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Dear Parents,

We're starting catechism instruction on **Wednesday, September 8th**. This is a chance for us to gather around God's Word and learn the unchanging truths that lead to a full life here and eternal life in heaven.

Classes will meet every Wednesday with very few exceptions. We will meet from **3:30pm to 5:00pm**. Confirmation Day is scheduled for May 15, 2022. A calendar of classes will be handed out on the first day. The calendar will include the test days, confirmation day, and any weeks that we will not meet.

We have students from at least three different school districts, so when there are school breaks or no school for one of the districts, we will not meet for class that day. I'll keep you up to date as the year progresses. We will not meet on November 24 (Thanksgiving) or December 29 (Christmas).

Contact Information

Please provide me with your preferred method of contact, whether that's a phone call, text, email, or something else. Communication is crucial to a successful year. Also, we start confirmation classes in the 6th grade. If your child is not starting 6th grade this year, please let us know!

Note about COVID-19

The most recent (August 5, 2021) guidelines from the CDC ¹for educational meetings are:

- Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.
- Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- In addition to universal indoor masking, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk.
- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.

We want to keep everybody safe. Currently CDC recommends masks indoors. I will have extra masks on hand for those who want them. If necessary, we will stream the class and connect through Google Meet the way we did last year. I highly recommend coming to the class personally. Feel free to mail, email, text, or call.

Parent Involvement

Parents are invited and are always welcome to attend classes with your children. Please

1. review and discuss the Biblical topics we cover with your children,

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

2. help them memorize God's Word and
3. talk about God's will with them at home.

Your participation in Catechism has many benefits for you and your children:

1. You will encourage them and show them by personal example the importance of learning God's Word.
2. You will become more involved in their spiritual training.
3. You will be more aware of the work required and to be more able to help them learn.
4. You will be strengthened in your own faith and knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and be better equipped to serve your Lord.

The materials for quizzes and memorization will be provided on the church website:

<https://trinitymarinette.com/resources/> (scroll down until you see Catechism).

Worship

Worship attendance is critical for the health and strength of our faith. God tells us to be faithful in worship and in studying the Scriptures. We will be tracking attendance for church and it will be a part of their Catechism grade. The more often you can worship with your children, the better it will be for them and for your family. There is nothing more important than God and His Word. Your worship, study and prayer will provide excellent opportunities to deal with topics of morality and life choices that you and your child need to discuss together. They also provide a great chance to study God's Word together and to show your children just how important God's Word is to us. Attending one of our virtual services is considered worship attendance.

An Important Note about Church Attendance – Send Notes!

I understand that some children don't have the ability to attend worship services without the assistance of their parents, so the choice to attend worship isn't always theirs. If your child cannot attend worship during a given week, please send a note along with your child explaining why they were not able to attend. If they bring a note, their grade will not be affected by their absence. If coming to worship is going to be significant challenge for your family, please call me. Thank you.

Materials

We will use the EHV Catechism from NPH. If you do not have one, you can either purchase one at church (just talk with Pastor) or I will have copies available to purchase at class. The catechism is a great place to look up faith and Bible based questions long after confirmation.

The things that your child will need to bring to class next week are:

1. A Bible (EHV). **If your child does not have an EHV Bible to use for catechism, you can purchase one from me for \$25.00.**
2. Luther's Small Catechism (EHV). **\$20.00.**
3. A pen or pencil for notes, assignments, quizzes and tests.

If you have any questions, problems or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone, email or even in person. Let me know if there are any problems that your children have and I will work with you to address them.

I'm looking forward to our classes together.

In His service,
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