



Growing Disciples Family Handbook



Christ Lutheran Church
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GENERAL GUIDELINES

ATTENDANCE

While attendance is not required, it is recommended. Our ministries are designed to build upon each age level. We know that a child's faith is strongly influenced by what his or her parents encourage and hold in high esteem. With this knowledge, we would like to work with you and your family in developing children and youth to fall deeply in love with Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP WITH LITTLE ONES

It's Sunday morning, one minute before church starts. You just parked the car, unbuckled the children, grabbed the diaper bag that spilled under the seats, then checked to see if any of your little ones are running across the parking lot. They are. So you gather up your things and run after them while holding the baby all the while hoping no one from church notices. Phew! You finally made it to the sanctuary during the first song. The circus has just begun.

Let us reassure you that you are doing the right thing. If you value worship, you need to expose your children from an early age, so they will value it too. Children don't learn how to sit in church, listen during the sermon, and stand for prayer if they never experience it. The 'bad' news is that while you are teaching them that church is important (and it is!) you may not be able to experience worship as you have in the past. This faith education is very important, so be willing to give up some of your comfort in order to build a foundation for your children.

There are some things you can do with your children that will help them stay in church and not be too distracted or too distracting to others. You may even be able to listen to the sermon for a while!

- *Bring a Worship Bag filled with quiet items that your children like. Place Christian books, soft toys, non-messy crackers, or quiet games in the bag. It's also ok to bring a blanket to let the smaller children get comfortable or to nap.*
- *Sit closer to the front. Sitting up front helps the children see what's happening, focusing on worship and reducing distractions.*
- *Don't be afraid to ask for help from those around you. Everyone understands children make noise. Those around you will appreciate that you are teaching your children the value of worship.*

More importantly, you will teach and model for your children the value of worship. That knowledge, that training, will last them a lifetime. Proverbs 22:6 states, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Worship is what we were created to do. To honor God all day long with songs of praise and adoration for He who created us into existence. We look to you, as parents, to instill this in your young children. We look to you to pray every day with your student, have discussions about God and what He has done in your day, turn the car radio to Christian music, or whatever other creative ways you find to worship God.

Roots Children Ministries

3 years - 4th grade

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1. The Reason behind Roots

In Ephesians 3:14-19 Paul prays:

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Within this prayer, one key concept serves as a foundation to the rest...being rooted and established in love. The children's ministries at Christ Lutheran Church carry the name Roots because with every event, decision, or prayer for the children, it is our desire to deepen the roots of love in our children and parents. The prayer for the Ephesians that Paul prayed represents the same prayer that the Roots Coordinating Team prays for the children of Christ Lutheran Church!

Roots Children Ministries desire to empower and stand alongside parents in their calling to

family, knowing that parents are the most influential Christian models in their child's life. There will be several opportunities for parents to grow in their faith alongside their children, as detailed in the rest of this handbook.

2. Sunday Roots Jr. [3-5 year olds]: 9:30-10:30 AM

In Sunday Roots Jr., we use a large group/small group format to root children in the Scripture. In the small group portion, shepherds teach the children through circle time and various activities which relate to their large group experience. In large group, the children will learn through drama, activities, puppet skits, and worship. Below are listed some of the details you need to know about Sunday Roots Jr.:

- **Parent Cue App and Take Home Card:** Every month, we experience a new theme that serves to teach us and guide us in God's Word. Once per month you will get a laminated placemat that goes right along with the theme for the month. Each week, your child will have an activity card they bring home. The best way to stay up on what is going on in Roots Jr. is to download the Parent Cue App from Google Play and the App Store. The devotions found in the App are the same devotions we send home with your children.
- **Age Requirement:** Children must turn 3 by August 31st, 2019 to attend the 3 year old classes.
- **3 Year Old Blessing:** We welcome your children into Sunday Roots Jr. with this special blessing event! Happening on September 15, 22, 29 during Sunday Roots, we will be holding parent/child classes for three weeks. During these three weeks, you will learn how to effectively train your child in the faith, how to be God's representative to your child, and prayerfully create your own blessing to pray over your child. These blessings will be prayed over them on October 6th at the 10:45am service in a special blessing event, where your child will receive a Jesus Storybook Bible.

3. Wednesday Roots Jr. [3-5 year olds]: 6-7:30 PM

Wednesday Roots Jr. is open to all families from Christ Lutheran and our surrounding community. Parents are encouraged and invited to serve on the Wednesday Roots Jr. team. We have volunteers serve in "up front" leader roles as well as "behind the scenes" roles.

Children must turn 3 by August 31st, 2019 to attend the 3 year old classes. This ministry is structured as a small group event, during which circle time and activity time are designed to root the children in Scripture. Also during Wednesday Roots Jr., the children participate in worship time.

4. Sunday Roots [Kindergarten-4th Grade]: 9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday Roots utilizes a large group/small group format. In large group, children learn the Scripture for the week through dramas, videos, worship, and lessons from the large group leader. Following large group time, the children travel down the hallway to their classrooms, where they meet in small groups with their grade level. During small group time, we emphasize building relationships between the shepherds and the students. In these settings, the small groups will participate in activities, crafts, memory work, and discussions that will help them to apply the Scripture to their lives.

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- ***Have your children bring their Bibles to class every week.***
- ***3rd Grade Bible Class:*** In this 3 week parent/child class, happening on September 25, October 2, and October 9, your child will receive his/her first word-for-word translation of the Bible. In these sessions, he/she will learn how the Bible is organized, how to look up verses, and the importance of understanding God's promise of salvation found in Jesus Christ. On Sunday, October 13 at the 10:45 service, there will be a special blessing event, where your child will be prayed over and blessed to continue in the knowledge of the Word.

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Wednesday Roots is geared to enhance the Sunday experience, but also stands on its own to teach the Bible stories with a monthly theme and weekly Life App (application), which drive the Gospel message deep into the lives of our children. The night consists of fun activities, games, crafts, and stories designed to help our children better understand God's love in Christ Jesus.

6. Vacation Bible School 2019

The dates for this coming **Vacation Bible School** are **June 15-19, 2020** from 9am-Noon

Key dates for VBS include:

- **VBS Kickoff:** April 5 during Sunday school. Come join us in kicking off our opportunity to bring our VBS to the community around us. Get key information about the upcoming VBS.
- **VBS Registration will open April 5**, and we will make a big outreach push at this point in time.
- **VBS Ministry Partner Training Event** – June 7
- **June 15th – 19th from 9am-noon:** Come join us in celebrating what Christ has done for us, and help teach children about that love.

7. Roots Kid 2 Kid Offerings

At every Roots Sunday and Wednesday meeting, we will collect an offering for Community 4 Kids. The funds from these offerings will go toward purchasing food items to go into our food packs, which will be packed on October 16th and March 25th. We will hold a challenge to see how many food packs we can provide throughout the year, which you will hear about starting on September 8th.

Community 4 Kids is a non-profit ministry to the hungry kids and families of the Blue Valley School District. Participating alongside this ministry allows our kids in Roots to realize they can make an impact for the Kingdom by giving an offering.

8. Christmas & Worship Events

- Roots Jr. will sing in worship:
 - October 6th at 10:45 worship
 - April 19th at 10:45 worship
- Roots will sing in worship:
 - October 27th at 10:45 worship
 - March 29th at 10:45 worship

This year our Roots Jr. Christmas Program will feature *Jesus Light of the World* by Bette Dale Moore.

- Roots Jr. Rehearsal: December 7th 9:30-10:30
- Roots Jr. Christmas celebration: December 8th 10:45 worship

This year our Roots Christmas Program will feature *Really, Really, Really Good News*.

- Roots rehearsals
 - October 12th from 10-11:30
 - November 2nd from 10-noon Actors Only
 - November 20th from 6-7:30

- November 30th from 10-12
- December 4th from 6-8
- December 7th from 10:30-12
- December 11th from 6-8
- December 14th from 10-12
- Roots Christmas Celebration: December 14th at the 5 PM worship service

9. Serve Together!

The Roots Ministry Team understands the importance of parents and children serving together, and seeks to provide parents with opportunities to get involved in service together. Below are the opportunities for parents to set the example of the life of Christian service:

- **February 2nd during Sunday School:** Sunday School Family Serve Day
 - Serve together at the REACH event during Sunday school, as we serve our community together!
- **Community 4 Kids Packing Events:** October 16th and March 25th during Wednesday Roots. During these events we need parents to help facilitate the food packing for Community 4 Kids
- **Operation Christmas Child:** November 16th, 10am-1pm at Christ Lutheran Church
- *If you are seeking opportunities to serve as a family, please contact us and we will help to set up opportunities with our mission partners in the metro area.*

10. Parent Cue App and Facebook

What happens at home is even more powerful than what happens here at Roots. The average Sunday school worker has 40 hours per year to influence their students in the faith, but the average parent has 3,000 hours! That is why we have made more efforts to get powerful tools in your hands, beginning with the Parent Cue App and Facebook group. Here is how it will work:

- Download the Parent Cue App on Google Play or the App Store and keep up to date with what your children are learning in Sunday/Wednesday Roots. There are fun activities for drive time, bed time, meal time, and other fun resources to keep your child's attention focused on God's love and promises they are experiencing each week.
- Facebook: Connect with our children's ministry Facebook page. Search for Roots Children's Ministries: Christ Lutheran Church on Facebook. Join our group and get constant updates on all the happenings and great articles about parenting.

11. Parents as Partners

We always welcome parent involvement in any Roots or Roots Jr. meeting. Please take the opportunity to participate in what your children do at Christ Lutheran. Your involvement in your child's faith walk is not just encouraged, it is vital to your child as seen in Deuteronomy 6:4-7.

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.^[a] ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

We have a few ways parents can get involved listed below:

- **Always looking for Ministry Partners!** Please consider offering your time and talents to either Sundays or Wednesdays. We always welcome new people into our community of shepherds, large group storytellers, tech people, hosts, and supply team members.
- **Participate in your child's faith at home!** See the Parent Cue App and Facebook section for more information, and pay attention to the Parent Cue cards that they bring home each week. Finally, always pray for opportunities to arise that will allow for you to guide your children in the faith. He is faithful to bring these opportunities, and we see this especially when we are tuned to what the Holy Spirit is doing in our children's lives.

12. Communication

We strive to make it provide the information you need to work with your children at home, and to get them involved at Christ Lutheran. We will be sending regular updates via the following modes of communication:

- Website: www.clcop.org
- Email: katie.morgan@clcop.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/christlutheranroots Be a friend of the page!
- App on Android and IOS: Search CLCYM in App Store for free Memory App!
- Parent Cue App
- Newsletter: If you don't receive the newsletter via email, call the church office at 913-345-9700.

13. Drop off/Pick up Procedures and Other Safety Items

At Roots and Roots Jr. we will only allow a child to leave with an authorized adult who has a matching security code. We will not allow siblings to pick up the students, as that can create some confusion. Following are the drop off/pick up procedures for Sundays and Wednesdays:

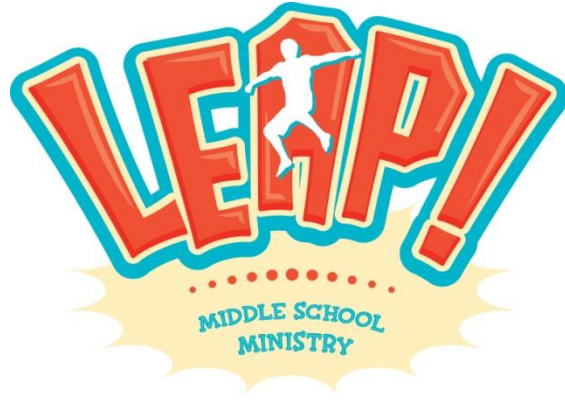
- Check your child in at one of the check in computer stations. Your child will receive a nametag. Parents will receive a stub with a security code that must be matched to your child's nametag at pickup.
- Sunday Roots Jr. - Please drop off and pick up your children in the following classrooms:
 - 3, 4, 5 Year Olds - Room 106
- Sunday Roots - Please drop off at the Auditorium and pick up your children in the following classrooms:
 - K/1st Grade - Room 109
 - 2nd/3rd Grade - Room 107
 - 2nd/3rd Grade - Room 108
 - 4th Grade - Room 110
- Wednesday Roots Jr. - Please drop off and pick up your children in the following classrooms:
 - 3-5 Year Olds - 106
- Wednesday Roots (K-4th) - Please drop off in 103 and pick up your children in the Auditorium.

Other Safety Items – Youth Protection, Allergies, and CPR Certification

- **Youth Protection Policy** - All ministry partners will be trained in our Youth Protection Policy, and will undergo a background check to ensure the environment is safe for our children. Please visit www.clcop.org/Youth and look for the box with Additional Resources for a copy of our Youth Protection Policy.
- **Allergies** – We work to ensure that our environment is safe for those with life-threatening allergies. Consequently, we only use snacks from a list of items that are peanut and tree nut free. If there are any other allergies we need to be aware of, please let us know so we can accommodate any and all families in our ministries.
- **CPR Certification** – We ensure that there is always a CPR Certified person nearby in case of emergency. If there are special needs or circumstances that we need to be aware of, please contact Katie Morgan and we will make sure to accommodate that need.

Middle School Ministry

5th - 7th Grade



1. Sunday Morning Classes
2. Wednesday Night Small Groups
3. Sunday School Offerings
4. Scripture Memory
5. Middle School Praise Time
6. Social Events
7. Lock-ins and Retreats
8. First Communion (5th Grade)
9. VBS
10. Other Safety Items

1. Sunday Morning Classes

Sunday classes begin September 8th. Classes meet from 9:30-10:30 AM. Bring your Bible, pen and a notebook! Students will learn what we believe, teach and confess as Lutherans based on the teachings of Martin Luther as found in Luther's Small Catechism. Class will include time in the Word, prayer, and time for fun as well!

- There will be NO Sunday Classes on the following dates:
 - November 28th: Thanksgiving
 - December 15th – January 4th: Christmas Break
 - March 15th: Spring Break
 - April 12st: Easter

2. Wednesday Night Small Groups

Small groups begin Wednesday, September 4th from 6:00-7:30 PM.

5th-7th grade small groups meet at church in the auditorium at 6:00 PM, and then meet with their small group from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Wednesday night classes are structured to reinforce what was taught the previous Sunday. Students will need to bring their Bibles, a pen, and notebook. They will apply what they learn to real-life situations and address the overall question, "Now what?" Youth will be engaged with their small group allowing them time to build relationships with one another and discuss how to apply Biblical truth in practical ways to their lives.

If your student will be absent, it is your responsibility to contact their small group leader to

review the information missed.

- There will be NO Wednesday night classes on the following dates:
 - November 27th – January 1st
 - February 26th – Ash Wednesday
 - March 18th – Spring Break
 - April 8th– Holy Week
 - No classes in the month of May

3. Sunday School Offerings

At every LEAP Sunday and Wednesday meeting, we will collect an offering for Community 4 Kids. The funds from these offerings will go toward purchasing food items to go into our food packs, which will be packed on October 16th and March 25th. We will hold a challenge to see how many food pack we can provide throughout the year, which you will hear about starting on September 8th.

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4. Scripture Memory

It is important for our youth to have God's Word in their hearts since they will be making many decisions and will be faced with peer pressure and temptation. God's Word will help direct them and battle the enemy! Scripture and Catechism memory suggestions are listed below for your youth to memorize. Each year the memory verses build upon what your youth has already memorized.

It is up to you and your youth to make sure they are on target with their memorization and understanding of the scriptures. Memorization of these scriptures during 5th - 7th grade years will help with the confirmation test taken 8th grade year. Memory work can also be found by searching CLCYM on the app store. This free app is available for both Android and IOS Devices.

5th & 6th Grade 2019-2020 Memory:

Due Dates

Hebrews 10:24-25

September 4

Ephesians 4:32

September 8 & 11

Proverbs 3:5-6

September 15 & 18

James 1:22

September 22 & 25

4 th Commandment & Meaning	September 29 & October 2
8 th Commandment & Meaning	October 6 & October 9
James 1:22 & Off-Site Night & Community 4 Kids	October 13 & October 16
9 th & 10 th Commandments & Meaning	October 20 & October 23
1 Corinthians 10:13	October 27 & October 30
Psalms 119:105	November 3 & November 6
1 John 1:3	November 10 & November 13
Luke 11:9 & Service Night	November 17 & November 20
No Memory	November 24 & December 1
Philippians 4:13	January 5 & 8
4 th Commandment & Meaning	January 12 & 15
Ephesians 2:8-9	January 19 & 22
6 th Commandment & Meaning	January 26 & 29
REACH Event & 1 st Commandment	February 2 & 5
John 14:6	February 9 & 12
The Lord's Prayer	February 16 & 19
1 st Commandment & Meaning & Ash Wednesday	February 23 & 26
7 th Commandment & Meaning	March 1 & 4
2 nd Commandment & Meaning	March 8 & 11
March 18 & 22 – No Memory – Spring Break	
Romans 1:16	March 22
Community 4 Kids & Off-site Night	March 25
Romans 10:9-10	March 29 & April 1

The Apostle's Creed	April 5
Holy Week & Easter	April 8 & April 12
1 Corinthians 6:19-20	April 15
Luke 6:31	April 19
The Apostle's Creed	April 22
1 Corinthians 6:19-20	April 26
Luke 11:9	April 29
3 rd Commandment & Meaning	May 3
7 th Commandment & Meaning	May 10
Review Game	May 17

7th Grade 2019-2020 Memory:

4 th Commandment & Meaning
1 st Commandment & Meaning
6 th Commandment & Meaning
Luke 11:9
7 th Commandment & Meaning
Proverbs 3:5-6
Community 4 Kids & Off-Site Night
6 th Commandment/Meanings
1 Corinthians 10:13
9 th /10 th Commandments/Meanings
John 14:6
Psalms 119:105
NO CLASS: Thanksgiving
NO MEMORY
Ephesians 2:8-9

Due Dates

September 8 & 11
September 15 & 18
September 22 & 25
September 29 & October 2
October 6 & 9
October 13 & October 23
October 16
October 20 & 30
October 27 & November 6
November 3 & November 13
November 10
November 17
November 24
December 1 – December 31
January 5 & 8

1 Corinthians 6:19-20	January 12 & 15
Proverbs 3:5-6	January 19 & 22
Romans 1:16	January 26 & 29
REACH Event: Family Serve Day-No Memory	February 2
Ephesians 4:32	February 5
Luke 6:31	February 9 & 12
Romans 10:9-10	February 16 & 19
Ash Wednesday	February 26
Romans 3:23	March 1 & 4
James 1:22	March 8 & 11
NO CLASS: Spring Break	March 15 & 18
Proverbs 13:20	March 22
Community 4 Kids & Off-Site Night	March 25
Apostle's Creed	March 29 & April 1
2 Corinthians 5:17	April 5 & 15
Holy Week & Easter	April 8 & 12
Psalms 119:105	April 19 & 22
Romans 10:9-10	April 26
May: No Memory	

5. Middle School Praise Time

We will worship God by praising Him and singing memory verses, praise songs, and music videos. Together, students and I will pray and discuss lyrics and Bible verses and its relevance to our daily lives.

6. Social Nights – (BARF Night – Bring A Real Friend)

A series of social events will be held throughout the year, allowing kids to get together for fun, games, and (most important) FOOD! Kids are encouraged to bring their friends to these events.

- August 23rd – On-site: Outdoor Game Night from 6:00-8:00 PM

For other social activities, please see the LEAP Middle School Ministry Calendar.

Note: To participate in off-site activities, a Liability Waiver and Medical Consent Form must be filed at the church office. Forms can be downloaded from the church website www.clcop.org -- click on the Children and Youth tab or contact the church office for details, at 913- 754-5843.

7. Lock-ins and Retreats

The lock-in will help develop relationships between your kids and their brothers and sisters at Christ Lutheran Church. This event will be restricted to CLC members only, but there will be other opportunities for your children to bring friends to Christ Lutheran (see Social Events).

- Lock-in Dates:
 - 5th-7th Grade Lock In: February 16th - 17th
- 6th & 7th Grade Father/Son Retreat and Mother/Daughter Retreat: January 17th – 18th

During this off-site event, parent and child will learn about God's special gift of purity and how they can apply a biblical perspective to their daily lives. Throughout this retreat, the parents will get special moments with their child to discuss the benefits of a God-centered lifestyle.

- YouthFront Camp: Edgerton, KS – TBA

5th-7th grade students are invited to attend to a week-long Christian camp in Edgerton, KS. Signups will begin in December for the camp that will be in June or July 2020. For specific information, please contact Korey Danley.

8. First Communion (5th Grade)

Preparation classes for First Communion will be held March 4th, 11th and 25th for all 5th graders, as well as students in 6th and 7th grade who have not previously attended. Parents are expected to attend with their children. The students' First Communion will be conducted during the Maundy Thursday service, April 9th, at 7:30 pm. A Seder Meal for students and their immediate family will be held that same evening at 5:45 pm.

9. Vacation Bible School 2019

Vacation Bible School is June 15th-19th from 9am-Noon. The 5th through 7th grade serve the community during VBS week. Places that may be visited are Rows for the Hungry, Harvesters, Blessings Abound, CLC homebound and other locations where we can show the love of Christ.

10. Other Safety Items – Youth Protection, Allergies, and CPR Certification

- **Check In Stations** – All youth must check in via one of the check in stations located near the main entrance and near the school entrance.
- **Youth Protection Policy** - All ministry partners will be trained in our Youth Protection Policy, and will undergo a background check to ensure the environment is safe for our children. Please visit www.clcop.org/Youth and look for the box with Additional Resources for a copy of our Youth Protection Policy.
- **Allergies** – We work to ensure that our environment is safe for those with life-threatening allergies. If there are any other allergies we need to be aware of, please let us know so we can accommodate any and all families in our ministries.
- **CPR Certification** – We ensure that there is always a CPR Certified person nearby in case of emergency. If there are special needs or circumstances that we need to be aware of, please contact Michelle Laytham and we will make sure to accommodate that need.

CLYM

Christ Lutheran Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade)



We strive to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ in our homes, our schools, and our neighborhoods.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Sunday Mornings 9:30-10:30 AM

9th-12th grades meet in the Room 145. We start with food, then a high-energy activity, and then breakout into small groups to examine God's word and its relevance in our lives today. The 8th graders will meet in the Library in the fall and with the 9th-12th graders in the youth room in the spring.

Small Group Opportunities – beginning Fall 2019

Please contact the small group leaders for current dates and times.

- **8th grade:** Wednesday 6:15-7:45 PM - Meet in Mentor Couples' home.
- **Freshman and Sophomore Girls** – David & Gretchen Haugh (gretchenaha@sbcglobal.net)
- **Freshman and Sophomore Guys** – Kim & Jason Jones (insy588@gmail.com), Shawn & Karen Heller, Marc & Traci Richardson, and Josh & Tama Veltri
- **Junior Girls** – Tina Crawford (tdcrawford8@gmail.com)
- **Junior Guys** – Steven Flanery (sflanery86@gmail.com)
- **Seniors** – Korey Danley (korey.danley@clcop.org)

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Confirmation at Christ Lutheran (8th Grade)

The confirmation program for 8th-grade students has three objectives:

1. Foster an individual, relevant relationship between the student and Jesus Christ that he or she can profess and begin modeling in daily life.
2. Ensure that students understand the teachings and beliefs of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.
3. Transition the 8th-grade student into the High School program and beyond.

- **Fall Schedule:**

- **Confirmation Classes and Test:** Confirmation classes are held on Sunday mornings in during the fall semester in the Library from 9:30-10:30 am. Korey Danley and staff teach the class, which focuses on Lutheran doctrine. Students should bring a bible, notebook, and pencil to take notes. Students will be required to score 85% or higher on a written test held in December. A retest will be given for all students who do not achieve 85% on the test. In the spring, 8th graders move into the high school class on Sunday mornings.
- **Small groups at Mentor Couple homes, Wednesdays, 6:15-7:45 pm.** Students meet in small group (6-8 kids) in the homes of adult Mentor Couples to apply what they learned on Sunday mornings in real-life situations. Every year, students look back on their experiences with Mentor Couples as a highlight of the Confirmation program. In spring, 8th graders will join together at church on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 for a bible-based DVD session and group discussion.

- **Spring Schedule:**

- **Sunday Morning Small Groups:** Youth Room 9:30-10:30 AM
- **Wednesday Evening 8th Grade Study:** Youth Room 6-7:30 PM

- **Confirmation:**

- **“What Jesus Means to Me” speeches and Rite of Confirmation:** All students will be required to make a public declaration of their faith and lifelong pledge to follow Jesus Christ during a Saturday night service. Students will then affirm their baptism through confirmation that same evening. The speeches and Rite of Confirmation happen Saturday May 2nd.

- **Memory Work to be completed by 8th grade:**

Salvation	John 14:6
Answered Prayer	Luke 11:9
Assurance of Victory	1 Cor. 10:13
Forgiveness	Ephesians 4:32
Guidance	Proverbs 3:5-6
Christ the Center	2 Corinthians 5:17
Obedience	James 1:22
The Word	Psalm 119:105
Power	Philippians 4:13
Holiness	1 Cor. 6:19-20
Witnessing	Romans 1:16
All Have Sinned	Romans 3:23
Golden Rule	Luke 6:31
Friendships	Proverbs 13:20
Salvation Not by Works	Ephesians 2:8-9
Must Receive Christ	Romans 10:9-10
Encouragement	Hebrews 10:24-25
Lord's Prayer	
The Apostle's Creed/Meanings	
Ten Commandments/Meanings	

Students who attended 5th-grade Communion Classes at Christ Lutheran received a copy of Luther's Catechism. This is a key component of the confirmation program. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the Korey Danley.

- **Contact us:** If you have any questions about the confirmation program, or need help determining if it's right for your youth, please contact Korey Danley at 913-912-0356, korey.danley@clcop.org

Social events and lock-ins: All 8th-grade students are eligible to attend CLYM social functions beginning in September 2019. See calendar for details.