

Bethesda Lutheran Church, Carlton

"The Discipling Process is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission."

DISCIPLING PROCESS SCHEDULE 2009---2010

THIRD GRADE Unit of Study: **Worship**

Sunday School Rally Day is September 13, 2009

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship and Sunday School

Parent/Student meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

Investiture and receiving Bibles **Sunday, September 27** during the 10:30am worship service.

Certificates of completion will be handed out during Sunday worship on **November 8** to all students who have finished this unit of study.

Participation: Third graders will concentrate on readying the church for worship by sharpening the pew pencils and arranging the hymnals so they are easily accessible to the worshippers. This can be done before or after either service assisting the ushers. Please tell the ushers that you are assigned to help them.

FOURTH GRADE Unit of Study: **Bible Readings and Devotions**

Sunday School Rally Day is September 13, 2009

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship and Sunday School

Attend a *Bible Retreat* **October 7, 2009 beginning at 3:30 p.m.**

Each student and their parents will be visited in their home to discuss personal and family devotions and selected readings in the gospel of Mark. **Participation :** Deliver devotional books to shut-ins.

FIFTH GRADE Unit of Study: **Holy Communion**

Sunday School Rally Day is September 13, 2009

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship, Sunday School and Youth Group

Parent/Student meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30pm** and a Parent/Student Wrap Up meeting on **Sunday, March 28** at 9:30 a.m.. Students will meet after school (3:30) on **Wednesday, March 31** to make their banner and bake bread for their First Communion which will be held on **Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010 @ 6:30p.m.**

Participation : Fifth graders will help set up for Holy Communion services and assist in cleaning communion ware and glasses after Communion Services. They will also take a turn at bringing the paten (plate that holds wafers) and communion chalice (cup) to the altar during the offering. Each student will be assigned a Sunday to do this with one of their parents.

SIXTH GRADE Unit of Study: **Prayer**

Sunday School Rally Day is September 13, 2009

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship, Sunday School and Youth Group

Parent/Student Meeting **Sunday, January 10 at 10:15a.m.** (After Sunday School) They are scheduled to have their overnight Retreat at the church on **January 15 & 16** (drop off by 5 p.m. and pick up by noon) and lead prayers during worship the following day **Sunday, January 17 at the 9:00 service.**

Participation: 1)Serve as Acolytes 2)Prayer partners

SEVENTH GRADE Unit of Study: **Baptism**

Sunday School Rally Day is September 13, 2009

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship, Sunday School and Youth Group

This unit will be studied during a Day Retreat in July- dates will be selected and parents and students notified.

Participation: Serve as Acolytes & following the completion of unit on Baptism each student will participate in the Emmaus Disciple Ministry which will include an Affirmation of Baptism.

EIGHTH GRADE Unit of Study: **Old Testament** - 30 unit study

First Day of Class is September 13, 2009

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship and Sunday Discipling Class

Pastor will meet with the Eighth Grade class during the Sunday School hour, one Sunday

Participation

- Serve as Acolytes
- Youth Group
- Eighth graders will be involved in spring clean-up at the church
- Plan and lead a worship service with 9th grade class on March 21
- Sermon notes [13]: six Sept.-May; four Advent/Lenten, three during summer months

NINTH GRADE Unit of Study: **New Testament** - 30 unit study

First Day of Class is September 13, 2009

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship and Sunday Discipling Class

Pastor will meet with the Ninth Grade class during the Sunday School hour one Sunday during the year.

Participation

- Each student is to select an area of service within the Carlton Community and outside of Bethesda's congregation
- Sermon Notes [13]: six (6) Sept.-May; four(4) Advent/Lenten; three (3) during summer months
- Youth Group
- Serve as Acolytes
- Plan and lead a worship service with 8th grade class on March 21

TENTH GRADE Unit of Study: **Lenten Mentoring** Program

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship

During the tenth grade year each student will participate in the Lenten Mentoring Program beginning with Ash Wednesday, **February 17, 2010** through Easter Sunday, **April 4.**

Participation

- Encouraged to attend adult education classes
- Encouraged to co-teach Sunday School classes
- Youth Group

ELEVENTH GRADE **Affirmation of Baptism** (*formerly Confirmation*)

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship

Parent/Student Meeting with Pastor on **Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.**

There will be a Retreat to the Seminary on **Friday, October 23.**

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism Service, is scheduled for **Sunday, October 25, 2009@ 10:30 service.**

Participation

- Attend Retreat
- Memorize Apostles= Creed (with explanation)
- Small Service Project in community
- Assist in a worship service
- Youth Group
- Attend a church council meeting and one committee meeting.
- Encouraged to teach Sunday School

TWELFTH GRADE The Faith Journey Continues

Expectations: Regular attendance at Worship

Pastor will check in with students/parents during the year as a follow up in the fall.

- Have a meal@ with the Pastor Mike. Meet at Bethesda at **5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25!**
- Adult Ed
- Youth Group
- Assist in a worship service
- Encouraged to teach Sunday School