

Schedule for Sunday Nites

Sundays

- 6:00 Open gym and Pizza (optional)
- 6:25 Announcements & Worship
- 6:35 Teaching Time in Gym
- 7:15 Transition
- 7:20 Memory Work, Sermon Reports, etc
- 7:30 Small Group Time
- 8:00 Dismissal

CRAVE

Junior High

Confirmation

2009-2010

Student/Parent

Handbook

Welcome...

Welcome to Crave Junior High Confirmation Sunday Nites! We're glad you're here. It is our prayer that your experience in this ministry will be an awesome one. We believe it will be. God has a tremendous plan for your life and our ministry staff is honored to walk alongside you during this part of your faith journey.

The mission of our Crave Junior High Confirmation Ministry is that:

We exist to help Junior High School Students:

Grow in a living relationship with Jesus and His Church, through worship and fellowship.

Go forth as Jesus' ambassadors to care for and share His Good News with all people.

Understand God's purpose for their lives, through Bible study and prayer.

***Epiphany Lutheran is
Shining the Light of God's Love on All People***

Please know that your Junior High School friends are always invited to Sunday Nites and other events. We hope you'll not only invite your friends, but bring them with you.

It is going to be an awesome year!



COMMUNICATION

1. **PROGRESS REPORTS** - So that you can be informed of your child's progress, each instructor will provide parents with *progress reports*. These will either be mailed to you, placed in your church box, e-mailed or a combination of these.
2. **QUESTIONS & CONCERNS** - If you have questions about the small group time, please contact the small group leader. If you have questions about the large group instruction, please contact Pastor Rob or Kevin Kersten.
3. **GRADED WORK** - Because no instructor is perfect, each student is encouraged to keep every quiz, exam and sermon note, which is returned after grading. This will ensure that if a recording error is made the student has proof that the work was completed.
4. **Quizzes** - Quizzes will be emailed to the parents after a section from the catechism has been completed. The parents will administer the quiz and return it with their student the following week. Students must "pass" with a 70% on the first try. These quizzes are not open catechism. We hope that you will use this time to learn and grow together in your faith.

Junior High Ministry Commitments

AS A STUDENT I MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO...

- Grow in my faith and walk with Jesus Christ;
- Show respect and Christ's love to my fellow students and leaders by listening and speaking at appropriate times and speaking and acting kindly;
- Get involved in the activities and discussions and enjoy my time together with fellow Christians;
- Live out my growing faith at home, in my school, in my church and in the world by showing the new life Jesus gives in what I say and do.

AS A PARENT I MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO...

- Support my child in the above commitments;
- Cultivate an environment of faith growth through weekend worship & Sunday School, prayer and studying God's Word at home and at church;
- Take an interest in youth activities and studies by talking with my child about weekly themes;
- Assist and encourage my child in the completion of memory work and sermon notes as well as help my child to fulfill their acolyting responsibilities;
- Pray for my child's walk with Jesus on a daily basis;
- Talk about and live out my faith in Jesus for my child.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Confirmation Requirements

FAITHFULNESS

Attendance at Confirmation is **required in our confirmation process**. The subject covered that night is the only time it is covered all year. If an absence is unavoidable, **please make sure that you call Pastor Rob or Kevin Kersten and pick up and complete the handout for that week.**

SERMON NOTES

Sermon notes will help to get you in the habit of getting everything you can out of a service. We hope that you will be stimulated by the message and spurred into action. Ten sermon notes (no more, no less!) will need to be completed every year. However, we encourage you to take notes at every service you attend.

SERVICE

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve our Maker and Redeemer. Our prayer is that we do not serve out of duty alone, but out of love for Christ and a desire to reach those who do not know Him. Each small group will have many opportunities to serve both here at Epiphany and out in the community.

MEMORIZE

Paul tells us to have a ready defense in time of trials. Jesus used scripture to refute the devil, but what about you and me? How do we stand up for what we believe in? Look over the weekly verse to memorize. Put it in your mind. Hold onto it in times of trouble. Share it with a friend. These verses are just the beginning of what you can memorize in your life. Your small group leader will need to listen to and sign off when the student knows the memory work for that night. All assigned memory work must be completed to move on.

MATERIALS

Every Sunday Nite, students will need to bring their NIV Bible, Catechism, a binder, and a pen/pencil. We encourage you to bring them in a backpack so that they are easy to get together after the Open Gym and Pizza Time.

MAKE-UP WORK

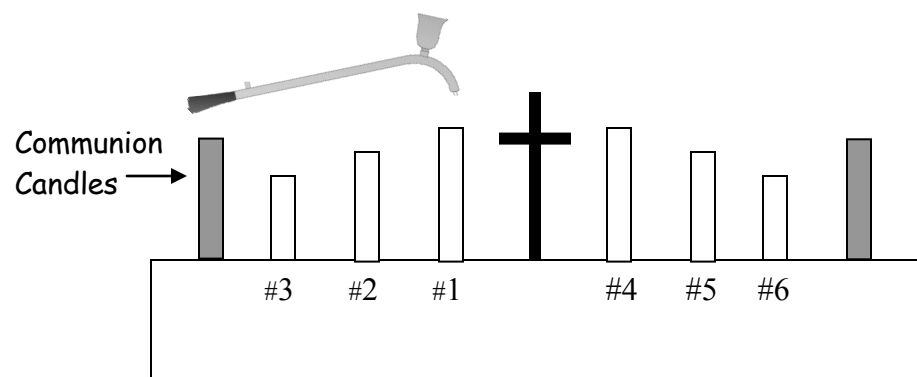
In the event of an absence, students are required to do make-up work. Make-up work is due two weeks after the absence. Make-up work sheets are available from your leader, or online.

How To Serve At Worship Services

For the 8 and 10:15 Services

1. **DRESS NICE:** NO tennis shoes, NO shorts, NO t-shirts, NO flip-flops.
2. First, go to the room behind the organ and put on your white acolyte robe, rope and cross.
3. Report to the Pastor or Duty Elder beside the organ *at least 10 minutes before service.*
4. Pray, relax and enjoy the opportunity to serve our Lord.

1. Bring candle lighter to the Elder who will light it for you.
2. **ALWAYS BOW** in reverence to our Savior when you step up to or down from the altar .
 - First, light the candles on the **LEFT side of the crucifix** (as you face the altar), beginning with the one closest to the crucifix, candle #1 (SEE DIAGRAM BELOW).
 - Second, light the candles on the **RIGHT side of the crucifix** as numbered below.
 - ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS, light the tall candles on the ends in the same order.
 - After all candles are lit, go to the middle of the altar, **BOW**, and sit in a chair under the projection screen (Make sure you place a worship folder there BEFORE worship.)



3. To put candles out,

Memory

3/28/10

Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

4/11/10

Lord's Supper #1 & meaning

What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Supper #2 & meaning

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

4/18/10

Lord's Supper #3 & meaning

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Lord's Supper #4 & meaning

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Memory

1/31/10

3rd Article & meaning

The Third Article: Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

2/14/10

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always till the very end of the age.

2/21/10

Titus 3:5-8

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

2/28/10

No Memory Work - Youth Quake

3/7/10

Baptism #2

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

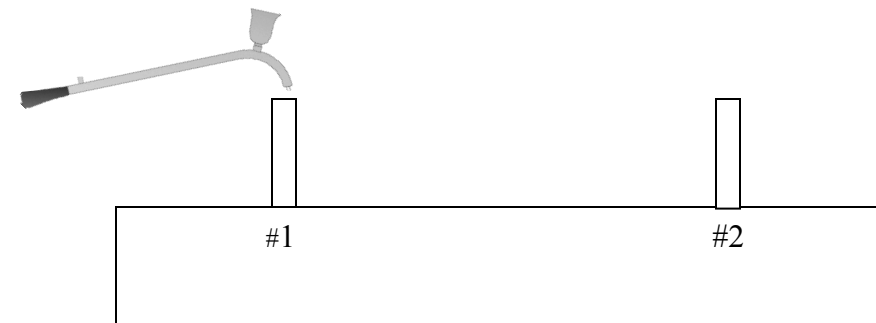
in the last hymn go to the middle of the altar and **BOW**.

- THIS TIME, begin snuffing out the candle closest to the crucifix **on the RIGHT SIDE of the crucifix**, candle #4, then candle #5, etc.
- Then move to the LEFT SIDE.
- **BEFORE YOU SNUFF OUT** the last candle, light your candle lighter from the last lit candle and THEN extinguish the last candle.
- Bow at the middle of the altar and go to the acolyte robe room where you started.
- Extinguish the flame. Hang your robe back up. Exit when the service is complete.

For the 10:30 Service in the Gym

1. **DRESS NICE:** NO tennis shoes, NO shorts, NO t-shirts, NO flip-flops.
2. Report to the Duty Elder at the left side of the stage (chancel).
3. Pray, relax and enjoy the opportunity to serve.

1. Bring candle lighter to the Elder who will light it for you.
 - Walk up to the middle of the altar, **BOW**, step up and light the candle on the left (as you face the altar).
 - Then light the candle on the right (SEE DIAGRAM BELOW).
 - As you leave, **BOW**, then take your seat with family or friends.



2. To put candles out, during the last song, walk to the middle of the altar, **BOW**, then snuff out the RIGHT candle (#2) followed by the left.

Junior High Ministry 2009-2010 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment Being Covered</u>	<u>Memory Work Due</u>
8/30/09	Class Orientation	Parents to attend!
9/6/09	NO CLASS DUE TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND	
9/13/09	Introduction to Small Groups	Acts 2:42
9/20/09	Intro & 1st Commandment	1st Commandment + Meaning
9/27/09	2nd & 3rd Commandment	2nd & 3rd Commandment + Meanings
10/4/09	NO CLASS DUE TO CONFIRMATION RETREAT (October 2-4)	
10/11/09	4th & 5th Commandment	4th & 5th Commandment + Meanings
10/18/09	6th Commandment	6th Commandment + Meaning
10/25/09	The Luther Movie	NO memory work due
First Progress Report		
11/1/09	7th & 8th Commandment	7th & 8th Commandment + Meanings
11/8/09	9th, 10th & Close of Commandments	9th Commandment + Meaning Quiz Sent Home

Memory

11/15/09 - 12/13/09

1st Article

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

1/10/10 - 1/24/10

2nd Article & meaning

The Second Article: Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Memory

10/18/09

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

11/1/09

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

11/8/09

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment Being Covered</u>	<u>Memory Work Due</u>
11/15/09	Office of the Keys	Start 1st Article of Apostles Creed + Meaning
11/22/09	NO CLASS FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
11/29/09	NO CLASS FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
12/6/09	1 ST Article of the Apostles Creed #1	
12/13/09	1 ST Article of the Apostles Creed #2	Finish 1st Article of Creed + Meaning Quiz Sent Home
Second Progress Report		
12/20/09	NO CLASS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
12/27/09	NO CLASS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
1/3/10	NO CLASS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
1/10/10	2 ND Article of the Apostles Creed #1	Start 2nd Article of Creed + Meaning
1/17/10	2 ND Article of the Apostles Creed #2	
1/24/10	2 ND Article of the Apostles Creed #3	Finish 2nd Article of Creed + Meaning Quiz Sent Home
1/31/10	3rd Article of the Apostles Creed #1	3rd Article of Creed + Meaning
2/7/10	*** Special Class Taught by Pastor Jon	NO Memory work due
2/14/10	Lord's Prayer Petitions 1-3	Matthew 28:19-20

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment Being Covered</u>	<u>Memory Work Due</u>
2/21/10	Lord's Prayer Petitions 4—close	Titus 3:5-8
2/28/10	NO CLASS DUE TO JR. HIGH "YOUTH QUAKE" EVENT	
<i>Third Progress Report</i>		
3/7/10	Baptism	Baptism 2 What Benefits...
3/14/10	NO CLASS DUE TO SPRING BREAK	
3/21/10	NO CLASS DUE TO SPRING BREAK	
3/28/10	Baptism	Romans 6:4
4/4/10	NO CLASS DUE TO EASTER "HE IS RISEN!"	
4/11/10	Lord's Supper	Lord's Supper 1 & 2
<i>"Two Minute Warning" Report</i>		
4/18/10	Lords Supper	Lord's Supper 3 & 4
4/25/10	Closing Party	
5/2/10 Confirmation Sunday-10:15 AM Service		

Memory

9/13/09

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

9/20/09

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

9/27/09

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

10/11/09

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.