

Middleschool Ministry

2009-2010
Student/Parent
Handbook

Welcome...

Welcome to Middleschool Ministry 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 Middleschool Ministry is that:

We exist to help Middleschoolers:

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.

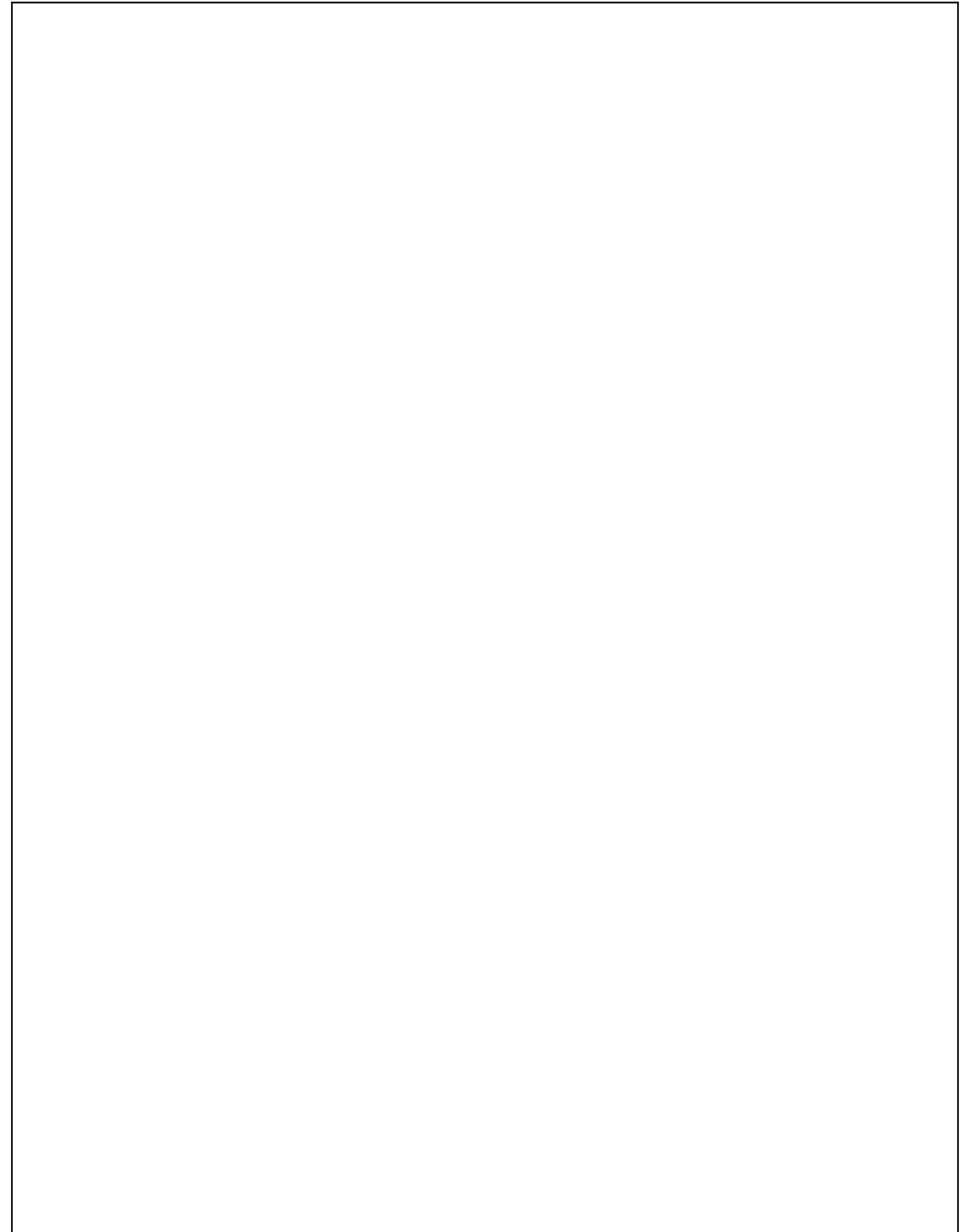
Understand God's purpose for their life, through Bible study and prayer.

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

Please know that Your Middleschool 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!

Your Middleschool Ministry Staff



Middleschool Ministry 2009-2010 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>What to be ready for!</u>	<u>Memorize</u>
August	30 Orientation	Parents & Students attend
September	6 NO CLASS—LABOR DAY	None
	13 What is a Small Group?	Acts 2:42
	20 Your Bible and U	2 Timothy 3:16
	27 Prayer	Job—Song of Songs
	1st Sermon Note Due	
October	4 In the Beginning	Genesis - Deuteronomy
	11 The Fall & The Promise	Psalms 51:10
	18 Flood	Genesis 9:16
	25 The Luther Movie	None
	2nd Sermon Note Due	
November	1 Abraham	Joshua—Esther
	8 Moses & 10 Commandments	Matthew 22:37-39
	15 Joshua	Joshua 1:9
	22 No Class Thanksgiving Holiday	None
	29 No Class Thanksgiving Holiday	None
	3rd Sermon Note Due	
December	6 King David/Tracing the promises	Micah 5:2
	13 Jesus Birthday Party & Caroling	Carols
	4th Sermon Note Due	
	21 NO CLASS—CHRISTMAS BREAK	None
	28 NO CLASS—CHRISTMAS BREAK	None
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January	3	NO CLASS— CHRISTMAS BREAK!	None
	10	Kingdom Trouble	Isaiah-Obadiah
	17	Elijah	Jonah—Malachi
		Old Testament Test	
	24	Gospels	Matthew—Acts
	31	Life of Jesus	John 20:30-31
		5th Sermon Note Due	
February	7	**Suberowl* Special Class After Church	
	14	Call of the Disciples	Mark 1:17-18
	21	Luke 15 Parables	Luke 15:32
	28	Pentecost	Acts 1:8
		6th & 7th Sermon Notes Due	
March	7	Acts—1st Church	Romans—Colossians
	14	NO CLASS—SPRING BREAK	None
	21	NO CLASS—SPRING BREAK	None
	28	Jesus Death and Resurrection	Matthew 28:19-20
		8th & 9th Sermon Notes Due	
April	4	NO CLASS—EASTER	None
	11	Paul	1 Thessalonians—Philemon
	18	Letters to Churches	Hebrews—Revelation
		New Testament Test	
		10th Sermon Note Due	
	25	Closing Party	

FAITHFULNESS

Attendance at Middleschool Ministry Sunday Nites is **required** for 6th graders in our

CLASS SCHEDULE & MEMORY

Schedule for Sunday Nites

Sundays

6:00	Open gym and Pizza (optional)
6:25	Announcements & Worship
6:35	Memory Work, Sermon Reports, etc.
6:45	Small Group Time
7:15	Transition
7:30	Teaching Time in GYM
8:00	Dismissal

Middleschool Ministry Requirements

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 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 on into action. Ten sermon notes (no more, no less!) will need to be completed every year beginning in your 6th grade 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.

MATERIALS

Every Sunday Nite, students will need to bring their NIV Bible, 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

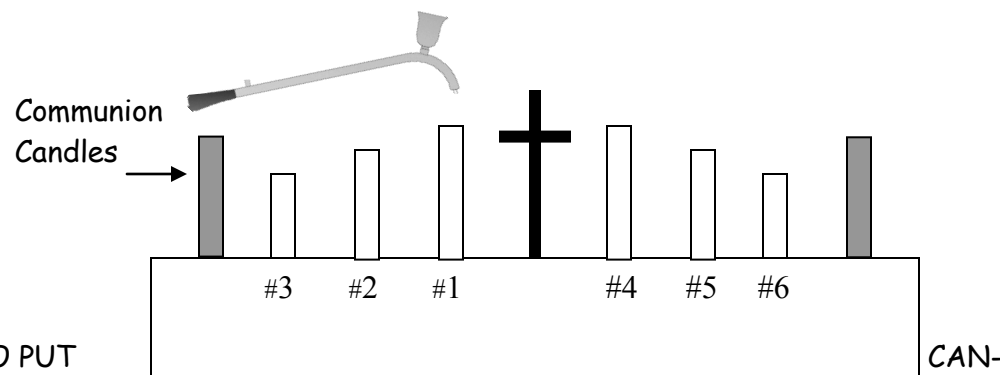
In the event of an absence, students are required to do make-up work. Make-up work is due two weeks after the absence. Make-up work sheets are available from your leader or Kevin Kersten.

How To Serve At Worship Services

For the 8 and 10:15 Services

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

- Bring candle lighter to the Elder who will light it for you.
- 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

Middleschool 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 _____

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2/14/10

Mark 1:17-18

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

2/21/10

Luke 15:32

But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

2/28/10

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

3/7/10

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians

3/14/10 & 3/21/10—Spring Break

3/28/10

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciple 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.

4/4/09—No Memory - Easter

4/11/10

1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

4/18/10

Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude, Revelation

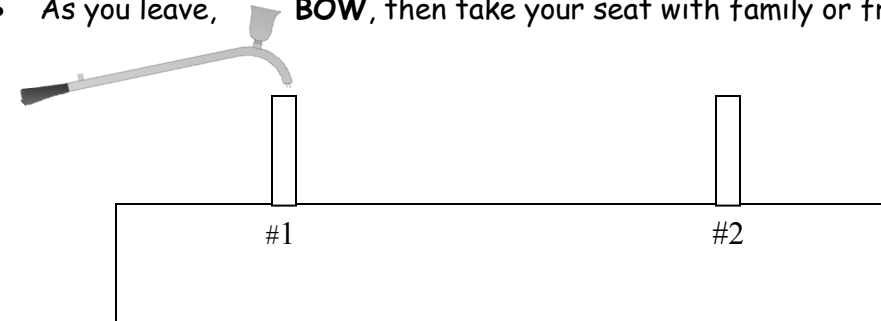
DLES OUT, in the last hymn go to the middle of the altar and **BOW**.

- **THIS TIME**, begin snuffing out the candle closest to the crucifix **on the RIGHT SIDE of the crucifix**, candle #4.
- **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.

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

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,.

9/27/09

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs

10/4/09

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

10/11/09

Psalms 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

10/18/09

Genesis 9:16

Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.

10/25/09

No Memory Work—Luther Movie

11/1/09

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

11/8/09

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

11/15/09

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

12/6/09

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times."

1/10/10

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah

1/17/10

Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

1/24/10

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts

1/31/10

John 20:30-31

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

2/7/10

No memory work due to combined class.