



# Beautiful Savior

Lutheran Church

Polk City, Iowa

## **2009-'10 Confirmation Handbook**

Revised: September 18, 2009

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Goals

Confirmation classes are designed to assist parents in preparing their sons and/or daughters to become faithful and responsible members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Our class provides each student with a Biblical understanding of historic Christianity and confessional Lutheranism. Confirmands will also be strongly encouraged to develop good church habits in the areas of stewardship, fellowship, prayer life, devotional life, worship attendance, and service.

## Guidelines & Notes

Please note the following requirements and guidelines. Your cooperation and support will be much appreciated.

*\*Throughout this booklet, the term "parents" refers to one or two parent households, or to legal guardians.*

**Attendance** - Attendance at all confirmation classes (Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.), worship services, and special services (Advent, Lent, Holy Week, etc.) is **required**. Parents are asked to notify Pastor of any absences.

**Offering Envelopes** - Each student will be issued adult offering envelopes. Please help your son or daughter develop good stewardship patterns through the regular use of their offering envelopes.

**Cancellations** - We will always follow the North Polk schools on whether or not to have class in case of inclement weather. No public school at North Polk - no confirmation! We will always have class cancellations on the answering machine by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. You may also get cancellation information from the church Web site: **[www.bs-lc.com](http://www.bs-lc.com)**

**In-service days** - Confirmation will meet at the usual time (6:00 p.m.) on Wednesdays when the students are released early for teacher in-service.

**Advent & Lent** - Classes during the Advent and Lent seasons will be shortened to meet from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Students are required to attend the worship service following each class.

**Exams** - Exams will be given at the end of each unit (The Apostles Creed, The 10 Commandments, and the Lord's Supper). Review material will be provided to parents and students prior to the exam. Students who do not pass the exam will be given additional opportunities to retake the exam until they pass - i.e. nobody fails a confirmation exam!

**Family Service** – As part of the two-year long “training” process, each family will be scheduled to help with greeting and ushering duties at both worship services. If a family cannot serve on an assigned weekend, please contact the church office no later than the Thursday of the weekend they serve with the name of the family who will be taking your place. You will be mailed a greeting / ushering schedule at least two weeks prior to the month you are serving in.

**Acolyte Duty** – Each confirmand is required to serve as an acolyte during the two years that they are in confirmation. An acolyte schedule is included at the end of this booklet. Note: confirmands are required to serve at both the traditional and contemporary services – this way they get the best possible exposure to all Lutheran worship practices.

**Memory work** - All memory assignments are required for all students unless special arrangements are made with Pastor. Parents will review their child's memory work (either orally or written) each week and indicate completion of the memory work on the memory assignment sheet. Parents may also report the completion of their child's memory work on the Confirmation Helps page of the church web site.

**Sermon reports** - Each student will be required to turn in **6** sermon reports (3 before Dec. 31 and 3 in 2010). Forms for the reports are in the entry way with the bulletin back issues.

**Absences** – If your son or daughter is absent from school due to an illness, please keep them home from confirmation as well. Excuses will NOT be made for school or sports activities.

Absences can be reported on the Confirmation page on the church web site.

**Confirmation treats** - Each student is asked to bring a snack (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) according to the schedule listed in the back of this booklet. Should class be cancelled for any reason, you're off the hook!

**Guests** - Guests are welcome at any time. However, they must come to pay attention and not to socialize or disrupt the class.

**Books** - Students are required to bring their confirmation books, schedules, and Bibles to every class.

**Mission projects** - The class will be required to perform two mission / service projects during the year. The first project will be the "Unhaunted House" on **October 28<sup>th</sup>**. The second will involve a mission activity outside our church.

**Elders' exam** - Students being confirmed in 2009 will be required to submit to an oral examination before the Board of Elders. This examination will take place at 6:00 p.m. on **March 24, 2010**. This exam will be open to all confirmation families and church members. Pastor will provide the students with the necessary review material.

**Confirmation** - Confirmation is currently scheduled for the 10:30 a.m. service on **April 25, 2010**. Parents are expected to organize and handle issues concerning pictures, flowers, a class gift to the church, and a confirmation cake.

Students who have not satisfactorily completed their memory work, exams, personal testimony paper, or Elder's exam will not be recommended for confirmation in 2010.

**Personal testimony** - Each confirmand will be required to write a two-page paper (maximum) on a subject chosen by the student and Pastor. All paper submissions will be done electronically (via e-mail).

**Confirmation Web Site** - The Confirmation web site is the best place for you to stay on top of what is happening in confirmation.

On this page attached to our church web site you will find: Class reading schedule, memory assignment report form, absence report form, sermon report form, test review material, and ushering, greeting, acolyte, and snack schedules.

Train a child in the way he  
should go, and when he is old  
he will not turn from it.

– Proverbs 22:6

## **Class Schedule**

**Sept. 16** - History of God's People in the Old Testament

**Sept. 23** - History of God's People in the New Testament, Early Church, and the History of Lutheranism

**Sept. 30** – Apostles' Creed, First Article, pt. 1

Memory work due - **First Article, pt. 1**, (First sentence, p.108)

**and #15 (\*2 Timothy 3:16-17, p.49),**

Read:Q.#86-98

**Oct. 7** - Apostles' Creed, First Article, pt. 2

Memory work due - **Books of New Testament** (Tested in class)

Read: Q.#99-113

**Oct. 14** - Apostles' Creed, Second Article, pt. 1

Memory work due - **First Article. Pt. 2** ("What does this mean? [I believe] that God..., p.108)

Read: Q.#114-124

**Oct. 21** - Apostles' Creed, Second Article, pt. 2

Memory work due - **Second Article, pt. 1** (up to: "What Does This Mean?") (p.119)

Read: Q.#125-152

**Oct. 28** – "Unhaunted House"

*\*Students should come directly to the church after school.*

**Nov. 4** - Apostles' Creed, Third Article, pt. 1

Memory work due - Second Article, pt. 2. (Starting with:

"What does this mean?, p. 119) Read: Q.#153-168.

**Nov. 11** - Apostles' Creed, Third Article, pt. 2  
Memory work due - **Third Article, pt. 1** (1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, p.147)  
Read: Q.#169-179

**Nov. 18**- Apostles' Creed, Third Article, pt. 3  
Memory work due - **Third Article, pt. 2.** (Starting with: "What does this mean?", p. 147). Read: Q.#180-191.

**Nov. 25 – No Class** (Thanksgiving break)

**Dec. 2** (Advent 1) – “The Apostles’ Creed” - **Exam**

**Dec. 9** (Advent 2) – First Commandment  
Memory work due - **First Commandment** & explanation, and #73 (**Proverbs. 3:5**). Read: Q.#13-23, 74-85

**Dec. 16** (Advent 3) - Second Commandment  
Memory work due - **Second Commandment** & explanation, and #80 (Exodus 3:14). Read: Q.#24-34  
Memory work warning - **Books of Old Testament** (*in traditional order*) by **Jan. 30**.

**Dec. 23, & 30** - No Class, Christmas break

**Jan 6** - Third Commandment  
Memory work due - **Third Commandment** & explanation, #116 (Hebrews. 10:25) Read: Q.#35-47

**Jan. 13**- Fourth Commandment  
Memory work due - **Fourth Commandment** & explanation  
Read: Q.#48-51

**Jan. 20** - Fifth Commandment  
Memory work due - **Fifth Commandment** & explanation, and #152 (**Jeremiah. 1:5**). Read: Q.#52-54

**Jan. 27** – Field Trip

**Books of the Old Testament Due** (*Tested in class*)

**Feb. 3** - Sixth Commandment

Memory work due - **Sixth Commandment** & explanation,  
Read: Q.#55-58

**Feb. 10**- Seventh Commandment

Memory work due - **Seventh Commandment** & explanation,  
Read: Q.#59-606

**Feb. 17** (Ash Wednesday) - Eighth Commandment

Memory work due - **Eighth Commandment** & explanation,  
Read: Q.#61-62

**Feb. 24** (Midweek Lent 1) - Ninth & Tenth Commandments

Memory work due - **Ninth and Tenth Commandments** &  
explanations,  
Read: Q.#63-73

**March 3** (Midweek Lent 2) - **Exam on 10 Commandments**

**March 10** (Midweek Lent 3) - Lord's Supper, pt. 1

Memory work due - #930 (**Matthew 26:26, 28**).  
Read: Q.#285-295

**March 17** (Midweek Lent 4) - Lord's Supper, pt. 2 & 3

Memory work due - #973 (**1 Corinthians 11:28 & 29**)  
Read: Q.#296-306

**March. 24** (Midweek Lent 5) – **Confirmand's Exam before  
the Elders**     *(No class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders)*

**March 31** –No Class \*Holy Week\*

**April 7** – **Lord's Supper Exam** & Witnessing

Memory work due - #555 (**Ephesians 2:8-9**)  
Read: Acts 1 & 2

**April 14** – Stewardship

**April 21** – Confirmation Party

# Confirmation Treats Assignments

*\* There should be enough treats for 9.*

Sept. 16 - Berglund  
Sept. 23 - Greiner  
Sept. 30 - Knapp  
Oct. 7 - Knopf  
Oct. 14 - Sharp  
Oct. 21 - Weiss  
Nov. 4 - Weiss  
Nov. 11 - Wilson

Nov. 18 - Berglund  
Jan. 6 - Greiner  
Jan. 13 - Knapp  
Jan. 20 - Knopf  
Feb. 3 - Sharp  
Feb. 10 - Weiss  
April 7 - Weiss  
April 14 - Wilson
