

CONFIRMATION REUNION TIME

St. John's 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration continues with a very special Confirmation Reunion Sunday on July 23. Information has been sent out to representatives from each class in an attempt to contact everyone. There have been some glitches along the way, and not everyone was reached. Don't let that stop you! This is your special invitation, so come and share stories if those memorable years. We'll even give you a mic, if you like. We look forward to seeing all of you. If you have questions, call Elaine Baumann at 608-576-2463 or 920-478-3158.

There is just one service that Sunday, at 9:00, and the classes will be recognized during the prayers. Pastor Runke from Pardeeville is the guest preacher. Perhaps you were in his classes and have many recollections of those years (1999-2006). Or did you study with Pastors Nitz, Essmann, Schmeling, Wilsman, or Adomeit? There must be a few stories there.

A Confirmation Choir will sing during the service and a short rehearsal will be held at school, beginning at 8:15. You don't need a well-trained voice, only a heart overflowing with gratitude to God for all those truths you've treasured through the years.

The Church Council is preparing a brunch and a short program in the school cafeteria following the service. Classes are encouraged to sit together for the meal, with their families, of course. Think back to your Confirmation and all the comfort and strengthening of your faith that has come from your study of God's Word during your confirmation years and beyond. Blessings beyond number! Come and thank Him for His goodness.

Looking ahead, start making plans to attend the Special Anniversary Service and Banquet on September 17. Be sure to mail in your reservations for the banquet before the August 15 deadline. If you need a copy, you will find them on the table in the narthex, or just ask someone!

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Pastor Bill Runke

