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Dear _____,

Thank you for inquiring about the sacrament of Holy Baptism at First Lutheran Church.

Enclosed is the packet needed to plan for this marvelous event in which God joins your child to Jesus; to us as members of the Church, which is the body of Christ on earth; and to the promise of eternal life offered through faith in Jesus' death and resurrection. After reading this letter, please look over the information sheet called "*Preparing for Walking Wet with First Lutheran Church.*" It contains the explanation for the concepts of baptism in the terms we have used—"walking wet."

We want you to understand that the information contained here is not intended to be a hoop through which to jump or an obstacle to be overcome in order to receive the free gift of baptism that God has offered to you through Jesus Christ.

The events that we offer leading up to baptism are intended to do two things:

- ◆ To equip you as a family to live out the promises God makes to us in baptism; and
- ◆ To equip us as a congregation to support your family in the promises you make on the day of baptism.

In other words, these events are intended to help us receive baptism not as a one-time event, but as a matter of "walking wet" in God's promises every single day.

That faith formation does not happen automatically or even naturally. It takes intention on our part, as parents and as members of the congregation. It is our prayer that you receive this material with that joyful anticipation of the role that you will play as the primary mentors in your child's faith. It is certainly our joy-filled delight to be able to partner with you in this awesome responsibility.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

In Christ,

Pastor Ken Nelson

Pastor Mike Pancoast

Pastor Kari Pancoast