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2011-2012 SUNDAY SCHOOL HANDBOOK



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Welcome to St. Paul Sunday School!

What a joy and a privilege it is
to serve our Lord
with your family!

This is our prayer:
Dear Lord, please help us to
share the excitement of your Word as we
show how wonderful you are and as we
shine with the light of Christ's love
for all the children you bring us today!

May God enable us to work together
so that our children
may always be HIS children
for life and
for all of eternity!

To God Be The Glory!

✚ SLINGER 2011 - 2012

JANUARY

- 1 - No Classes
- 8 - #16— Jesus and the Centurion
- 15 - #17— Death of John the Baptist / Activity Day (games and more)
- 22 - #18— Jesus Feeds the 5000
- 29 - #19— Jesus' Transfiguration

FEBRUARY

- 5 - #20— Parable: Loving Samaritan
- 12 - #21— Jesus Heals Blind Man / 3K-1st sing
- 19 - #22— Mary & Martha / KMLHS Choir sings, service in CFC
- 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY 4:00 & 6:30pm
- 26 - #23— Parable: Pharisee & Tax Collector
- 29 - 2nd Wed: SS/2nd-8th serves supper (5pm), then sings (6:30pm)

MARCH

- 4 - #24— Parable: Rich Man & Poor Lazarus
- 11 - #25— Jesus Raises Lazarus
- 18 - #26— Mary Honors Jesus
- 25 - #27— Preparing for Easter

APRIL

- 1 - #28 PALM SUNDAY - Holy Week review and Practice for Good Friday
- 6 - GOOD FRIDAY - "The Three Trees" / SS sings / 1:30 & 6:30pm
- Families need to sign up for afternoon or evening service!
- 8 - EASTER SUNDAY no classes
- 15 - #29— The Risen Jesus Shows Himself
- 22 - #30— Jesus Lives! (Easter movie)
- 29 - #31— Parable of the Talents

MAY

- 6 - #32— The Importance of Confirmation (Confirmation Sunday)
- 13 - #33— Paying Taxes to Caesar (Mother's Day)
- 20 - #34— ASCENSION Last day of SS; Closing Service in CFC at 10:30am
- 27 - Memorial Day weekend - no classes

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST

- 8 - Vacation Bible School Mon-Thurs 9:00-11:00am
- 22 - Teachers' Meeting 6:30pm
- 28 - Confirmation Class Parents/Pastors Meeting

#s refer to class days. Lesson titles are for Grade 2-8 only. K3-1st Gd have their own lesson schedule. Please see pages 20-21..

SEPTEMBER

- 11 - #1—First Day of Sunday School w Parent Orientation at 9:00 AM
Family Picnic Day! - Indoor Service 7:45am, Outdoor Service 10:30am
Picnic Lunch follows (in gym) - Inflatable Bounce House and More!
- 18 - #2— Twelve Year Old Jesus
- 25 - #3— Baptism of Jesus

OCTOBER

- 2 - #4— The Blessings of Baptism
- 9 - #5— Wedding at Cana / special presentation re: Hmong children
- 16 - #6— Jesus and Nicodemus
- 23 - #7— Jesus rejected in Nazareth
- 30 - #8— Peter the Fisherman / REFORMATION SS/2nd-8th sing

NOVEMBER

- 6 - #9— Parable; Farmer & Seed / 3K-1st sing
- 12 - Christmas Practice 9-11am
- 13 - #10— Jesus Calms the Storm
- 20 - #11— Daughter of Jairus
- 24 - Thanksgiving
- 27 - #12— Jesus Teaches about Love

DECEMBER

- 4 - #13— Angel Gabriel Announces Births of John & Jesus
- 10 - Christmas for Kids 9:00-11:30am
- 11 - #14— The Birth of Jesus
- 17 - Christmas Practice 9:00-11:00am Pizza Lunch at 11am
- 18 - #15— The Wise Men Worship the Savior
- 24 - SS Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm
- 25 - No Classes

Find an up-to-date, monthly calendar of all church/SS events at www.stpaulslinger.org.

Dear parents,

We are so very thankful to be working with you this year to help our children grow as God's children! There is no cost for this program, as all the members of St. Paul consider this work so important that we support it through our weekly offerings.

However, we do ask for your support in helping us accomplish our goals in the following ways:

- 1) Please have students here each and every week on time. It makes it hard for the teacher when students arrive after a lesson has begun.
- 2) Please inform the teacher or superintendent if you know your child will be absent in an upcoming week.
- 3) Please be a good example to your children of a true Christian. Attend church with your family each and every week, and in this way you will reinforce our weekly lesson to the children: "God's saving Word is important to you for your entire life!" Otherwise, they may one day think that we can outgrow our need for God.
- 4) Review the day's story and point with your child(ren).
- 5) Review the Memory Treasures during the year (see inside for the section that applies to your child(ren). Also help with notes sent home to prepare the students for singing in church (see schedule).
- 6) Consider our volunteer form which gives opportunities for you to help for a single Sunday or throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns during the year. We can be a powerful and effective team when we work together with God's blessing!

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ST. PAUL MISSION STATEMENT

As men, women, & children united by the Gospel of Christ,
we reach out with the Gospel
in order to make disciples of all nations;
and with the same Gospel, we nurture those
who are under our care in Christian discipleship.

NOTES AND GUIDELINES:

THE BIBLE translation we use is the New International Version (1984).

Before you purchase a new Bible for your child or for home, you may wish to check with one of our pastors about the various editions available. And each year a new Bible is given as a gift at Christmas to the students who are in 3rd grade. Remember, this is GOD'S Word!

WORSHIP LIFE is something we have both at church and at home.

Attending a worship service at church each week puts us in contact with God's Word and with our fellow Christians. It is family time: time for us to be with our family and time for us to grow as God's family. But we also want our children to grow in God's grace each day. To help us do that, the pastors at St. Paul can direct you to a Bible reading schedule to have with your family and/or Bible story books and devotion books written to help families learn from Jesus every day. Our pastors would love to speak with you about this!

SINGING IN CHURCH In the back of this booklet you will find a schedule with dates when our children will be singing during a worship service. Unless noted otherwise, they sing during the 10:30 AM service. Please note that this year they will be singing during the service, not just at the beginning, so please plan to attend the entire service in which your child is singing. One of the reasons we put together the schedule for the year is so that every family can arrange their own schedule to be in attendance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES We will have four! (1) Outdoor Service on Sept 11 at 10:30am. (2) Christmas Eve service at 4:30pm. Please note in the schedule that we will have one Saturday practice on November 12th and another on December 17th. (3) The children will also participate in the Good Friday service on April 6th. Families may choose to have their children participate either in the 1:30 or the 6:30 service. (4) Closing Service on Ascension Sunday, May 20th in the CFC at 10:30am. There will be notes home before each of these.

Lesson List for 4K & 1st Gd

2011-2012

Sept. 11 opening day - Special Activities
Sept. 18 - Jesus Changes Water into Wine
Sept. 25 - Jesus Helps Friends Catch Fish

Oct. 2 - Jesus Calms the Storm
Oct. 9 - Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
Oct. 16 - Jesus Raises Dead Girl
Oct. 23 - Jesus Feeds 5000 plus
Oct. 30 - Jesus Teaches Peter to Trust

Nov. 6 - The Good Samaritan Nov. 13 -
Jesus Heals Ten Sick Men
Nov. 20 - Jesus Teaches Us About Loving
Nov. 27 - Jesus Teaches Us Not To Worry

Dec. 4- Jesus Teaches Mary and Martha
Dec. 11- Jesus is Born
Dec. 18 - Book: My Birthday, Jesus' Birth-
day- Birthday Party For Jesus/Movie
Dec. 25 - No Class

Jan. 1 - No Class
Jan. 8 - God Leads the Wise Men
Jan. 15 - God Keeps Jesus Safe
Jan. 22 - Young Jesus Visits the Temple
Jan. 29 - Jesus Blesses Children

Feb. 5 - Jesus Changes Zacchaeus' Life
Feb. 12 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd
Feb. 19 - Nicodemus
Feb. 26 - Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

March 4 - Jesus Prays in the Garden
March 11 - Pilate Says Jesus Should Die
March 18 - Jesus Dies on the Cross
March 25 - Jesus Comes Back to Life/
Begin Easter Decorations

April 1 - Jesus Helps Thomas Believe/
Finish Easter Decorations/
Easter Movie & Activities
April 8 - No Class
April 15 - Jesus Goes Back to Heaven
April 22 - The Holy Spirit Comes
April 29 - Stephen Bravely Tells about Jesus

May 6 - Jesus is Baptized by John
(3 min. movie)/
Confirmation Sunday
May 13 - Philip Tells a man about Jesus
May 20 - Last day of Sunday School/
Special Day / all sing at 10:30

Lesson List for 3K & 5K

2011-2012

Sept. 11 opening day - Special Activities
Sept. 18 - God Creates Our World
Sept. 25 - God Creates Man and Women

Oct. 2 - Adam and Eve disobey God
Oct. 9 - Cain & Abel Give Offerings to God
Oct. 16 - God Saves Noah and His Family
Oct. 23 - God Give Abraham a Son
Oct. 30 - Jacob Sees a Beautiful Dream

Nov. 6 - God Has a Plan for Joseph
Nov. 13 - Joseph Becomes Ruler
Nov. 20 - Joseph Forgives His Brothers
Nov. 27 - Movie - Joseph

Dec. 4- Angel Comes to Mary
Dec. 11- Jesus is Born
Dec. 18 - Book: My Birthday, Jesus' Birthday- Birthday Party For Jesus/Movie
Dec. 25 - No Class

Jan. 1 - No Class
Jan. 8 - Wise Men Come to Worship
Jan. 15 - God takes care of baby Moses
Jan. 22 - God Gives Ten Commandments
Jan. 29 - God Sends Snakes/
Manna and Quail Movie / Moses

Feb. 5 - Walls of Jericho Fall Down
Feb. 12 - Samson
Feb. 19 - Ruth (short movie)
Feb. 26 - God Speaks to Samuel (short movie)

March 4 - David and Goliath (short movie)
March 11 - God Rescues 3 Men (short movie)
March 18 - Make Way for the King/
Washing Feet/Last Supper
March 25 - Sadness, Peter Lies,
Pilate says Jesus Should Die/
Begin Easter Decorations

April 1 - Surprise The Empty Tomb /
Finish Easter Decorations/
Easter Movie & Activities
April 8 - No Class
April 15 - Jesus Talks to the People
/ Fish for Breakfast
April 22 - Jesus Goes to Heaven
April 29 - Daniel in Lion's Den (short movie)

May 6 - Baptism John Baptizes Jesus
(3 min. movie)/
Confirmation Sunday
May 13 - Jonah and the Big Fish
(27 min. movie or 3 min. movie)
May 20 - Last day of Sunday School /
Special Day & all sing at 10:30

CHRISTIANS RESPECT those who serve in positions of responsibility. Parents are asked to please show that respect to all our Sunday School volunteers, and then please teach your children to do the same. Our teachers will be looking for age-appropriate behavior from each child, but parents need to inform one of the superintendents if there is a special need or developmental concern. And if you the parent are contacted by one of our staff with a concern they have, please be patient and receptive so that we may work together in helping improve our children's learning and environment.

MEDICAL CONCERNS / ALLERGIES Be sure to inform our staff if your child has any medical concerns of which we should be aware. We sometimes have snacks, so please be sure to tell us of any food allergies. And if you plan on sending a birthday treat along with your child, please speak first with the teacher. Be aware that some of the children may have allergies, so please avoid foods that most commonly cause problems.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD Let's teach our children how to give to God as a Thank You for all that God has done for us. OFFERING BOXES are being sent home as we participate during the first semester in the KIDS CARE program. Children can put an offering in each week at home and then bring the box to church at Christmas. You may also wish to encourage your child to give during the regular church offering. Older children in particular should learn how to give a portion of what they have received (earned, allowance, or the like) back to the Lord.

KEEP INFORMED We'll do our very best to keep you informed about what's going on in Sunday School and St. Paul Church. You'll want to regularly look at our monthly newsletter at www.stpaulslinger.org. And **PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE US YOUR EMAIL** so that we can augment the notes and reminders that get sent home with the students.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORY TREASURES

Parents, God tells us in Deuteronomy 6:4-7 - ⁴ *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.* ⁵ *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.* ⁶ *These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.* ⁷ **Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.**

God has given parents the responsibility not only to feed their children but also to “bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4) Your family of faith at St Paul Church and Sunday School are here to help, but it is still your duty as Christian parents to teach the truths of God’s Word to your children. Dr. Martin Luther included the following word of encouragement at the beginning of his Small Catechism: ***These simple lessons need to be taught to the family by the head of the household.*** This school year we pray that God bless us as we work together in helping our young ones grow in their faith and their lives as children of God.

We will be working through the following material in our classrooms this year. Please do all you can to repeatedly review the age-appropriate material with your child(ren).

FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN (4K) - Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 Hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come.
 Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

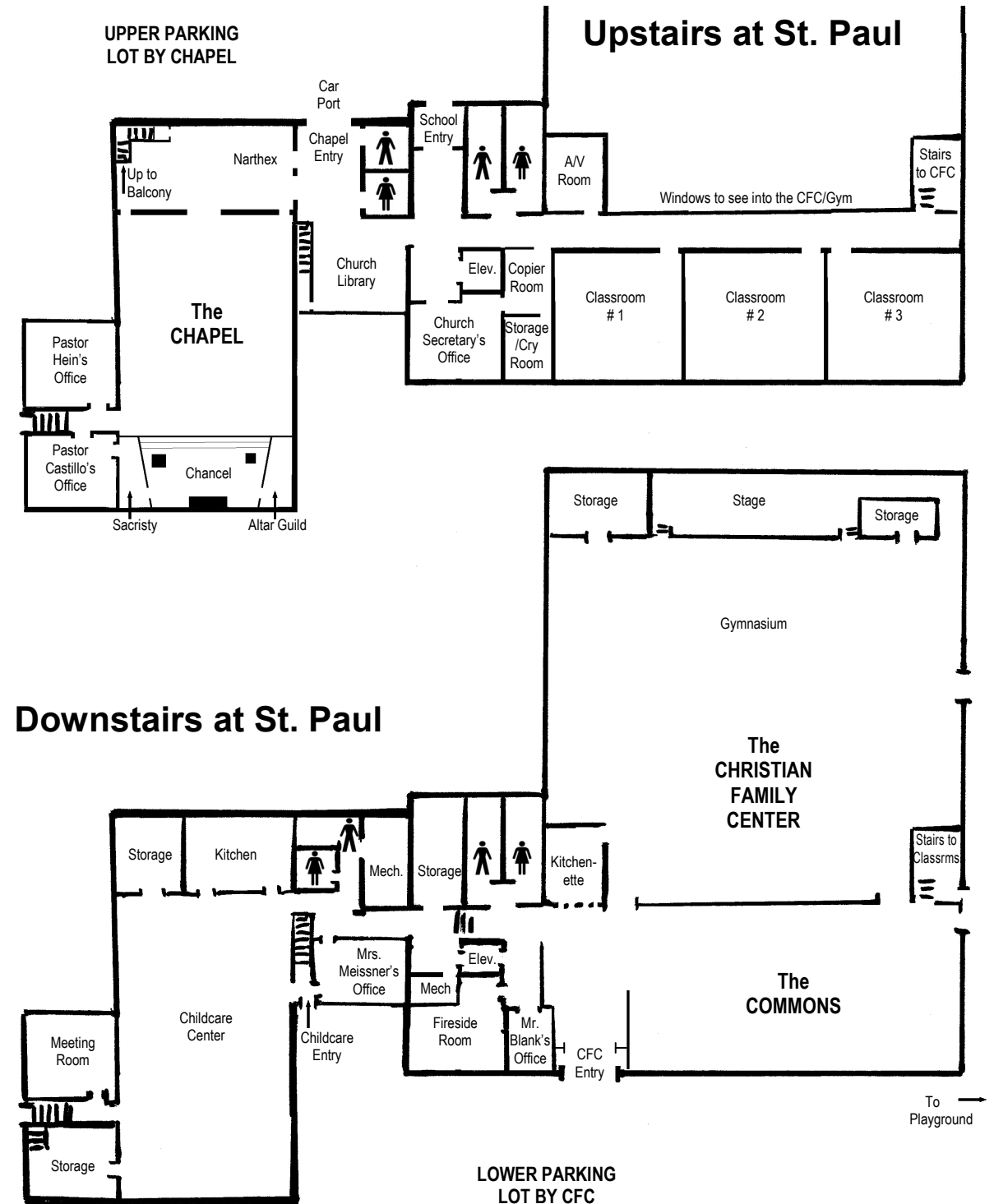
Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.

Extra Credit:

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself.



Sunday School Teachers and Classrooms 2011-2012

Superintendents: LeRoy Reed and Kris Wetherall

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Helpers</u>	<u>Location</u>
7+8	LeRoy Reed John Streicher		CFC Gym
6	Sheri Kasten		Childcare Center, Front Classroom by LL Storage Room
5	Linda Korbar	Amanda Kasten	Lower Mtg Rm by swinging doors
4	Liz Geiger	Corrienne Strupp	Childcare Ctr (tile floor by kitchen)
3	Linda Ritger	Jon Rauh	Childcare Center, Back Classroom west wall, BellTower storage
2	Stephanie Volkmann	Elizabeth Volkmann Katarina Volkmann	Childcare Center, in front of lower meeting room
1	Suzie Krueger Dawn Streicher	Lauren Donahue Rhonda Ojstrsek	Upstairs, 3 rd Classroom
5K	Kris Wetherall Brenda Rongstad	Kyle Jenks	Upstairs, 1 st Classroom
4K	Barb Rauh	Megan Bock Emilia Selle	Upstairs, 2 nd Classroom
3K	Alissa Rauh Alyssa Spiel	Katie Otte Tanya Qualmann	Upstairs, 1 st Classroom

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Secretary: Corrine Seidel

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FIVE YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN (5K)- The 10 Commandments

FIRST COMMANDMENT

You shall have no other gods.

SECOND COMMANDMENT

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not murder.

SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Extra Credit: learn all of **John 3:16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

FIRST GRADE (1st) – The Apostles’ Creed

THE FIRST ARTICLE

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

THE THIRD ARTICLE

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Extra Credit

Matthew 28:19 Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

List of Volunteer Opportunities

Please add your name to our Volunteer List! Find the outlet that best suits your talents and time. Let’s all give of ourselves to the Lord in thanks for the gift of our children and the gift of his own Son Jesus! See either of our superintendents for a copy of the Volunteer List.

For example:

- 1) be a substitute teacher or a classroom aide
- 2) help with snacks (Dec 18th; Jan 15th; Apr 1st; May 20th)
- 3) help wrap Christmas gifts (date to be announced)
- 4) help put together fruit bags for Christmas (date to be announced)
- 5) decorate bulletin boards in the CFC (Sept; Nov; Jan; Mar; May)
- 6) help organize or supervise an Activity Day

ONLINE RESOURCES

For the latest news about St. Paul and for our monthly newsletter and calendar, go to www.stpaulslinger.org.

To locate other WELS churches in our country (for going on vacation or the like), or to find out more about our church’s mission work and schools, go to www.wels.net.

To order good Christian materials: Bibles, Catechisms, devotional books, cards, gifts, and more, go to the website of Northwestern Publishing House at www.nph.net.

For good Christian advice on life issues as well as fine Christian gifts and materials, check on Christian Life Resources at www.christianliferesources.com.

To access an online Bible, go to www.biblegateway.com. Be sure to choose the “NIV 1984” edition so that your resource matches what we use in class.

If you have friends who’d like to learn more about Jesus and what the Bible says about God, refer them to www.WhatAboutJesus.com!

Ephesians 2:8-10 – Saved by Grace to Serve

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God —

⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 6:13-17 – The Full Armor of God

¹³ Put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation & the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

EXTRA CREDIT MATERIAL

Teachers: If a student has learned well all recommended Memory Treasures for the year, you may wish to encourage that student to consider tackling some of the worthwhile treasures printed below. There are (1) the Books of the Old Testament and the Books of the New Testament, and there are (2) guidelines for employing other class sections. Those guidelines are as follows:

Teachers of 4K-6th Grades: You may direct the student to work on memory verse sections from the Seventh-Eighth Grade assignment section, as these are required learning prior to confirmation. Industrious students who own a blue Catechism may work on Baptism 3 + 4, The Petitions of the Lord's Prayer, The Keys, or the section on Confession. For younger students, it might be wise for the teacher to just assign one verse at a time of such a memory selection. For example, assign only verse 8 of Ephesians chapter 2 or just verse 21 of Second Corinthians 5.

Teachers of 7th-8th Grades: Seventh or Eighth Graders looking for extra credit should focus on reviewing prior year's materials; for example, reciting Commandments 1-3 with explanations as a whole (see Third Grade), or reciting the entire section on Communion as a whole (see Sixth Grade).

Parents: You can also use this and all the Memory Treasure material for personal review of the truths of God's saving Word. May God help each of us be good examples to our youths on how disciples of Jesus never stop learning and studying God's Word no matter what our age.

SECOND GRADE (2nd) – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

THE INSTITUTION OF BAPTISM

First: What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.

Which is that Word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!"

THE BLESSINGS OF BAPTISM

Second: What does Baptism do for us?

Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

What are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

Titus 3:5-6 God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Extra Credit

See page 16 and following for extra credit ideas.

THIRD GRADE (3rd) – First Tablet of the Law (Commandments 1-3) & Psalm 23

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

Psalm 23 – The Shepherd Psalm of David

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE (7th/8th) – Selected Passages

Psalm 23 – The Shepherd Psalm of David (see page 10)

Matthew 22:37-39 – The Greatest Commandment

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

First Corinthians 13:4-7 – Christian Love

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

First Corinthians 15:54-58 – The Power of the Resurrection

⁵⁴ "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Second Corinthians 5:14-15, 21 – God's Great Exchange

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SIXTH GRADE (6th) – The Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

First: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Apostle Paul tell us: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

THE BLESSINGS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

THE POWER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

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John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

FOURTH GRADE (4th) – Second Tablet of the Law (Commandments 4-10)

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

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FIFTH GRADE (5th) – The Apostles' Creed with explanations

THE FIRST ARTICLE

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ - true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary - is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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