

January 24, 2018

Dear Parents:

Each year our local LCMS congregations sponsor a retreat for spring confirmands. The weekend of **April 20-22, 2018** is the date of this year's retreat to Brandon Spring Group Camp, Land-Between-the-Lakes, Tennessee. An exciting weekend on Lake Barkley is planned for LCMS confirmands from across Southeast Missouri!

**Cost?** The cost for registration, transportation, two nights lodging, six meals and bed linens is \$115/person. The out-of-pocket cost for your student is \$80, with the remainder being gifted by the Trinity Youth Board. If the registration fee is a hardship, please visit with DCE Leah Kortmeyer. **Please return your completed registration, registration fee of \$80 and medical authorization to the church office no later than March 4, 2018.**

**What to Bring?** On the back of this letter is a list. Please note that all dress is casual and that blankets, linens and pillows are provided - towels and wash cloths are not. To avoid overcrowding on our buses, each participant is limited to one small piece of luggage.

**Transportation?** We will be traveling to the camp by school bus and rental/personal vehicles. We will gather on Friday at 12:00 p.m. on the Trinity Lutheran School parking lot and leave promptly at 12:30 p.m. Please arrange with your child's school principal an excused absence for Friday afternoon. We will return to the school at approximately 4:15pm on Sunday.

**Guidelines?** We have a few. Please discuss them with your child.

- All will be in their cabins with lights out and quiet at 11:00 p.m.
- Snack foods should not be brought. Our staff will be providing snacks on the bus and at camp.
- Everyone is expected to participate in all activities.
- Dress is "casual", yet in a manner that is God-pleasing.
- Cellular telephones and other devices should not disrupt activities (please note that service is sporadic at camp).

**Medical Care?** Please complete the medical authorization and return it with your registration.

**Emergency Numbers?** Brandon Spring Group Camp may be reached in an emergency by calling (931) 232-7405. DCE Leah Kortmeyer may be reached by calling (573) 579-4134 (however, please note that service is sporadic at camp).

We are looking forward to a great experience!

In Christ's Service,

Leah R. Kortmeyer, DCE

*"In His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3*