

YOUTH CATECHESIS

Information/Agenda

I. OPENING PRAYER

II. MATERIALS

Here is a list of materials that catechumens are expected to bring every Wednesday

- a) Lutheran Catechesis: Catechumen Edition by Peter Bender
- b) A Bible – we will be using the ESV translation. Other translations are fine as long as it doesn't hinder the catechumen from following along in the readings
- c) Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation 2017 edition. We will reference explanation questions that will most likely not be included in early editions

III. PURPOSE OF YOUTH CATECHESIS

The intention of Catechesis is to equip Christians with the chief parts of our confession of faith as a means for walking more closely with our creator and redeemer and sustaining our faith in Christ in the midst of a fallen world. Church is not just an activity to attend, and Confirmation is not like earning a merit badge. A healthy church is one where its members use the gifts God has given them to faithfully minister to one another.

IV. CATECHUMEN PARTICIPATION

- a) **Faithful attendance is required.** We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00. Since the front doors are locked, it is vital that all catechumens arrive on time so we can promptly begin at 6:30. During Advent and Lent, the class will be from 6:00-6:45 so that catechumens are able to attend the evening services during those time.
- b) **Sermon notes.** Church attendance is **vital** to the Christian life. To help catechumens connect with the service, we require at least twelve sermon notes to be filled out and turned in.
- c) **Serving in the church.** Another vital aspect to our faith is serving in the church. One way our youth can participate directly with the church service is to participate as an acolyte. The link to the acolyte signups is on our confirmation page: <https://www.hopelutheran.org/confirmation>. We're in the process of looking at other means of signup, but for the moment, we are publishing a Google Worksheet with the service slots to fill in. Every catechumen should participate in this.
- d) **Memory.** Part of learning and growing in our faith is hiding God's truths in our hearts.
- e) **Faith questions.** Catechumens are encouraged to write out personal faith questions. Time will be set aside at the end of class each week (except for advent and lent) to discuss them.

V. PARENT PARTICIPATION

- a) We'd like to have a parent presence in the class each week. There is a sign-up on the Acolyte schedule
- b) Parents should commit to faithfully bringing catechumens to church and youth catechesis
- c) We encourage a regular family devotion.

VI. QUESTIONS

VII. CLOSING PRAYER

VIII. REGISTRATION/BOOK FEES IN THE NARTHEX