

Expectations

Class Attendance—Participants are to be present for every scheduled session, prepared to listen, learn, and question. Excused absences can be communicated to Pastor Tobi at 402-483-4126 or lincolnpastor.oslc@gmail.com. Excessive absences will mean repeating the class.

Homework Assignments—Participants are expected to complete assignments alongside the family. The assignments typically include a short video, Bible reading, and discussion questions, accessible on our website. Students are asked to complete online responses and submit.

Worship Attendance—Participants are expected to attend regular weekend and special Midweek worship services.

Sermon Notes—Students are asked to complete 10 sermon/worship notes. An Excel tracking sheet can be accessed on the Catechism page of our website.

Sunday School Attendance—Students are expected to attend Sunday School regularly. Unexcused absences of more than 25% of classes will result in additional outside work.

Class Materials—Students will bring their BIBLE, a PEN/PENCIL, and their SMALL CATECHISM to class **every session**.

Confirmation Camp— 6th-8th Grade students **ARE REQUIRED** to attend confirmation camp at Carol Joy Holling at least once during their Catechism studies. This is an important and valuable time of growth, and it is an instrumental part of the curriculum. (OSLC commits to covering half the cost of each student camper. Students will not be left out due to finances.) Unexcused absence will result in family repaying the congregation the amount already contributed.

101 Curriculum



The curriculum, “Co-Lab-Orate,” is published by Augsburg Fortress and Sparkhouse Publishing.

Over the course of 4 years, OSLC will offer classes on various aspects of the Christian faith, including:

- Lutheran History and Catechism
- Lutheran Living/Lutheran Theology
- Old Testament
- New Testament

This curriculum is designed as ‘problem-based learning.’ It does not present the information and knowledge which participants need to learn. Instead, it offers the challenges and questions present in our history and in our Scriptures and creates space for all participants to ponder how to address those questions. Faith is not about answers but about living with questions and recognizing that God’s answers are dynamic, not static.

2023-2024

Catechism 101

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m.



“Lutheran History & Catechism”

5th-8th Grade & Home Adults

Our Saviour’s

Lutheran Church

Schedule, Reminders, & Info

**I'M IMPORTANT!
PUT ME ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!!!**

Overview of Schedule

Special dates to remember*:

September 6—Orientation for ALL students and parents

October 29—Affirmation service, Sunday morning worship

November 22—OFF for Thanksgiving

December 27 —OFF for Christmas Break

February 14—OFF for Ash Wednesday

March 27—OFF for Holy Week

May 15—Closing Celebration

**Details subject to change as year progresses.*

Advent & Lent

Students are expected to attend/participate in midweek services.

Advent Services—Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 19

Lent—Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20

Weekly Schedule

Beginning during COVID year, we implemented a series of study that included one week of lecture, one week for students to do family homework, and one week of small groups. The tentative schedule outlines these dates. Please keep it handy, as it may feel confusing at times.

Adult Participation

Adults are the MOST influential factor in the faith life of a student. Adults are expected to model what they hope to see—regular worship attendance, participation in study groups, participation on worship support teams, and assistance with Catechism and other education activities.

5th-8th Grade students are *required* to bring 'home' with them. 'Home' is any adult that is part of their faith formation process—parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, faith companion, etc. Home Adults are expected to attend each session with their student in order to facilitate greater conversations beyond our time together.

Worship and Support

Catechism students and their families are asked to participate in Worship Support (ushers, communion assistants, etc.). To sign up for a weekend, use the links on our website at www.osllincoln.org or sign up as the clipboard is passed during worship.

Stepping Stones

One of our Stepping Stones of Faith is the Commissioning & Affirmation of Faith (previously known as 'Confirmation'). Younger catechism students are asked to participate in order to bless their classmates. High School students are asked to participate in order to formally welcome these students into their peer ministry. Parents, Baptismal Sponsors, and Faith Companions will re-affirm their commitment to the students, and the students will be reminded of God's promise to them and their place in the Body of Christ.

Faith Companions*

During students' 7th grade year, each student will be paired with an adult from the congregation to serve as their faith companion through their Middle School and High School years. These companions will walk the journey of faith together, serving the community, learning about God's work, and asking the hard questions. They will pray together and often worship together—discovering God's presence in a variety of places.

**Specific requirements regarding faith companions, boundaries, and safety are available and will be discussed during orientation.*