

2010-11 Confirmation Syllabus & Calendar

Purpose of Confirmation (why we do this): Philippians 1:6 "*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*" It is our goal to teach Christian doctrine as found in the Bible and discussed in Luther's Small Catechism. The confirmation program is a two year study of Law and Gospel, the 10 Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the sacraments of Baptism and Communion.

Expectations of Instruction I will come to class prepared to teach to the best of my abilities and gifts, to interact with the students around Scripture in a Christ like manner and to do my best to help you enjoy confirmation.

Class Syllabus

1. All of our study will be centered on the Bible. **You will need to bring your Bible each week.**
2. We will be using a curriculum called "Confirm It!" written by Pastor Bruce Stumbo. We will also be using "Luther's Small Catechism". A catechism is an educational tool that instructs the principles of Christianity using questions and answers. There are weekly lessons to complete and a quiz will be given each week in a game show format. **You will need to bring your notebook each week.**

Expectations of Students (what we expect from you):

1. Attend class each week. Classes are Sundays during the Sunday School hour. If you are going to miss class, please call the church office or the Watts House. If you miss a week, you are responsible to keep up your work. I hope that **3** is the most classes any one student misses per year. Any classes missed beyond that will be made up with the instructor after class hours.
2. Attend worship at Good News regularly.
3. Take sermon notes twice a month. - Please use the forms we have made up. (16 notes due by the end of each year of class.) I would prefer to have them turned in just a week or two after they are taken.
4. Do the weekly assignment and if there is a Bible verse to memorize, please memorize it.
 - a. Participate in class discussion (appropriately). We encourage discussion *around the topic*. We want to have fun and laugh but it needs to stay in the context of what is appropriate

confirmation calendar

September 5th	Parent/Student Intro Class – Prep for Quiz on Lesson 1	
September 12th	Quiz on Lesson 1	
September 19 th	Quiz on Lesson 2	
September 26 th	Quiz on Lesson 3	
October 3 rd	Quiz on Lesson 4	
October 10	Quiz on Lesson 5	(Pastor Mark's Last Sunday leading the class)
October 17	Quiz on Lesson 6	
October 24	Quiz on Lesson 7	
October 31	Quiz on Lesson 8	
November 7	Quiz on Lesson 9	
November 14	Quiz on Lesson 10	
November 21	Quiz on Lesson 11	

Week of Thanksgiving, no classes

December 5	Quiz on Lesson 12	
December 12	Quiz on Lesson 13	
December 19	Quiz on Lesson 14	

Class resumes after Christmas Break

January 2	Quiz on Lesson 15	
January 9	Quiz on Lessons 16	
January 16	Quiz on Lesson 17	
January 23	Quiz on Lesson 18	
January 30	Quiz on Lesson 19	
February 6	Quiz on Lesson 20	

February 13	Quiz on Lesson 21
February 20	Quiz on Lesson 22
February 27	Quiz on Lesson 23
March 6	Quiz on Lesson 24
March 13	Quiz on Lesson 25
March 20	Quiz on Lesson 26
March 27	Quiz on Lesson 27
March 29	Class Meets

Class Resumes after Easter Sunday

April 17	Class Meets
April 23	Class Meets
April 30	Class Meets

(Practice for Confirmation Sunday to be determined)

May 1st Confirmation Sunday (Tentative)

Senior Confirmation PROJECT

Here are some project ideas you could consider:

- Direct *and show* a “documentary film”
- Write *and perform* a song
- Develop *and view* a PowerPoint presentation
- Use *and display* art mediums – paint/draw/computer animate/sculpt...etc
- Develop *and show* a comparison by way of a chart or visual aid
- Write *and recite* a poem
- Write *and act out* a drama
- Write *and “publish”* a short story
- Any combination of the above

I will accept pretty much any creative idea OTHER THAN A BORING REPORT. that accurately conveys that you understand the material you have chosen for your project.

Here are “the Rules”

1. You may work alone or in groups.
2. If you work in a group I need to know what role or task each of you filled in the completion of your project. No slackers!
3. You must submit your idea for your project no later than Thursday March 22. You may submit your idea and begin to work on it before that date if you want.
4. You must have your project completed by Thursday May 3.
5. Use your Bibles, “Luther’s Small Catechism” and your “Confirm -It” book for information. Don’t get your information for your project from the internet unless I know your sources as ones with Scriptural integrity. Some places to look online – with parental permission – are:
 - a. The Church of the Lutheran Brethren website www.clba.org (look under “What We Believe”)
 - b. The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod website www.lcms.org (look under FAQ’s, then under “Doctrinal Issues”. There are also some online pamphlets that are good resources at www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=524
6. Be creative.
7. Have fun.
8. Don’t be lazy.
9. Don’t be too short
10. Don’t be too long

Here are the project topics you may choose from:

- The Apostle's Creed
- The 10 Commandments
- The Lord's Prayer
- Communion
- Baptism
- Law & Gospel
- The Bible and How We Got It
- The Luther Rose/The Luther Seal (search for it at www.lcms.org)
- The Life of Martin Luther – or some aspect of it

(If you think of another topic – run it by me first!)