

Calvary Lutheran Church Youth Education



Equipped to go...

LOVE, SERVE and BE
the people of God

Handbook & Class Calendars 2018-19

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Learning Goals

1. Help All Ages To Become Better Disciples Of Christ:

In baptism all are called by God to BE disciples (students). This goal is that the congregation assists the baptized to know that they are loved unconditionally by God and, as adopted children of God, continue on life's journey to become better disciples (children) of God; born again every day as they "remember their baptism" and "grow in Grace".

2. Teach The Building Blocks Of Discipleship:

Because God's self-revelation is in the Bible, a starting point for increased discipleship is that all baptized get to know the Bible: stories about God's relationship with all creation and the stories about Jesus' Life, Suffering, Death and Resurrection. This goal thus stresses additional, Biblical teachings such as the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the whole meaning of God's Revelation so that all may know what God expects of them as faithful disciples.

3. To Know Who Jesus Is:

God is best known to us in Jesus and we are called to be disciples of Jesus. Through stories and personal witnessing, our goal is to help the baptized understand who Jesus is (God in human form and life) and what Jesus has done (saved us from our sin and given us eternal life) and what Jesus expects of us (to follow His examples). The goal is to lead the baptized into a personal relationship with Jesus as Lord.

4. To Learn The Meaning And Purpose Of The Church:

This goal is to assist the baptized in an appreciation of Christ's Church as God's family on earth – from its beginning with the first disciples (the Book of Acts) through its history and the formation of sub-families (Denominations), including the Lutheran emphasis. In the latter case, this will include Luther's Life and the history of the Lutheran Church in the United States down to our own Congregation, Synod, and ELCA; plus our present relationship with Christians throughout the world.

5. To Learn What It Means To Be A Christian:

With the use of Luther's Small Catechism, the baptized will be helped to compare Luther's application of the Gospel to their own life in this time and place. Emphasis will be placed upon the Creeds and the Sacraments as starting points for living out Christian values expressed in the Ten Commandments and the Life of Jesus. This goal seeks to establish loving relationships among all baptized; creating Christian community and opportunities for Christian service within and outside the Church.

6. Help All To Celebrate Their Christian Faith:

While relationships and service are essential elements of faith, there is also need to rejoice in what God has given us. This goal helps the baptized in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to find the joy that God gives us. Whatever can help us in that should be used to assist all in both personal and corporate worship of God. Such items as "liturgy", Church year, music, etc. will be presented as items to increase Celebration and also as a means for personal witnessing and service.

7. Provide an Integrated Christian Learning System:

This system incorporates and integrates the following elements:

Worship
Outreach
Learning
Fellowship.

The **WOLF** system is based on ritual (**W**orship) and offers opportunity to practice (**O**utreach) and study (**L**earning) one's faith in a relationally-based environment (**F**ellowship).

Building relationships is at the heart and center of this system. Faith transformation and faith formation happens in relationships between the student and an impact person (guide, mentor, teacher, pastor, sponsor, etc.) Jesus discipled the twelve, the twelve discipled twelve more and soon there were disciples all over the world. Faith is passed on from one person to another. These impact relationships transform!

Components of the program _____

In baptism we promised...

...to faithfully bring this child to the services of God's house, and teach him or her The Lord's Prayer, The Creed, and The Ten Commandments. As the child grows in years, you should place in his or her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the Church, the child may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

The foundations of faith are taught through the learning continuum. The following is a plan made by the Learning Committee to do what we promised to do at baptism:

PRESCHOOL – 5th GRADE – Children will learn about Jesus, the Bible, Holy Communion, and Acolyting.

6th- 7th GRADE - Our mission for **Pre-Confirmation** students is to provide a foundational understanding of our faith and teach 6th & 7th graders how they can live out their faith daily. Our new curriculum, *The Echo Story*, provides imaginative ways for youth to engage in the Bible using storytelling, DVD/Video, games, creative reflection, and group discussion.

8th- 9th GRADE - The **Confirmation** program is a blend of fellowship with a "back to basics" approach to Christian education. Students have fun, form friendships and learn at the same time. Learning, service and fellowship are the three branches for the faith journey. This includes a rotation of lesson nights, service and mission nights, and fellowship nights. Learning nights begin with an introductory Pastor-led instruction with the large group followed by a small group setting. Our new curriculum, *Here We Stand* offers students the opportunity to learn God's word in both large and small group settings and make life applications.

10th- 12th GRADE – High School Youth grows as a Christian family through gatherings on Wednesday evenings, fellowships, summer youth trips, ski trips, mission work and many leadership opportunities.

Components of the program _____

CURRICULUM

Calvary Lutheran Church has chosen to be an enrichment center for youth and family. Hence, one of the desires is to develop innovative Christian programming that addresses the needs of today's youth and families. Each year, those needs are carefully reviewed and curriculum is adjusted as needed.

VOLUNTEERS

Calvary Lutheran utilizes congregationally-based ministry throughout all aspects of our programs. The education offerings depend solely on the participation of parents, grandparents and other volunteers that share their time and talents with our youth. Volunteers are fully supported by the staff at Calvary. **Your involvement in the Christian development of our children is necessary and important.** Faith is passed from generation to generation and Christian tradition and scripture teaches us that family is the "cradle of faith". It is our Congregation's desire to foster, encourage and support parents to pass on the faith. We strive for a goal of 100% parental participation in the call to teach and pass on the faith in our Christian Education Program. Please consider volunteering as a teacher, a guide, a mentor, or for a special event or summer activity!

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Calvary Lutheran Church values the safety of children in our care, the people whom we serve and our employees and volunteers. We want to take prudent measures to try to protect people from potential harm. Therefore, the Church has implemented a policy on background checks for our pastors, staff and any volunteers who have regular contact with children or other vulnerable persons.

SUPPLY ROOM

We work hard to keep the supply room current and up to date. Periodically we ask for donations of supplies or money to purchase supplies. Please help us out by putting things away and be being good stewards of our supplies. The Supply Room is located on the first floor at the southwest corner of the building.

Church Rules & Expectations

BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE

Inappropriate and unruly behavior of any kind is not tolerated at Calvary Lutheran Church. Any discipline problems will be handled directly between the teacher/Calvary staff member and the student and subsequently their parent(s)/guardian if necessary.

At Calvary we...

- do not use cell phones in class or worship
- walk
- speak softly
- respect property
- treat others kindly

**Treat God's House
better than your
own house!**



Parents are responsible for their children during the Wednesday School sessions. Please be prompt when picking up your children. All teachers are parents too, and need to attend to their children as well!

Education Mission Projects

Kids Against Hunger

Kids Against Hunger packing event is scheduled for **JANUARY 30** during regular class times. Just 25-cents pays for a meal.

Kids Against Hunger is a volunteer-driven effort to package and distribute food in communities worldwide where hunger and starvation are rampant. Our packing event gives students an opportunity to contribute "hands-on" in feeding the world.



Volunteers package a highly nutritious rice-soy casserole fortified with 21 essential vitamins and 9 minerals, dehydrated vegetables and chicken flavoring. This protein and nutrient-rich formula reverses the starvation process and improves physical health as well as a child's mental capacity to learn.

Kids Against hunger volunteer teams have packaged and delivered tens of millions of meals to children in over 60 countries through feeding programs, orphanages, schools, clinics and local food pantries.

Wednesday School

Preschool (3 years) – 5th Grade

Session 1 5:00 – 5:45 pm Session 2 5:45 – 6:30 pm

This program includes music, Augsburg-Spark curriculum designed to activate faith, the mission project, Christian learning continuum and library time. **To access curriculum:** www.sparksundayschool.org

Email: sonia@calvaryrapidcity.org

Password: spark2010

Library tab – spark classroom -

orange/fall/winter/spring

select a story and grade or age

Sept 12	Creation	Jan 2	NO CLASS
Sept 19	Noah	Jan 9	Wise Men
Sept 26	The Red Sea	Jan 16	Jesus' Baptism
Oct 3	10 Commandments	Jan 23	The Disciples
Oct 10	Battle of Jericho	Jan 30	Kids Against Hunger
Oct 17	David and Goliath	Feb 6	The Lord's Prayer
Oct 24	TRUNK OR TREAT	Feb 13	Woman at the Well
Oct 31	NO CLASS	Feb 20	A Storm
Nov 7	Elijah & the Widow	Feb 27	Jesus Blessed Children
Nov 14	Jonah & the Big Fish	Mar 6	Ash Wed Lesson
Nov 21	NO CLASS	Mar 13	Jesus Heals Blind Man
Nov 28	Advent Lesson	Mar 20	The Sower
Dec 5	Child Called Immanuel	Mar 27	The Wedding Banquet
Dec 12	Angels Visit	Apr 3	Jesus Feeds 5,000
Dec 19	Jesus is Born	Apr 10	Easter Stations
Dec 26	NO CLASS		

Music Events:

3rd, 4th, 5th Grades SING

OCT 17 & FEB 13

6:30 pm worship

PRE-2nd Grades SING

NOV 7 & FEB 20

6:30 pm worship

LIVE NATIVITY SERVICE

DEC 19

All children sing

All CHILDREN SING

DEC 19 & APR 10

6:30 pm worship

Milestones

Milestones are special recognitions for each of our grade levels. This is done during the Wednesday evening Worship unless otherwise noted.

September 12	Kindergarten	Backpack Blessing
September 19	9 th Grade	Starting High School
September 26	3 rd Grade	Bibles
October 3	6 th Grade	Image of God
November 7	2 nd Grade	The Lord's Prayer
November 18*	0-2 year olds	Baptism
January 9	1 st Grade	Favors for Neighbors
January 23	4 th Grade	Passing on the Faith
January 30	7 th Grade	Serving Others
March 20	3-5 year olds	Jesus Loves You
March 27	5 th Grade	Holy Communion
April 3	8 th Grade	Faith Project
May 19*	HS Graduates	Go with God
June *	Peer Ministers	Leadership
July *	HS Trip Participants	Discovery & Growth

*Sundays @10:15/9:30 am Worship

Pre-Confirmation

6th Grade 5:00 – 5:45 pm

7th Grade 5:45 – 6:30 pm

Sept 12	Ice Cream Social	Jan 2	NO CLASS
Sept 19	A Real BFF	Jan 9	Jacob & Esau
Sept 26	A Real BFF	Jan 16	Internet Safety
Oct 3	6 th Milestone/7 th A Real BFF	Jan 23	Joseph
Oct 10	Suicide Awareness/Prev.	Jan 30	Kids Against Hunger
Oct 17	Suicide Awareness/Prev.	Feb 6	Exodus
Oct 24	TRUNK OR TREAT	Feb 13	Commands
Oct 31	NO CLASS	Feb 20	Wandering
Nov 7	Creation	Feb 27	Promised Land
Nov 14	Rebellion	Mar 6	Judges
Nov 21	NO CLASS	Mar 13	Ruth
Nov 28	Flood	Mar 20	Review
Dec 5	Promise	Mar 27	Service Project
Dec 12	Review	Apr 3	Wrap-up/End of Year
Dec 19	Christmas Party	Apr 10	Easter Stations
Dec 26	NO CLASS		

Confirmation

WHO? 8th & 9th Grades
WHEN? Wednesday 6:30 – 8:15 pm

(Attendance at 6:30 worship is required)

Sept 12	Ice Cream Social	Jan 2	NO CLASS
Sept 19	Lesson 1	Jan 9	Lesson 10
Sept 26	Lesson 2	Jan 16	Internet Safety
Oct 3	Lesson 3	Jan 23	8 th Mission/9 th Parents
Oct 10	Lesson 4	Jan 30	Kids Against Hunger
Oct 17	Lesson 5	Feb 6	Fellowship Night
Oct 24	TRUNK OR TREAT	Feb 13	Lesson 11
Oct 31	NO CLASS	Feb 20	Lesson 12
Nov 7	Lesson 6	Feb 27	Lesson 13
Nov 14	Lesson 7	Mar 6	Lesson 14
Nov 21	NO CLASS	Mar 13	Faith Project/Statements
Nov 28	Lesson 8	Mar 20	Faith Project/Statements
Dec 5	Lesson 9	Mar 27	Faith Project/Statements
Dec 12	Service Projects	Apr 3	Faith Project Night
Dec 19	Christmas Party	Apr 10	8 th Scav. Hunt/9 th FS Due
Dec 26	NO CLASS	Apr 17	8 th Grade Lock-In

The confirmation program is a blend of fellowship with a “back to basics” approach to Christian education. Kids have fun, form friendships and learn at the same time. Learning, service and fellowship are the three branches for the faith journey, with learning nights in a small group setting.

Special Events:

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

September 22-23

Outlaw Ranch

9th GRADE PARENTS MEETING

January 23

9th GRADE BANQUET

Photos & Rehearsal
 Wednesday, April 24

Calvary Lutheran

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28
 10:15 am worship service

High School Youth

WHO? 10th - 12th Grades
WHEN? Wednesday 7:10 – 8:30 pm

HS Youth Room/Various Venues

Sept 12	Ice Cream Social	Jan 2	NO CLASS
Sept 19	<i>Soul Pancake</i>	Jan 9	Go Deep On Demand
Sept 26	<i>I Am Second</i>	Jan 16	<i>I Am Second</i>
Oct 3	No Limits	Jan 23	<i>Soul Pancake</i>
Oct 10	Go Deep On Demand	Jan 30	KIDS AGAINST HUNGER
Oct 17	Norms & NOOMA	Feb 6	Go Deep On Demand
Oct 24	TRUNK or TREAT	Feb 13	Music with a Message
Oct 31	NO CLASS	Feb 20	Names on the Cross
Nov 7	NOOMA November	Feb 27	<i>I Am Second</i>
Nov 14	NOOMA November	Mar 6	Go Deep On Demand
Nov 21	NO CLASS	Mar 13	Meditation Night
Nov 28	NOOMA November	Mar 20	No Limits Night
Dec 5	<i>I Am Second</i>	Mar 27	<i>I Am Second</i>
Dec 12	<i>Soul Pancake</i>	Apr 3	Go Deep On Demand
Dec 19	Christmas Party	Apr 10	<i>Soul Pancake</i>
Dec 26	NO CLASS		

Schedule subject to change; check Facebook and the Calvary web site!

Special Events:

WINTER SKI TRIP Big Sky, MT

January 18-21, 2019

HS YOUTH-LED WORSHIP

February 23, 24, 27

ADVENTURE TRIP

Dates TBD

Flathead Lake, MT



Summer Programs/Camps/Trips _____

At Calvary...

DAY CAMP (K - 5th Grade)

For completed K -5th Graders at the church. The program is run by Outlaw Ranch staff counselors. Volunteer opportunities: food and accommodations for Outlaw Ranch staff.

Around South Dakota with LO...

Register directly with Lutherans Outdoors, (800) 888-1464 or www.losd.org

OUTLAW RANCH (Grades 1- 12 Youth Camps & Family Camp)

Outlaw Ranch provides a rustic western setting with heated cabins, chapel in the old barn, horses, activities, devotions, worship and bible study.

JOY RANCH (Grades 1- 12 Youth Camps & Family Camp)

Campers will stay in a comfortable bunkhouse while stepping back in time to the old west. Campers will explore and care for God's creation: earth, people and animals.

KLEIN RANCH (Grades 5 – 12 Youth Camps)

An authentic western horse ranch offering various camping weeks.

NeSoDak (Grades 1- 12 Youth Camps & Family Camp)

Spend a week at Lake Enemy Swim, located in northeastern SD with an energetic staff for a fun filled, Christ-centered experience.

And Beyond...

Middle School SERVANT JOURNEY

New Mexico

June 22-29, 2019

CLC HIGH SCHOOL ADVENTURE TRIP (9th - 12th Grades)

Flathead Lake Bible Camp, Montana

Dates TBD

Calvary Education Staff _____

Pastor Becky Piper

Pastor David Piper

Sonia Sykora

PRE-5th Grade Coordinator

Hannah Fleming

Pre-Confirmation/Confirmation Coordinator

Deacon Tom Martin

High School Youth Coordinator

Kellie Meissner

Family Ministries Coordinator

Judy Frost

Education Staff Support

Deb Martin

PRE-5th Music

Gayle Simons

Children's Library