

Christian Education

Celebrating



Rally Day 2010 commemorates a new year of Christian Education opportunities. This year's event will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.) on September 12. The celebration includes recognition of students, teachers and helpers. First grade students will receive an age-appropriate story Bible.

At this writing, it appears the children's Sunday School, ages 3 through fourth grade, will be following the **SPARK: Activate Faith** program from Augsburg-Fortress Publishers. The fall curriculum features a variety of learning activities based on Old Testament stories including Creation, Noah's Ark, David and Goliath, Jonah and the Big Fish and more.

Confirmation classes will be offered to our youth in the fifth through eighth grades.

Seventh and eighth grade students completing two years of instruction will be confirmed in spring 2011. In spring 2012, sixth and seventh graders graduate. Thereafter, our youth will be confirmed in the sixth grade.

Our young people are constantly being faced with major life-changing decisions at an earlier age. It is wise to build a strong spiritual and moral foundation as they begin to face the challenges and temptations of pervasive media, peer pressure and other influences.

Pastor Rice and Linda McFadden will team teach the confirmation class using **Applying Luther's Catechism: Voyagers Edition** from Concordia Publishers. This year's program will focus on basic Scriptural teachings and Lutheran doctrine and feature everyday practical applications and service opportunities. Confirmation class will be held weekly during the Sunday School hour.

Two Sunday morning adult classes are offered each week. John Stahl leads the J.C. Miller Bible Class which follows the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies series. The fall program reviews **Genesis**. Rich Elliot guides the other adult class in its learning and discussion. The class members have elected to study the popular and poignant publication, **The Lutheran Handbook** from Augsburg-Fortress Publishing.

Children of all ages are invited to celebrate Christian Education on Rally Day and participate in new adventures in faith-nurturing learning all year through.