

# LORD OF LIFE WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

## Parent Information

Please save for future reference

We are asking all parents to help our Wednesday School Program this year by playing an active role. It is the purpose of our program to prepare our children for the affirmation of their Lutheran faith (Confirmation). This is no small or unimportant task. Although we have a capable staff of teachers, our time with your children is short. As parents, you can greatly assist this effort in the following ways:

**Schedule:** Our class periods are fairly short, and it is important that students arrive on time so attendance and offering can be taken, allowing maximum time for the lesson. Wednesday School begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Discipline:** It is very important to us that Wednesday School is a great experience for your child. Please help us by informing the teacher or superintendents of any special considerations in regard to your child. Although we have a discipline policy to handle extreme cases, please talk with your child about the importance of his/her behavior not only in class, but also in the church before and after. Should your child be disruptive in class and not respond to warnings from the teachers or the superintendents, parents will be contacted.

**Memorization:** Part of preparing for confirmation is memorization of the Catechism. The Board of Education has adopted a schedule for learning the Catechism in Wednesday School. Because class periods are fairly short, teachers have limited time to spend on this and still cover the lesson. Your child will receive a copy of the assigned memory work. We ask that you work with your child in learning this important part of their Lutheran Education.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum we are using is the SPARK Lectionary format. This format follows the Church year calendar and lectionary that our Pastors use each Sunday. It is our hope that your child will gain an understanding of the stories on the following page. We also hope that you will take the time to discuss what your child learned in Sunday School that day as it will be the same as the gospel lesson/sermon that you heard in Church. Please feel free to contact the superintendents if you are interested in reviewing the detail of this curriculum. If you have any material that may be helpful to our teachers who present these stories, please contact the office or any of the superintendents. Along with this will be the yearly required memory work.

**Offering:** At the start of each class, offering is taken so students learn the importance of good stewardship. It is not so important how much we give, but that we recognize that all we have comes from God, and as Christians we establish a pattern of thanking God for what we have and returning a portion to God for the work of the Church.

**Birthdays:** To celebrate your child's birthday, he/she may come forward with coins denoting their age and place them in our "church bank." Summer birthdays are recognized in May or September.

We have also started recognizing baptismal anniversary dates. Each child is given a shell with his or her name and baptismal date written on it, and also a certificate. As with birthdays, summer baptisms are recognized in May or September.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growth for our young people. Please remember the Sunday School staff and students in your prayers.

Thank you!

**2011-2012 Wednesday School Schedule**

September	8 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Instruction 7 p.m.
	11 - Rally Day - Potluck, games, kids meet teachers Worship 9:30 a.m. <b>KIDS SING VBS SONGS</b>
	14 - Joseph Helps His Family Gen 45:1-15, 50:15-21 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible presentation</b>

21 - *The Vineyard Workers* Matt 20:1-16  
**Teacher Commissioning/Backpack Blessing**  
 28 - *The Chief Priests* Matt 21:23-32

October 5 - *Parable of the Vineyard* Matt 21:33-46  
 12 - *The Wedding Banquet* Matt 22:1-14  
**Grandparents and me kids sing 6:15 p.m.**  
 19 - **NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NDEA**  
 26 - *The Greatest Commandment* Matt 22:34-46

November 2 - *Zacchaeus* Lk 19:1-10  
**Group teaching/Teacher Meeting**  
 9 - **NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL.**  
 16 - *Parable of the Talents* Matt 25:14-30  
**Christmas Program Practice Begins**  
 23 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
 30 - *Be Ready* Mk 13:24-37 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE**

December 7 - Mk 1:1-8 **Christmas program practice**  
 14 - Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 **Christmas program practice**  
 17 - **PROGRAM DRESS REHEARSAL 4 P.M./PIZZA**  
 18 - **Christmas Program at 5:00/Soup Supper**  
 21 - *Angels Visit* Lk 1:26-38  
 28 - **NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VACATION**

January 4 - *Simeon and Anna* Lk 2:22-40  
 11- *Jesus Baptism* Mk 1:4-11 **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
 18 - *God Calls Samuel* 1 Sam 3:1-20  
 25 - *Jonah and the Big Fish* Jonah 1 - 4

February 1 - *Teaching and Healing* Mk 1:21-28  
 8 - *Jesus Heals* Mk 1:29-39  
**SOUper BOWL OF CARING KIDS SING 6:15 P.M.**  
 15 - *Naaman is Healed* 2 Kings 5:1-19  
**GROUP TEACHING/TEACHER MEETING**  
 22 - **NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 29 - *Noah's Ark* Gen 6 - 9

March 7 - *Abraham and Sarah's Visitors* Gen 18:1-15, 21:1-7  
 8 - **First Communion Instruction #1 6:30 p.m. [Thursday]**  
 14 - *The Ten Commandments* Exodus 20:1-17  
 15 - **First Communion Instruction #2 6:30 p.m. [Thursday]**  
 21 - *The Light of the World* Jn 3:14-21  
 28 - *Serve and Follow* Jn 12:20-33 **Dad and Me Kids sing 6:15 p.m**

April 4 - **Rite of First Communion 6:15 p.m. NO Wednesday school**  
 5- **Rite of First Communion 6:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday**

April 11 - *The Empty Tomb* Mk 16:1-8  
 18 - *Doubting Thomas* Jn 20:19-31  
**MOM AND ME KIDS SING 6:16 P.M.**  
 25 - *The Great Commission* Lk 24:36-53  
**TEACHER APPRECIATION - LAST DAY WED SCHOOL**

**Memorization Program**

*The Catechism is a vital part of our heritage as Lutherans and Christians. In order for our young people to be well rounded in their faith, the Catechism should be studied and memorized from the beginning of Sunday School. This program is endorsed by the Board of Education of the Church Council. Children should memorize and understand (to the best of their ability) the appropriate material by the end of the Sunday School year. Catechism material should be taken from Luther's Small Catechism. Copies are available from the office, and handouts with assignments will be distributed to every member of each class.*

*The following chart is a schedule memory work that will be focussed on at each Sunday School class level. (Please note: Memory work listed for the 3 and 4 year olds are very simple Bible verses which will be said together in the classroom. We hope they will have fun accomplishing this task together!)*

Age 4-5	Genesis 1:1 ("In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth")
Grade K	Jn 3:16, Phil 4:4
Grade 1	The Lord's Prayer
Grade 2	The Apostles' Creed
Grade 3	Ten Commandments
Grade 4	Books of New Testament
Grade 5	Books of Old Testament
Grade 6	Luther's Small Catechism Recite Apostle's Creed and Lord's Prayer Memorize Psalm 23