

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Confirmation Ministry 2009-10

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families. Not only will students be engaged in learning, they will be involved in serving and fellowship. The schedule rotates through a series of Learning Events, Small Group Service and Theme Nights.

## **Large Group**

These nights we meet in Fellowship Hall. 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 textbook "The Lutheran Handbook" 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 2009-10**

*The Lord's Prayer  
The Apostle's Creed  
Worship & Sacraments*

## **Topics for 2010-11**

*The 10 Commandments  
Martin Luther & Lutheranism  
Bible Overview*

## **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

**7:30 –8:00PM**

(30 minutes)

### **Small Groups** with

Small Group Leader

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**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**

ONE Theme Nights has been planned for this year when students and parents get together for a blow out fun time of games and activities in Fellowship Hall. Jim Fields will lead this evening of theme-based activities, including a bible-based lesson that will tie together the night's theme.

## **Parents & Students Together**

Parents are THE #1 influence on the faith of young people. Events have been planned through the year where parents and students attend Confirmation together.

1. Benefit Concert – ELCA Hunger Appeal  
Saturday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at Carthage College  
(Agape, Rachel Kurtz, Lost & Found)
2. Theme Night, December 16<sup>th</sup> - *Leaders, parents & students play games together.*
3. Worship Visits – parents are welcome to join us as we visit other worshipping communities. We will need your help with driving too!

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Worship Summary: *EIGHT required each year***

Forms are available in the entry area. Please return completed forms to the box or give to your small group leader at small group time. Your small group leader will review them and will keep them for your records.

**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.

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

**Tip:** For help on writing a sermon summary, see "How to Listen to a Sermon" p.28 in *The Lutheran Handbook*

**Tip:** For help in attending worship see "How to Stay Alert in Church" p.46 in *The Lutheran Handbook*



## THE SCHEDULE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>OTHER COMMITMENTS</u>
9/16/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	The Greatest Prayer	
9/23/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Father in Heaven	
9/30/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Holy Name	Sep Service Event
10/7/2009	NO CLASS		
10/14/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Kingdom	10/10 Concert at Carthage
10/21/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Divine will	10/11 CROP Walk (SERVE)
10/28/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Give us this Day	
11/4/2009	NO CLASS		
11/11/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Forgiveness	Nov Service Event
11/18/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Temptation & Trial	
11/26/2009	<i>Thanksgiving Eve- no class</i>		
12/2/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Deliverance	
12/9/2009	<b>Learning Event</b>	Conclusion	Dec Service Event
12/16/2009	<i>Theme Night w/parents</i>		
12/23/2009	CHRISTMAS BREAK		
12/30/2009	CHRISTMAS BREAK		
1/6/2010	<b>Learning Event</b>	What is Worship?	
1/13/2010	<b>Learning Event</b>	Creed Overview	
1/20/2010	<b>Learning Event</b>	Article 1	Worship Visit - Catholic
1/27/2010	<b>Learning Event</b>	Article 2	
2/3/2010	<b>Learning Event</b>	Article 3	
2/10/2010	<i>All Small Groups Serve</i>	<i>Smorgasbord Dinner</i>	
2/17/2010	<i>Ash Wednesday Worship</i>		
2/24/2010	Lenten worship		Worship Visit - Baptist
3/3/2010	Lenten worship		
3/10/2010	Lenten worship		
3/17/2010	Lenten worship		Worship Visit - Episcopal
3/24/2010	Lenten worship		
3/31/2010	<i>Easter Break – no class</i>		
4/7/2010	<i>Easter Break – no class</i>		
4/14/2010	<b>Learning Event</b>	Sacraments	Worship Visit - Jewish
4/21/2010	<b>Learning Event</b>	Sacraments	
4/28/2010	<b>2nd year ONLY</b> - Getting Ready to Be Confirmed		5:30-8:00 Supper included
5/2/2010	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	10:30AM	