

## 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechesis Schedule: 2014-2015

Please be sure that your catechumen is prepared each week and brings his or her workbook, Small Catechism, Bible, and this schedule to class.

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

DATE	LESSON TO BE COMPLETED IN CLASS	MEMORY WORK	Mentor Interviews
<u>August 17</u>	Orientation with Parents after Church		T.V. Evaluation Paper Given
20	History: Lutheranism 101 Chapters 22-23	2 Timothy 3:16; Old Testament Books	
27	History: Lutheranism 101 Chapters 24-25	First and Second Commandments and meanings; New Testament Books	
<u>Sept. 3</u>	History: Lutheranism 101 Chapters 26 & Introduction to Lesson 1 in Exploring Luther's Small Catechism	Third and Fourth Commandments and meanings	
10	Lesson 2-3	Fifth and Sixth Commandments and meanings	T.V. Evaluation Paper Due
17	Lesson 4-5	Seventh and Eighth Commandments and meanings	Mentor Interview #1 Given
24	Lesson 6-7	Ninth and Tenth Commandments and meanings	
<u>Oct. 1</u>	Lesson 8-9	Close of Commandments and meanings	
8	Lesson 10-11	First Article and meaning of Apostles' Creed	
<b>15</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>		
22	TEST 1		Mentor Interview #1 Due
29	Lesson 12-13	Second Article and meaning	
<u>Nov. 5</u>	Lesson 14-15	Third Article and meaning	Mentor Interview #2 Given

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<u>Nov. 12</u>	Lesson 16-17	The Lord's Prayer: Introduction and meaning	
19	Lesson 18-19	First and Second Petitions and meanings	
<b>26</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>		
<u>Dec. 3</u>	Lesson 20-21	Third and Fourth Petitions and meanings	Mentor Interview #2 Due
10	Lesson 22-23	Fifth and Sixth Petitions and meanings	
17	Lesson 24-26	Seventh Petition and Conclusion and meanings	Mentor Interview #3 Given
<b>24 &amp; 31</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>		
<u>Jan. 7</u>	TEST 2		Mentor Interview #3 Due
14	Lesson 27-28	Baptism: First and Second Parts	Mentor Interview #4 Given
21	Lesson 29-30	Baptism: Third and Fourth Parts	
28	Lesson 31-32	Confession: <i>What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?</i>	
<u>Feb. 4</u>	Lesson 33-35	Office of the Keys: <i>What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written?</i>	Mentor Interview #4 Due
11	TEST 3		Mentor Interview #5 Given
18	Lesson 36-37	Sacrament of the Altar: <i>What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?</i>	
25	Lesson 38-39	Sacrament of the Altar: <i>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?</i>	

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<u>March 4</u>	Lesson 40	Sacrament of the Altar: <i>Who receives this sacrament worthily?</i>	
11	TEST 4, 5, 6		Mentor Interview #5 Due
18	Review (Only for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders; 7 <sup>th</sup> Graders can observe if they want to)		
25	Questioning (During Last Wednesday Lenten Service @7:00)		
<u><b>Saturday:</b></u> <u><b>April 4</b></u>	Rite of Confirmation – Saturday, April 4 <sup>th</sup> During the Easter Vigil	The time is tentatively set for 7:00. If a different time is preferable, we can talk as it gets closer.	

Notes:

- **Class time is Wednesday from 5:15 – 6:30 P.M.**
- Memory work will be written out, not recited.
- The schedule indicates which lessons we will cover during class time and the learned memory work due at class time.
- Workbook assignments and memory work must be completed for days missed.
- Parents are invited and welcome to sit in on classes with their catechumens.
- Mentor Interviews are for the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and questions/instructions can be found at the end of this packet, will be handed out in class, and on the website [www.yourstlukes.com](http://www.yourstlukes.com)
- T.V. Evaluation Paper instructions will be covered in orientation and a sheet will be handed out.
- These dates are tentative; the schedule may be revised as needed.
- **Last day for the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will be March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015; however, they can choose to come and observe the Review Time and Questioning in preparation for next year.**

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### *--Mentor Visit #1— Instructions & Questions*

-Make sure that you speak respectfully. And also, some of your mentors may have a hearing aid or a hearing problem... so make sure you speak clearly and loudly enough for them to understand. If you're not sure, ask them if you're speaking loudly enough... or perhaps TOO loud.

-In line with that, ask your mentor what name they prefer to be called by. That's part of respect too. Then tell them what name YOU prefer to be called.

-As you begin your visit, ask some **general questions** to get to know your mentor better. Things like— How many kids do you have, how many grandchildren, where do they live, how many years have they been married or how many years were they married.

-Ask your mentor if they have any questions about you. Things like— how old you are, where you go to school, what grade you're in, your family details, your likes and dislikes.

-DO NOT RUSH YOUR VISIT!! Just enjoy.....

-Ask your mentor to pray for you and promise to pray for them.

-Be sure to thank them for their time when you leave

**You need to write at least a paragraph on your discussion of these questions. Unless you have a legitimate excuse, I expect it to be typed, not hand written. You have until October 22<sup>nd</sup> (5 weeks!) to turn this in. Now here are your questions.**

- 1 Where did you grow up?
- 2 How many brothers or sisters did you have?
- 3 What church (or churches) did you attend?
- 4 What is your favorite Bible verse? Why?
- 5 How would you describe prayer (what is it to you)?
- 6 What time of the day do you think is the best or easiest for you to pray?
- 7 Is there anything special you do when you pray that helps you focus on your prayers to God?
- 8 Why do you think the Lord's Prayer is so important to us?
- 9 When praying the Lord's Prayer, some Christians still use the old "Thee's" and "Thou's". Do you have a preference? Please explain.
- 10 Why do you think so many folks love the old version?

### *--Mentor Visit #2— Instructions & Questions*

-Make sure that you speak respectfully.

-Ask your mentor if they have any questions about your last visit or anything new that has happened in their lives recently.

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-Ask your mentor to pray for you and promise to pray for them.

-Be sure to thank them for their time when you leave.

**You need to write at least ½ page on your discussion of these questions. Unless you have a legitimate excuse, I expect it to be typed, not handwritten. You have until December 3<sup>rd</sup> (4 weeks) to turn this in. Now here are your questions.**

- 11 If you know the date, when were you Baptized?? Where??
- 12 What happens when a person is Baptized?? (besides getting wet)
- 13 Why do you think it is good that our church Baptizes babies??
- 14 How important is your Baptism to you and why??
- 15 Do you think that people respect and appreciate Baptism as much today as they did 50-100 years ago?? Why or why not??
- 16 What do you plan to do (or what did you do) to celebrate Thanksgiving??
- 17 What blessing are you Thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day??
- 18 Advent is starting soon. What does Advent mean for you as a Christian?
- 19 What can we do during our Christmas preparations to make sure that we stay focused on the Christ Child and not parties and "stuff"?

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## *--Mentor Visit #3— Instructions & Questions*

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- Ask your mentor if they have any questions about your last visit or anything new that has happened in their lives recently.
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- Ask your mentor to pray for you and promise to pray for them.
- Be sure to thank them for their time when you leave.

**You need to write at least ½ page on your discussion of these questions. Unless you have a legitimate excuse, I expect it to be typed, not handwritten. You have until January 7<sup>th</sup> (3 weeks!) to turn this in. Now here are your questions.**

- 1 In your opinion what is the greatest blessing for you when you receive Holy Communion?
- 2 In the Lutheran Church we believe and teach that in Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus. Not all Christians believe this. What do you say (or what would you say) if you get into a discussion with someone who doubts the Real Presence of Jesus in the Lord's Supper?
- 3 All too often today people don't really think much about receiving Holy Communion until they walk in the door on Sunday morning. How do you prepare yourself mentally and spiritually for Communion?
- 4 When you were first Confirmed, did your church make you "announce" before Communion or did you have to go and talk to the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper? Please describe what that procedure was like.
- 5 What do you think are some positive reasons why it would be good to have Communion offered every Sunday?
- 6 What do you think are some negative reasons why it would **not** be good to have Communion offered every Sunday?
- 7 What will you do or what did you do to celebrate Christmas this year? Did you spend it with family?
- 8 What is your best or happiest Christmas memory?

## *--Mentor Visit #4— Instructions & Questions*

- Make sure that you speak respectfully.
- Ask your mentor if they have any questions about your last visit or anything new that has happened in their lives recently.
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- Be sure to thank them for their time when you leave.

**You need to write at least ½ page on your discussion of these questions. Unless you have a legitimate excuse, I expect it to be typed, not handwritten. You have until February 4<sup>th</sup> (3 weeks) to turn this in. Now here are your questions.**

- 1 Can you describe for me some of the memorable winter storms from your past? What did you do to survive them?
- 2 We've had a pretty rough winter so far this year and sometimes it's difficult or unsafe to drive to church. What do you suggest a person should do if they have to stay home from worship?
- 3 After the terrible earthquake in Haiti recently, a very famous Christian Pastor said on his TV program that this disaster was God's way of punishing the people on that tiny island. How do you respond to that kind of thinking?
- 4 Since we talked about Holy Communion last time... do you think there is ever a time when a Lutheran should refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper? If so, when and why? If not, please explain why.
- 5 Martin Luther reminded us that fasting before Communion was **not** mandatory. But is there a good reason to do it if you choose to? Please explain.
- 6 What do you think would be a good way for the Pastor and our church to encourage people to have a healthy respect for the Lord's Supper?
- 7 We are about ready to start the season of Lent. Can you tell me what these 6 weeks in Lent mean to you?
- 8 How does Lent help you prepare for Christ's death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter?

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## *--Mentor Visit #5— Instructions & Questions*

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- Ask your mentor if they have any questions about your last visit or anything new that has happened in their lives recently.
- DO NOT RUSH YOUR VISIT!! Just enjoy.....
- Ask your mentor to pray for you and promise to pray for them.
- Be sure to thank them for their time when you leave.

**You need to write at least ½ page on your discussion of these questions. Unless you have a legitimate excuse, I expect it to be typed, not handwritten. You have until March 11<sup>th</sup> (4 weeks!) to turn this in. Now here are your questions.**

1. Describe what your Confirmation Instruction was like: How long were the classes, how long was the Confirmation year— from what date to what date, how many classmates, where did you meet, etc.
2. In your opinion, how hard were the memory work assignments?
3. Describe in detail what your classes and assignments were like.
4. What part or parts of the Catechism still stick out clearly in your memory? What do you remember most vividly?
5. If you could go over the Catechism now as an adult (in a relaxed setting) would you? Why or why not?
6. What part of the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism do you still have questions about or don't clearly understand?
7. What was your favorite part of Confirmation Class?
8. What would your Confirmation Teacher have done if you didn't turn an assignment in on time or didn't know your memory work?
9. Do you have any interesting or funny stories about your days in Confirmation Class?
10. What advice would you give a Confirmation student today on how to memorize their assignments?
11. What advice would you give a Confirmand as to how to stay active in their faith and Church attendance after their Confirmation Day?