

## Expectations

**Class Attendance**—Students and Home Adults are to be present every week, prepared to listen, learn, and question. Excused absences can be communicated to Pastor Tobi at 402-483-4126 or [twhite.oslc@gmail.com](mailto:twhite.oslc@gmail.com). Excessive absences will be addressed.

**Worship Attendance**—Students will attend weekend and Midweek worship regularly. Their attendance will be identified, in part, by the completion of worship notes. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will complete 10; 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will complete 20 worship notes. Home Adults invited to participate, as well. Accumulation may start in June. Notes from other worshipping communities accepted. Please provide worship folder, bulletin, or another form of information regarding the congregation.

**Sunday School Attendance**—Students are expected to attend Sunday School regularly. Unexcused absences of more than 25% of classes will result in additional outside work. Attendance will NOT contribute to sermon note accumulation.

**Class Materials**—Students will bring their BIBLE, a PEN/PENCIL, and their SMALL CATECHISM to class **every week**.

**Confirmation Camp**—Students **ARE REQUIRED** to attend confirmation camp during the summer after 7<sup>th</sup> grade. This is an important and valuable time of growth, and it is an instrumental part of the curriculum. (OSLC commits to covering half the cost of each student camper. Students will not be left out due to finances.) Unexcused absence will result in family repaying the congregation the amount already contributed.

**Mark Your Calendar:** 2016 camp will be held **June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland.

## Curriculum



The curriculum, “Co-Lab-Orate,” is published by Augsburg Fortress and Sparkhouse Publishing.

Over the course of 4 years, the class will study various aspects of the Christian faith, including:

- Lutheran History and Catechism
- Lutheran Living/Lutheran Theology
- Old Testament
- New Testament

This curriculum is designed as ‘problem-based learning.’ It does not present the information and knowledge which students need to learn. Instead, it offers the challenges and questions present in our history and in our Scriptures and creates space for students (and parents) to ponder how to address those questions. Faith is not about answers but about living with questions and recognizing God’s answers are dynamic, not static.

2015-2016

## Catechism Class (aka., Confirmation)



“Co-Lab-Orate”  
(5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Sundays, 7:00p.m-8:30p.m.

Our Saviour’s  
Lutheran Church  
Schedule, Reminders, & Info

**I'M IMPORTANT!**  
**PUT ME ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!!!**

## Overview of Schedule

### Special dates to remember\*:

**September 13**—Orientation for ALL students and parents

**October 25**—OFF  
(Confirmation/Commissioning Service)

**November 29**—OFF for Thanksgiving

**December 27**—OFF for Christmas Break

**January 3**—OFF for Christmas Break

**March 6**—OFF for Spring Break

**March 27**—OFF for Easter

**May 8**—Closing Celebration

**May 15**—Banquet/Commissioning Service orientation

*\*Details subject to change as year progresses.*

### Advent & Lent

Students ARE expected to attend Midweek Worship during both Advent and Lent.

**Advent Services**—December 2, 9, 16

**Lent**—Feb. 17 & 24, March 2, 9, 16

### Service/Fellowship

Students will have the opportunity to go on 1-2 Field Trips and 1-2 off-campus Service Projects during the year. These experiences are intended to enhance the students' awareness of other perspectives and challenge them to ask difficult questions about the world and God's presence in it.

## Adult Participation

Parents are the MOST influential factor in the faith life of a student. Parents are expected to model what they hope to see—regular worship attendance, participation in study groups, participation on hospitality teams, and assistance with Confirmation and other education activities.

Beginning this year, students are *required* to bring 'home' with them. 'Home' is any adult that is part of their faith formation process—parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, faith companion, etc. Home Adults are expected to attend each session with their student in order to facilitate greater conversations beyond our time together.

Several times during the year, parents will meet together to discuss faith, parenting, and community issues together. Students will meet separately on these days.

### Worship and Hospitality

Confirmation students and their families will be assigned to Hospitality Teams (according to preferred service attendance). 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will serve as acolytes and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will serve as communion assistants during their identified month of service. Teams are responsible for hospitality duties one month per quarter. Parents are requested to serve on the teams, as well.

## Stepping Stones

One of our Stepping Stones of Faith is the Commissioning (previously known as 'Confirmation'). It begins with a banquet in October for parents, students, and faith companions as we prepare students for the next phase of faith formation and culminates in the Affirmation of Baptism service, held on the last Sunday in October. Younger catechism students are asked to attend in order to bless their classmates. High School students are asked to attend in order to formally welcome these students into their peer ministry. Parents, Baptismal Sponsors, and Faith Companions will re-affirm their commitment to the students, and the students will be reminded of God's promise to them and their place in the Body of Christ.

### Faith Companions\*

During students' 7<sup>th</sup> grade year, each student will be paired with an adult from the congregation to serve as their faith companion through their Middle School and High School years. These companions will walk the journey of faith together, serving the community, learning about God's work, and asking the hard questions. They will pray together and often worship together—discovering God's presence in a variety of places.

*\*Specific requirements regarding faith companions, boundaries, and safety are available and will be discussed during orientation.*