

*“Set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.
Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture,
to preaching and to teaching.”*

1 Timothy 4:12b-13

August 18, 2016

Dear Mentor,

Thanks for your willingness to grow in faith together with the student who chose you!

Mentoring provides an opportunity for the two of you to

- ✚ share faith understanding and experiences with each other
- ✚ learn together from Scripture and the catechism
- ✚ identify content to be included in the student’s writing of their Faith Story
- ✚ model a life of following Jesus through worship and service.

A **First Meeting** for mentors and students is set for **Wednesday, September 7, at 7 p.m.** in the Lakeside Room. We’ll start with a brief overview of the goals and materials for this experience, which includes six guided learning times with your student. You can then take your student to a place where you will cover the first of your six times for about 45 minutes.

Included with this letter are the conversation/learning guides for your times together. They are designed to last approximately one hour or longer. Meeting places may vary – your home, the student’s home, the church building, a quiet corner in a café or restaurant, or a park.

Check over the guide before each meeting. Bring your own Bible and a notebook. The student is instructed to bring a Bible and notebook, as well. Begin each session with prayer. Follow with informal conversation to help you get to know each other better. You may talk about “highs” and “lows” you have each experienced since your last meeting. Make sure the student takes good notes of things to include in their faith paper through each session.

Be a good listener and help the student feel respected, valued, and trusted. Be open in expressing your faith convictions and understandings, and listen to the student in a non-judgmental way. Honesty and confidentiality are key to the relationship.

God bless you as you grow in faith together!

God’s peace!

*Pastor Jim, on behalf of
Pastor Shelly Olson*