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Confirmation Program
2017-2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

At your baptism, God claimed you as His holy child. You were given the free gift of membership in the family of God and set apart for God's work in the world.

Most likely you were baptized as a child, too young, possibly, to fully grasp what was happening. You were also too young to take on the full responsibilities of membership in God's kingdom. Your parents and sponsors took those promises on for you. They included:

- faithfully bringing you to the services of God's house;
- teaching you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments;
- placing in your hands the Holy Scriptures; and
- providing for your instruction in the Christian faith, so that you may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.

Part of providing for your instruction includes confirmation classes. Here we hope to teach you what it means to be an adult member of God's church and prepare you to take on for yourself the promises that your parents made for you. Through the experiences of your confirmation journey, you will:

- Actively participate in the worship life of this congregation;
- Learn about the history and meaning of the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments;
- Become familiar with God's story through the Old and New Testaments;
- Explore God's purpose for your life;
- Deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ
- Cement your place in this community of worship.

To help you, we have designed a number of experiences and activities that will help you with the goals above. Some of those include:

- ❖ Weekly classes with Pastor and your confirmation mentors during Wednesday Nite Live;
- ❖ Additional study during Sunday School;
- ❖ Sermon notes which will help you focus on the weekly message;
- ❖ Servant events and service to the church that will help you see the work of Christ in action;
- ❖ Confirmation Camp each summer—a concerted time for group building, learning and fun;
- ❖ A Credo Project—a chance for you to share what you believe at the end of your confirmation journey.

This booklet will help you become familiar with the exciting journey that is laid before you.

We are excited to share this journey with you. I want to get to know you better and to help you get to know Christ! Together we are embarking on a wonderful journey!

The Confirmation Team

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Wednesday Nite Live

We will meet every Wednesday that school is in session, with a few exceptions. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and Confirmation class will follow. There will be a large group presentation led by Pastor Aaron, and then you will be meeting in smaller groups with your Confirmation Mentor. We'll finish by 8:00 pm.

Our classes will follow a two year curriculum. One year will look at the Biblical story through the Old and New Testaments and the life of Jesus. The other year will work through Luther's Small Catechism, addressing the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments.

During the 2017-2018 school-year we will explore the Apostle's Creed, Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer.

Here's our Class Schedule for this year:

Date	Lesson
September 6	Program Overview with Parents
September 13	Apostle's Creed – God the Creator
September 20	AC – God the Provider
September 27	AC – God the Preserver
October 4	AC – Jesus the Savior
October 11	AC – Jesus the Redeemer
October 18	AC – Jesus the Lord
October 20-22	Synod Middle School Gathering
October 25	AC – Holy Spirit
November 1	AC – Church and the Saints
November 8	AC – Forgiveness of Sins
November 15	AC – Resurrection and Eternal Life
November 22	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Lutheran Life – Worship
December 6	Lutheran Life – Baptism
December 13	Lutheran Life - Communion

January 10	Lord's Prayer – Our Father & Hallowed
January 17	LP – Kingdom Come
January 24	LP – Will be Done
January 31	LP – Daily Bread
February 7	LP – Forgive Us

February 14	NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday
February 21	LP – Time of Trial
February 28	LP – Deliver Us from Evil
March 7	10 Commandments – Gods and Idols
March 14	NO CLASS – Spring Break
March 21	10 Comm – Name in Vain
March 28	NO CLASS – Holy Week
April 4	10 Comm – Sabbath
April 11	10 Comm – Honor your Parents
April 18	10 Comm – Killing and Adultery
April 25	10 Comm – Stealing
May 2	10 Comm – False Witness
May 9	10 Comm - Coveting
May 16	Confirmation Jeopardy

All Class topics are subject to change

Shaded boxes are Lenten Schedule

5:45pm – Lenten Supper

6:30pm – Lenten service

7:00pm Confirmation class

You are expected to regularly attend
Worship, Wednesday Nite Live and
Sunday School.

Sunday School

Each week, 7th and 8th graders will join together for Sunday School. This will be an opportunity to study something apart from the catechism.

Our Sunday School curriculum will more closely follow the church year and will be in tune with what the other grades are studying. Of course, this will be done at an age-appropriate level, challenging you to think more deeply about your life with Christ and how that relates to the real world.

Sermon Notes

To help you get more out of the sermons each week, we are asking you to take brief notes on 20 sermons over the course of the school year. That's about 50% of the sermons that are offered.

On the next page is a form for you to use. They will be available on the coffee table in the office reception area. They will help you think about the setting, the main points, your reactions and your responses to the sermon.

After filling out the form, you will need to have one of your parents review it and then sign off on your work. You'll then turn it in to Pastor, placing it in the box by his office. He'll look it over and give you some feedback. It's a good opportunity to get your questions answered!

How to Listen to a Sermon

In school, you most likely learned that the first sentence of a paragraph or the first paragraph of an essay should contain the topic and that the rest of the composition must support it. While that is true in essay writing, it is typically NOT true of a sermon.

In a sermon, preachers need to “hook” the listeners. They do that in variety of ways: with an opening story; with a provocative question; or even with a joke. They may spend a considerable time building a case for why we need God in our lives – a point that would be opposite to the point of the sermon.

You need to listen to the whole sermon to understand the main theme. It is usually repeated several times, but is almost never the first thing said.

Then you need to listen for what God is calling you to do in response to the main idea. It’s always there.

Careful and complete listening, understanding the structure of the sermon, and listening for action words will make the sermon more understandable and make sermon notes easier to do!

Confirmation Sermon Notes

Name: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed this paper with my child: _____

Today is the _____ Sunday of the Season of _____ or,

Special Service: _____

The liturgical color of this worship service is: _____

1) What lesson(s) did the preacher use as the basis for the sermon?

Old Testament Psalm New Testament Gospel

2) What is the main idea(s) that the preacher was trying to communicate?

3) What point made you think, struggle, or wonder about? Do you have any questions?

4) What other part of worship did you find meaningful? Why?

Servant Events

Several times a year we will take the opportunity to be “little Christs” for other people by performing servant projects for them. These events may seem scary at first, but there is real joy to be found in service to others. Seeing an older woman’s face fill with relief and happiness when a group of Jr. Highers comes to her house to build a wheelchair ramp for her disabled husband will give you an incredible feeling!

Other projects may include:

- ✂ Christmas Caroling at a retirement home;
- ✂ Helping the city eradicate graffiti;
- ✂ Delivering gifts or food to the needy;
- ✂ Wrapping gifts at “Elf Louise”; or
- ✂ Sorting food at RACAP or the Food Bank.

Additionally, you will be expected to serve the church in some way for one hour per month. This can be in worship as an acolyte, reader, assisting minister, usher or part of the Sound and Light Team. Or you can serve as a helper in the nursery, a member of the Evangelism or Stewardship Team, or volunteer in the library. Be prepared to document your service to the church.

Confirmation Camp

Each summer we travel to the Texas Hill Country to enjoy a week of camping pleasures through Cross Trails. This year we will be going to Camp Chrysalis.

At Chrysalis, you'll get to:

-  Enjoy camp life in air-conditioned cabins.
-  Experience small groups and get to know new friends.
-  Explore community through creative Bible study and worship.
-  Swim, canoe, fish, and enjoy other water activities.
-  Hike the bluff with your friends and cabin-mates.
-  Build your confidence on the ropes and challenge courses.
-  Sing, do arts & crafts, play games, shoot archery, and more!

Credo Project

At the end of your Confirmation journey, you will be asked to do a Credo Project. “Credo” is a Latin word that means “I believe.” We want you to tell us *what you believe* through a project of your own design. It may be a video, a song, a Power-Point presentation, an essay, a series of posters—whatever will help you relate to others what *you* believe about God, Jesus, the Bible, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer and your future walk of faith.

Prior to being confirmed, you will present your project to the Pastor and your confirmation mentors. They will have an opportunity to ask you to explain your project in greater detail and to touch on other subjects you may not have covered.

Here are some items you may want to think about as you prepare your presentation. This is not a list of prescribed topics!

- What is confirmation?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- What role does the Bible play in your life?
- How do the Creed and Ten Commandments fit in?
- What are sacraments and how do they affect you?
- What is sin? What is grace?
- What happens after death?
- How will you continue to follow Jesus?
- What is your future role in the church?

Other Things to Know

Confirmation will be on Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of October, during your 9th grade year. This helps us remember that confirmation isn't graduation from the church, but the beginning of our new responsibility to the church.

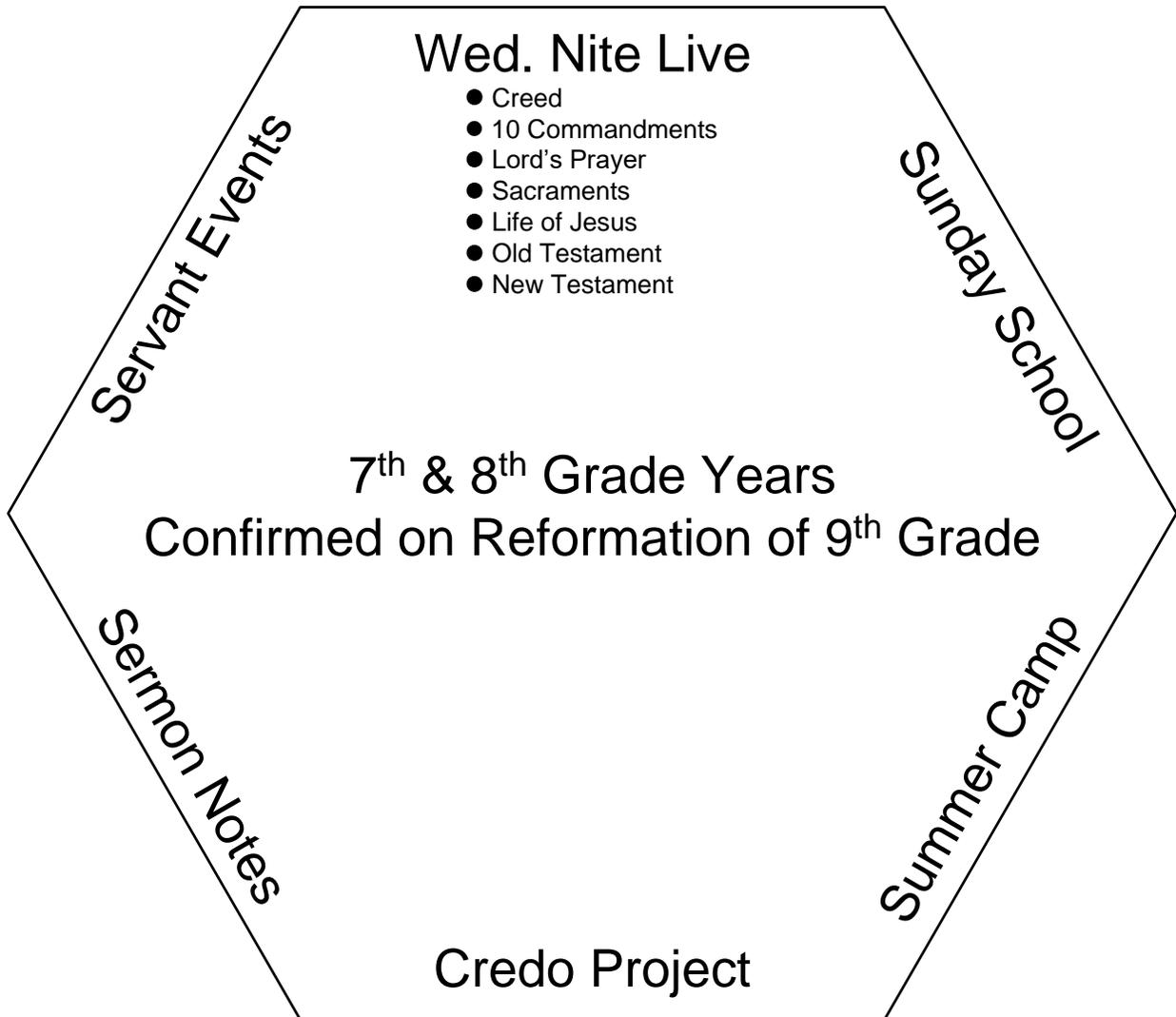
Beginning with the fall of your 9th grade year, you'll join the Sr. High Sunday School Class.

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