



Beautiful Savior

Lutheran Church

Polk City, Iowa

2011-'12 Confirmation Handbook

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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. Please have them turn in the envelopes in worship.

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. I will also text the youth with the cancellation announcement. You may also get cancellation information from the church Web site: **www.bs-lc.com**.

In-service days - Confirmation will meet at the usual time 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 is asked to help with greeting and ushering duties at both worship services. If a family cannot serve on a weekend they chose, 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 (it's up to you to find a replacement). 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 time 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. As a minimum, each child will be required to be able to recite: the 10 Commandments (number and Commandment), the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, and the books of the Bible (all 66).

Sermon reports - Each student will be required to turn in **6** sermon reports (3 before Dec. 31 and 3 after). Forms for the reports are in the entry way with the bulletin back issues. Students will receive excellence points for sermon reports turned in according to the schedule.

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, Confirmation Handbooks, 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 26th**. The second will involve a mission activity outside our church.

Elders' exam - Students being confirmed in 2012 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 21, 2012**. 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 22, 2012**. 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, church attendance & Sunday School attendance requirements, or Elder's exam will not be recommended for confirmation in 2012.

Personal testimony - Each confirmand will be required to write a two-page paper (maximum) on a subject chosen by the student and Pastor.

Confirmation Web Site - The Confirmation web site is the best place for you to stay on top of what is happening in confirmation. This page is part of our church web site. On it you will find: the Class reading schedule, memory assignment report form, sermon

report form, test review material, and ushering, greeting, acolyte, and snack schedules.

Class Schedule

Sept. 14 - History of the Christian Church

Sept. 21 - History of the Lutheran Church

Sept. 28 – 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. 5 - Apostles’ Creed, First Article, pt. 2

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

Read: Q.#99-113

Oct. 12 - 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. 19 - 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. 26 – “Unhaunted House”

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

Nov. 2 - 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. 6

Nov. 9 - Apostles' Creed, Third Article, pt. 2
Memory work due - **Third Article, pt. 1** (1st paragraph, p.147)
Read: Q.#169-179

Nov. 16- 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. 23 – No Class (Thanksgiving break)

Nov. 30 (Advent 1) – "The Apostles' Creed" - **Exam**

Dec. 7 (Advent 2) – First Commandment
Memory work due - **First Commandment** & explanation, and #73
(**Proverbs. 3:5**). Read: Q.#13-23, 74-85

Dec. 146 (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. 25.**

Dec. 21, & 28 - No Class, Christmas break

Jan. 4 - Third Commandment
Memory work due - **Third Commandment** & explanation, #116
(Hebrews. 10:25) Read: Q.#35-47

Jan. 11- Fourth Commandment
Memory work due - **Fourth Commandment** & explanation
Read: Q.#48-51

Jan. 18 - Fifth Commandment
Memory work due - **Fifth Commandment** & explanation, and
#152 (**Jeremiah. 1:5**). Read: Q.#52-54

Jan. 25 – Field Trip
Books of the Old Testament Due (*Tested in class*)

Feb. 1 - Sixth Commandment

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

Feb. 8- Seventh Commandment

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

Feb. 15 Eighth Commandment

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

Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday) - Ninth & Tenth Commandments

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

Feb. 29 (Midweek Lent 1) - **Exam on 10 Commandments**

March 7 (Midweek Lent 2) - Lord's Supper, pt. 1

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

March 14 (Midweek Lent 3) - Lord's Supper, pt. 2 & 3

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

March. 21 (Midweek Lent 4) – **Confirmand's Exam before the Elders** (*No class for 6th graders*)

March 31 – **Lord's Supper Exam** & Witnessing

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

April 4 –No Class *Holy Week*

April 11 – Stewardship

April 18 – Confirmation Party

Confirmation Treats Assignments

** There should be enough treats for 14. Please avoid things which result in a lot of "mess."*

Sept. 14 - Becker	Nov. 16. - Brower
Sept. 21 - Bierman	Jan. 4 - Becker
Sept. 28 - Brown	Jan. 11 - Bierman
Oct. 5 - Hauger	Jan. 18 - Brown
Oct. 12 – Jespersen	Jan. 25 – Hauger
Oct. 19 - Mordini	Feb. 1 – Jespersen
Nov. 2 - Moxley	Feb. 8 – Mordini
Nov. 9 – Sharp	Feb. 15 - Moxley

**Class list removed for security reasons. E-mail the church office if you want a complete copy.*