

THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Let the confirmation journey unfold...

Fall 2009 – 2010

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 19-20 (NRSV)

THE BASIS

The *Affirmation of Baptism Ministry* is intended to help our young people realize the promises of God made to them in their Baptism including *the forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, the gift of the Holy Spirit; and everlasting salvation to all who believe.*

THE CHALLENGE

The challenge of *The Affirmation of Baptism Ministry* is for us to invite our young people to grow deeper into Jesus and the community that bears his name. At Christ Lutheran we want to provide opportunities and experiences that will lead our young people to lifelong ministry as a member of the body of Christ. We seek to help them have relationship with one another, their pastors, and their Lord.

WHY DO WE HAVE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM MINISTRY?

The *Affirmation of Baptism Ministry* is a mandated ministry at Christ Lutheran Church. It is one way this congregation seeks to fulfill its promises made to those who have been baptized. Likewise, it provides an opportunity to work with parents seeking to fulfill the promises they made at their child's baptism. Our goal is to invite and encourage young people to take responsibility for their own faith journey.

THE VISION

We have put together a number of opportunities and experiences that we believe are necessary to build a broad and healthy foundation for a growing life of faith. Our vision is to have a flexible, practical, and faith growing ministry.

SUGGESTED OFFERING

We invite you to prayerfully consider an offering towards this ministry. A suggested offering of \$25.00 each year would help cover the costs of books and resources for this important ministry. We request this offering during the month of September and placed an offering envelope in your packet.

FOOD AND ACTIVITY

We plan to offer simple meals for kids and families beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday night for families and students. Cost is \$2 a person. In addition the gym will be supervised and a schedule will be made public for youth to play and exercise. Games will include basketball, floor hockey, dodge ball and volleyball.

Confirmation Orientation-September 16, 6:30 pm.

Completed Worship Reflections (sermon notes) over two year period.

Worship reflections may be taken at any worship service on Sunday, Saturday or during season worship such as Lent or Holy Week Services.

Lenten Midweek Worship Services (over a 2 year period) 7 sermon notes

Wednesday Lenten Worship at 6:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Worship at Noon and 6:30 Pm

Good Friday Worship at Noon and 6:30 PM

Sunday Church School Faith Conversation

16- Sunday School Topical Bible Study-over a 2 year period pastors request that students attend 16 class sessions in the Youth Room. Pastor Paula and Scott, along with Marlene Koch will be on hand to lead these Sunday youth sessions during every Sunday that Sunday school is scheduled.

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WORSHIP AND SMALL GROUP CLASS

Who Is Jesus: A Look at Mark's Gospel – 6 weeks

Walking With Jesus: A Call to Discipleship – 6 weeks

Peculiar Treasures: People in the Old Testament -5 weeks

Lutheran Worship: What,When,Why & How – 4 weeks

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Sunday Night at the Movies – Class is invited to church to watch a faith based movie at home or church and respond to the discussion questions. Movie shown at the church will include refreshments and popcorn on February 7th.

2009 SHAPED TO SERVE GOD-

Two 2 hour sessions for 9th grade students with Pastor Paula & Pastor Scott. Ninth grade youth will be measured for confirmation gowns, make their confirmation stoles, and complete a vocational study with pastors and classmates.

October 4 Time 3:00 – 5:00 pm pizza & drink provided

October 11 Time 3:00 – 5:00 pm pizza & drink provided

CONFIRMATION –

October 25, 2009—The last Sunday of October each year.

Pictures in the sanctuary at 3:00 PM and Confirmation Worship will follow at 4:00 PM in sanctuary.

INTERVIEW

Personal Interview: to be scheduled with Pastor Scott or Pastor Paula when you have completed your necessary experiences.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES -students will need to complete 5 ministry opportunities from among the following 3 areas listed below. Please select one from each area first. * denotes a mandatory expectation.

1) Ministry to Christ Lutheran Congregation

Examples:

- *Candle Lighter at worship- Acolyte
- *Torch bearer at worship- special occasions
- Crucifer – carry cross before and after worship at 10:30
- Help church office staff with work projects
- Sunday school helper
- Greeter/Umbrella assistance
- Share your musical talents

2) Ministry to Community

Examples:

- *Bake Chocolate Chip Cookies for worshippers & Skaalen
- Assist with Daily Bread Meals on Sunday afternoon at CLC
- Assist with Adopt a Highway Clean-Up
- Assist with Food Pantry at Christ Lutheran Church
- Write an article or book report for our church and library

3) Ministry to the World

Examples:

- Rolling Bandages for Africa
- Assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief
- Do a report on Global Ministry or our Missionary Pastor Brian. Look up www.elca.org and seek out missionary.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

9/16 Student/Parent Orientation - 1st Commandment

9/23 2nd and 3rd Commandments

9/30 4th Commandment

10/7 5th and 6th Commandment

10/14 7th and 8th Commandment

10/21 NO CLASS - FOOTBALL GAME

10/28 9th and 10th Commandments

11/4 Apostles' Creed Article One

11/11 Apostles' Creed Article Two

11/18 Apostles' Creed Article Three

11/25 NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING BREAK

12/2 Sacraments - Baptism

12/9 Sacraments - Holy Communion

12/16 Examination: Commandments/Creed/Sacraments

1/6 Lord's Prayer

1/13 Lord's Prayer

1/20 Lord's Prayer
1/27 Lord's Prayer
2/3 Lord's Prayer
2/10 Lord's Prayer Examination

4/14 Art Project
4/21 Art Project

CLASSES BEGIN AT 6:30 PM EXCEPT WHERE NOTED...CHURCH PHONE 873-9353

ALTERNATIVES TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED EXPERIENCES

Life events and activities may prohibit your attendance to assigned courses. One element of flexibility at Christ Lutheran Church is to offer an alternative means to complete work independently with a parent and provide evidence of your study to a pastor. Should you need to use an alternative method, contact your pastor and we will help you.

OT & NT Review: Read *My Journey of Faith*
Write 1 full page outline of main points for each chapter.

The Apostles Creed: *Read Free To Be.*
Write 1 full page outline of main points for each chapter

The Lord's Prayer: *Read Free To Be.*
Write 1 full page outline of main points for each chapter

10 Commandments: *Read Free To Be.*
Write 1 full page outline of main points for each chapter

Let the journey of faith unfold with blessing for you.

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