer to expand our program and give the students an opportunity to connect in smaller groups. We have attached a sheet with basic questions and answers that you may be asking. If, after reading this, you still have questions, please contact Amy Nobiling (knobiling@fuse.net), Susan Kelker (skelker@fuse.net) or Diann Gaffrey (dgaffrey@roadrunner.com). We will be more than happy to help you.

Sincerely,

Amy Nobiling, Susan Kelker, Diann Gaffrey, and Pastor Joel