

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Confirmation Ministry 2011-12

The Curriculum

Our Savior's confirmation ministry uses the Augsburg Fortress (publishing house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) "Here We Stand" confirmation curriculum to teach from the Small Catechism. The Small Catechism is a handbook written by Martin Luther some 500 years ago to answer questions about the Christian faith. It still serves to help explain the core teachings and practices of the Christian Church.

Confirmation is more than teaching a lesson

Confirmation is a ministry with 8th & 9th grade students and their families. Not only will students be engaged in learning, they will be involved in serving and fellowship. We will even include parents, a student's primary faith teacher. The schedule includes a series of Learning Events, Small Group Service and Theme Nights.

Large Group

Pastor Rod, Pastor Karen and Jim Fields lead students in biblically-based learning through the use of music, art, skits, stories, Power Point presentations, and video. We use the "Here We Stand Student Book" and the Bible, of course. (Student will receive both.) Following the presentation, students meet in an assigned small group with an adult leader for sharing, prayer, and discussion of the presentation.

Topics for 2011-12

*Worship & Sacraments
The Apostle's Creed
The Lord's Prayer
Jesus & His Life*

Topics for 2012-13

*10 Commandments
Martin Luther & Lutheranism
Bible Overview
World Religions*

Small Groups:

Adults serve as small group leaders. These additional caring adults serve as role models for our students. They also are administrators for students' progress in meeting the Confirmation requirements. Parents & students should contact them regarding attendance, make up work, progress, etc.

What has the greatest influence on the faith of young people?

- bible
- pastor
- youth minister
- parents

Large Group

Schedule:

6:30 -- 7:30PM

(60 minutes)

Opening

& Presentation

by Pastor Rod,
Pastor Karen
& Jim Fields

Meet in Fellowship Hall

7:30 --8:00PM

(30 minutes)

Small Groups with
Small Group Leader

Tip: *Small group leaders use e-mail to remind students of small group activities. If parents want to be included, give your e-mail address to your child's small group leader.*

Theme Night

TWO Theme Nights have been planned for this year, on these nights, we ask parents to come and attend with their child! Jim Fields will lead this evening of theme-based activities, including a bible-based lesson that will tie together the night's theme.

1. Theme Night, December 14th - Leaders, parents & students play games together.
2. Theme night/Parent's Place, February 8th – Parents will meet with the pastors to discuss life as a parent of a teenager. The students will meet with Jim for a night of theme based games and a lesson!

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Worship Summary: *FOURTEEN (TOTAL) required each year*

Forms are available in the main office. There is a mailbox to pick up a blank form and to return your completed form. You may also return it to your small group leader at small group time. Your small group leader will review them and will keep them for your records. You are required to do 8 during regular Sunday worship services, and 6 during the Lenten worship services.

Worship Attendance: is encouraged as a family. As one of OSLC's 5 Purposes, we want everyone to participate regularly in worship!

Lenten worship: (6 Wednesdays)

Meal, 5:00-6:30 (optional)

Worship, 6:30-7:15 - Students sit together unless with parent. Each student must complete a worship summary at each Lenten worship service.

If you are unable to attend a Lenten night of worship, ONE worship summary is required per night missed as make-up work.

Small Group Service Projects: *THREE each year*

Students will work with their small groups to select three service projects they will complete during the year. Ideas will be given to small group leaders to help in choosing, but groups are welcome to come up with their own as well!

Individual Service

TWO each year

We want students to explore other areas of serving within the Church. We encourage you to try two different things to fulfill this individual service requirement such as, nursery attendants, Children's Church, acolytes, etc. Other service may fulfill this expectation too, though at least one activity should be done within the church. See *Attachment #1*

Upon completion of individual service or make up service work, tell your small group leader so it can be officially recorded!

Faith Statement: "Why I Want to Be Confirmed"

This is an assignment of questions to be answered in preparation for confirmation day. You will read one answer at the Confirmation worship service.

Attendance/Absenteeism:

Attendance at all events is important, obviously. However, illness and schedule conflicts do arise that will hinder a student from being present. Small Group Leaders will keep a record of attendance. Please contact them if you know your child will be absent. If a student is absent the following requirements will need to be met. See *sidebar*.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH 8th - 12th Grade:

Sunday Morning Breakfast Club (9:15-10:15AM)

This is an informal gathering for Bible study and discussion on faith issues.

Teachers: Jim Fields & Luke Nelson

Location: Room 115

Sunday Night Youth Group, 6-8:00PM (Note Time Change)

Movie Nights, Fellowship events, and more.

Leader: Jim Fields

Location: Room 210

Miss a Large

group: make-up work will be available one week after the class from the church website under the youth and family section. Return completed work to Small Group Leader by the next large group session.

Miss a Small Group service

project: join in another small group option OR complete 2 individual service points

Miss a Theme

Night: student will miss out on a fun time!

Parents miss one of the events with their student; you miss a great chance to grow in faith together

THE SCHEDULE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>OTHER COMMITMENTS</u>
9/14/2011	Learning Event	Worship: Intro	
9/21/2011	Learning Event	Worship: Components	9/26 Community Meal (Serve)
9/28/2011	Learning Event	Worship; Baptism	
10/5/2011	Learning Event	Worship: Communion	10/9 Conf. Led Worship
10/12/2011	Learning Event	Creed Overview	
10/19/2011	Learning Event	Exploring Article One	10/23 CROP Walk (Serve)
10/26/2011	Teacher Convention	NO CLASS	
11/2/2011	Learning Event	Exploring Article Two	11/6 Rake N Run (Serve)
11/9/2011	Learning Event	Exploring Article Three	
11/16/2011	Learning Event	Jesus: Life	
11/23/2011	<i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>		
11/30/2011	Learning Event	Jesus: Death	
12/7/2011	Learning Event	Jesus: Ascension	
12/14/2011	Theme Night w/parents		Adopt a Family (Serve)
12/21/2011	<i>Christmas break</i>	NO CLASS	
12/28/2011	<i>Christmas break</i>	NO CLASS	
1/4/2012	Learning Event	The Greatest Prayer	
1/11/2012	Learning Event	God's Kingdom & Will	
1/18/2012	Learning Event	God Gives & Forgives	
1/25/2012	Learning Event	Temptations & Trials	
2/1/2012	Learning Event	Connecting through prayer	
2/8/2012	Theme Night/Parents Place		
2/15/2012	NO CLASS	NO CLASS	
2/22/2012	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Worship w/ Family	
2/29/2012	Lenten worship	Worship w/ Family	SG could serve during a Lenten Supper as a Service project (Serve)
3/7/2012	Lenten worship	Worship w/ Family	
3/14/2012	Lenten worship	Worship w/ Family	
3/21/2012	Lenten worship	Worship w/ Family	
3/28/2012	Lenten worship	Worship w/ Family	
4/4/2012	EASTER BREAK	NO CLASS	
4/11/2012	EASTER BREAK	NO CLASS	
4/18/2012	Learning Event	Faith Questions Part 1	
4/25/2012	Learning Event	Faith Questions Part 2	
5/2/2012	2nd Year Only	Getting Ready to be Confirmed	
5/6/2012	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	10:30am Worship	