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# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

A CONGREGATION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism Class with Pastor Bertram

July 27, 2023

Dear Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Children,

It is the responsibility of all Christian parents to bring up their children in the instruction of God's Word (see Deut. 6:6-7; Prov. 22:6; Mark 10:16-16; Eph.6:4). The pastors of your congregation are called to help you with this task.

How we teach in preparation for Confirmation is changing this year. I (Pastor Bertram) will be teaching a combined 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade class and Pastor Holmen will be teaching a combined 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Each of these combined classes will function with a two-year curriculum, lengthening the overall time of instruction by one year for those attending the Wednesday classes; instruction begins a year earlier, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This change was made in consultation with and approval by the Council of Deacons.

Pastor Holmen and I have scheduled a required information meeting for parents and their children who are this school year going into 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade (non-SPL School only), and all going into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The meeting is set for **Sunday, August 27**, after church in the **Church basement**, starting around **10:15 a.m.** There we will explain the classes and their requirements and answer your questions. If you and your child are unable to meet at that time, please contact me so we can set up a time to meet individually.

Included with this letter is a copy of the "Requirements Leading to Confirmation" from our SPL Policies. Please read this since it spells out the responsibilities of both parents and pastors in accomplishing this task properly. This will be discussed at our meeting and all families with children enrolled must agree to it before classes begin.

Those children enrolled at SPL School will have me for a teacher on Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays when school is in session, starting August 29. For those children attending Wednesday, classes begin September 6, lasting from 3:30-5:00 PM.

Required textbooks for my 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class are:

Holy Bible (ESV) from Concordia Publishing House – *you should have already*  
Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017 edition) – *\$16.00; you might have already*

Lutheran Catechesis, Catechumen Edition – *textbook provided by SPL for your use*

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 27. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

In Christ,

Rev. Anthony T. Bertram