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Dear Confirmation Students and Parents,

Over the years, with the continued demands of schedules and such; coordinating mid-week Confirmation instruction has proven to be somewhat challenging! Student participation and the level of commitment has been compromised- and being transparent with you it has become a matter of significant frustration to me.

Please don't get me wrong, I completely understand the demands of schedules, but I also know the significance of faith based education and instruction. And so, in an attempt to somewhat lessen the burden on your schedules and to continue the needed confirmation instruction, I am once again rolling out the home- family based model for Confirmation.

Here's how it works...

8th grade Students will work on one lesson a week independently at home (of course parent participation is certainly encouraged). And once a month the group will meet with me at church to review the lessons covered for the month- the schedule is attached.

Beginning in October and moving through May, students will be asked to complete a total of 26 lesson from a workbook entitled "Living God's Word Today." The cost of this workbook is \$10.00 per student and I am asking for families to cover that cost (checks can be made out to St. John's). There is a companion textbook that each student will be given. Textbooks are on loan, need to be cared for, and returned at the end of the year. In addition to the textbook each student will be assigned a small Catechism with explanation. Students may write in the workbooks but not in the textbook or Catechism with explanation. Any assignments from the textbook can be completed on a separate sheet of paper.

Completion of the workbook and textbook assignments, participation in **ALL** monthly review sessions with the pastor, participation in regular Saturday or Sunday Worship, participation in Confirmation instruction with Tony Martino on Sunday's at 10am and all year end reviews will be the required components in order for students to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday in 2021. Students will not be confirmed unless all requirements have been satisfied- NO EXCEPTION!

I hope this makes things a bit easier this year and I hope participation and commitment will improve. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation. I would like to meet with all 8th grade students and parents on **Wednesday September 16th at 7:00pm** for a brief meeting to discuss the program a little further.

2020-2021 Confirmation

LESSON SCHEDULE

October

Introduction and 1st Commandment
2nd Commandment
3rd Commandment

November

4th Commandment
5th Commandment
6th Commandment
7th Commandment

December

8th Commandment
9th Commandment and 10th Commandment
The Law and Sin
The Creed

January

Angels, Humans, and Preservation
The 2nd Article
The 2nd Article (Christ's Humiliation)
The 2nd Article (Christ's Exultation)

February

The 3rd Article
The Holy Christian Church
The Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection, Life
Prayer

March

The Lord's Prayer
Baptism
Blessings, Power, Significance of Baptism
The Office of the Keys

April

Confession and Absolution
The Sacrament of the Altar
Benefits, Power and use of the Lord's Supper

May

Review all lessons for final review

Materials:

Workbook- "Living God's Word Today"
Textbook- "Catechetical Helps for a New Day"
Luther's Small Catechism w/ Exp.

Confirmation Requirements:

1. Completion of all Lessons and Supp. material
 2. 100% Attendance at monthly review sessions.
 3. no more than 3 Sunday absences w/ Mr. Tony
 4. Satisfactory Completion of final written review
 5. Regular worship attendance
 6. 1500-word essay
 - What is Worship?
 - Why is regular worship important?
 - How worship is meaningful and important To My life.
- Or** 12 sermon reports completed thoughtfully.
7. end of year review w/pastor
 8. end of year review w/ elders
 9. participation in Confirmation rehearsal.

ALL COMPONENTS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR 8th GRADE STUDENTS TO BE CONFIRMED IN MAY.

2020-2021 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 5th- Review Oct. lessons-
6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, December 3rd- Review Nov. Lessons
6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, January 7th, - Review Dec. Lessons
6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, February 4th, - Review Jan. Lessons
6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, March 4th, Review Feb. Lessons
6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, April 15th, Review Mar. Lessons
6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, May 6th, Review Apr. Lessons
6:00pm-7:30pm

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6:00pm-7:30pm (ALL WORK DUE!!)

***Tuesday, May 11th**, Final Written Review.
6:00pm-7:30pm

*** Note: Tuesday session due to concert at DMS.**

Sunday, May 9th, - Oral review w/ Elders
10:00am

Sunday, May 16th, Oral Review / Pastor
10:00am

Saturday, May 22nd, Rehearsal -
10:00am

Sunday, May 23rd, Rite of Confirmation-
8:30am