

## Lutheridge is the Place to Be for *Faith Alive*

Over 80 confirmands from across the south journeyed up the mountain to Lutheridge to study the New Testament as part of the *Faith Alive* campfirmation program during the weekend of November 11-13. One young man, Sam, had this to say about his experience, “*It has been a lot of fun, but there were serious moments too. The counselors are the best. I met my best friend last year at Lutheridge. I learned about the four Gospels and how the Bible came together. Lutheridge is the place to be!*”



*Faith Alive* features a unique confirmation curriculum written by Pastors Tim and Mary Canniff-Kuhn, Lutheridge Program Directors that uses experiential learning to leave lasting lessons for both middle school and senior high youth. Lutheridge staff provides supervision and leadership for campers, staying in cabins with them and sharing their faithful witness. Campers can come alone or with a group. Adult leaders are welcome and encouraged to participate, but not required to attend.

Program topics include the New and Old Testament, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, Ten Commandments and the life of Martin Luther. A growing number of congregations include one or more *Faith Alive* retreats as part of their confirmation curriculum. Ellen Kester, AIM, Grace Lutheran Church, Raleigh, had this to say, “*I’ve been bringing youth for five years. There is solid Lutheran teaching, but it is done in a way that kids love and have fun. They pack so much into a weekend that when we leave it feels like we’ve been here for a week of summer camp. The counselors are fabulous. They love the kids and model what it means to be a person of faith.*”

Linda Beauregard, another adult participant encouraged others to come to *Faith Alive*; “*Send your youth for a deeper encounter with God. They will grow in knowledge and love of God.*” Bonita Rowland agrees, “*It’s a wonderful experience when youth and young adults come together to share one goal...to learn the love of Jesus Christ.*” Stephanie one of the confirmands summed up *Faith Alive* very well when she said, “*The best thing about the weekend is being able to spend time with people who believe in the same thing as me!*”

Upcoming *Faith Alive* retreats at Lutheridge include Holy Baptism for youth in grades 5-7 and Holy Communion for youth in grades 7-10 the weekend of February 3-5, 2012. The weekend of April 20-22, 2012 offers Ten Commandments for youth in grades 5-7 and the life of Martin Luther for youth in grades 7-10. For registration information contact Janine Webb at [jwebb@llmi.org](mailto:jwebb@llmi.org), or call 828-684-2361.