

## Redemption Lutheran Church Confirmation Program

2018 - 2019

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The Redemption Confirmation Program is designed to encourage students to grow and mature in their faith and understanding of God's Word of Promise. Our goal for the confirmation ministry is to teach the students God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ as found in Scripture and Luther's *Small Catechism*. It is our desire that the students grow strong in their relationship with Jesus, and are aware of his personal involvement in their daily lives. Bringing them to a personal relationship with Jesus as Savior and Friend, which they can turn to throughout their lives.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum is a three-year program covering the six chief parts of Christian doctrine found in *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* and the Bible (ESV and NIV Translations) using, *God's Action Plan*, *Catechetical Helps*, and *Living God's Word*.

2018-2019 History of the church and Martin Luther, Apostles' Creed, Baptism, Lord's Supper

2019-2020 Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Lord's Supper

2020-2021 The Bible, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Confession & Absolution, Office of the Keys

**Schedule:** (see separate sheet)

**Attendance:** Students will meet weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. If you cannot attend please call Jason or the church office or e-mail [jason@RedemptionMN.org](mailto:jason@RedemptionMN.org)

**Basic Structure:** Students arriving before 4:00 pm are welcome to hang out in the Youth Room.

Classes will begin with announcements and checking in with each other on the previous week. We will then review the workbook assignments from the previous week and revisit as questions arise.

We will then move into the new material for the week which will include some presentation but also interaction and discussion from the group. Some of the discussions will break the class into smaller groups to encourage greater participation by all students. This should flow into the workbook or handout materials for that day.

Some weeks there will be workbook assignments that may need to be completed outside of class and will be checked the following week. There is also a list of memory assignments that will need to be completed outside of class with a parent or guardian.

The schedule for the class has been set, but as sometimes the topics may need more or less discussion, it may be altered to meet the needs of the class. There may be weeks that in order to get the concepts across we may abandon the format for an activity or video that might convey what is needed better than looking at a text or discussion.

If a class is missed you should follow the schedule to determine the workbook assignment that will be due for the next class. If there are questions please contact Jason at: [jason@RedemptionMN.org](mailto:jason@RedemptionMN.org) or by phoning 952/881-0035 or 612/816-2903. Some assignments will be in the form of a handout and they can be emailed to you. Workbooks will be checked regularly as they are assigned to see that outside activities are being done, as the home discussions to fulfill understanding can often be more substantial than the classroom.

It is important for students to have their workbooks, Bible, Small Catechism, and pencil/pen for each class. There are not extra workbooks available and they will be needed to follow and participate in class.

**Proper Attitudes:** An atmosphere with positive attitudes makes for a better learning environment. Part of that is showing respect for the individuals around you and the place you are in. If a student is being distractive to the class, it will be brought to their attention that they need to adjust their attitude. If the situation persists they may be asked to speak with Jason or the Pastor individually about the disruption. Parents will be made

aware of disruptive behavior as deemed necessary or if it is persistent and the parents need to be asked to join a discussion to find resolution.

**Bible Study:** Bible study is an extension of the confirmation experience and regular attendance is expected. It helps to build a habit of being God's Word on a regular basis allowing God to speak to the individual through the Holy Spirit. Sunday Bible Class is at 10:15 am from mid-September through May.

**Sunday Worship:** Regularly attending and joyfully worshipping God from the heart is key to a meaningful faith life! Worship affords us the opportunity to join with and be strengthened by the Body of Believers as we commune with Christ together. It is expected that students will worship with their families on a regular basis as part of the Christian community. Opportunities to worship at Redemption are on Sunday morning at 9 am or Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.

**Worship Notes:** (See extra sheet) Worship notes are required of each student so that they become familiar with Lutheran worship styles, what to listen for in worship, and how to apply Law and Gospel to their lives. A total of 20 Worship Notes are due for each year of confirmation. Please turn completed Worship Notes to Jason or Jason's mail slot next to the lounge. Worship Notes can also be taken at services attended at other congregations, a bulletin from that service would be appreciated for checking the accuracy of the Worship Notes.

**Acolyte:** Serving as an acolyte gives students the opportunity to contribute personally to the church and be directly involved in worship. The initial acolyte schedule for the school year should have been sent with the orientation letter. Training of new acolytes will be done prior to when they first acolyte during a confirmation class. If you cannot acolyte on your assigned date **you** are responsible to get a substitute by trading dates with another student and then notifying the church office of the change.

**Serve and Explore Project:** (see separate sheet)

### **Mentoring:**

Purpose of Mentoring

1. To expand student's circle of trusted adults
2. An opportunity for students to learn from another adult outside of family, the DCE or Pastor
3. Personalized learning for students to verbalize their own faith
4. Broader adult participation in the Confirmation process

Mentoring begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Orientation for students and mentors new to the program, will be the week before – Wed., Feb. 22, 2017 at 5:30pm (dinner provided). Mentors should be chosen by students in January (or before). A Mentor should be a member of the congregation who is 21 years or older and is not a relative of the confirmand. The student is responsible for choosing a mentor. If you do not know who to ask, Jason can help with suggestions for Mentors. A mentor sign-up sheet and explanation of the mentoring program will be given out in January.

**Cost of Program:** The congregation will make sure that the cost of materials for the confirmation program are covered in full. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost to the congregation, please make sure they are designated for "confirmation". The cost of materials is \$30 per student each year.

**Confirmation Covenant:** (See separate sheet)