



**2017-2018**

**My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27**

## 10:27 Ministry

### Building Blocks of 10:27 Ministry

- Worship (*Celebrating Christ*)
- Spiritual Growth (*Growing Up*)
- Service (*Growing Out*)
- Relationships (*Growing Together*)

### Overall Objectives

The overall objective of 10:27 Ministry is to help students:

- Develop a deeply rooted identity as a child of God
- Learn more about God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Develop solid Christian relationships with other students and adults
- Love God and live lives of worship, service and obedience to Him
- Help students continue to live out their mission of *Celebrating Christ by Growing Up, Out, and Together*

### Biblical Reasoning

- “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit” (Ephesians 2:19-22).
- “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, being rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness” (Colossians 2:6-7).
- “For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:5-8).

## **Behavioral Expectations**

### **Respect One Another**

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love” (1 John 4:7-8).

### **Respect Leaders**

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over us as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you” (Hebrews 13:17).

### **Respect This Place**

“I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells” (Psalm 26:8).

### **Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior**

These guidelines and expectations are meant to guide you on what we expect from your student...

- If a student engages in inappropriate and disruptive behavior they will be given some type of verbal warning.
- If they continue that behavior they will be removed from that class and will not be given attendance credit for that night.
- If there is an incident involving inappropriate behavior, parent(s) will be contacted during the next week. If the parent(s) would like to discuss the issue, they are encouraged to call the instructor.

We have a NO TOLERANCE policy for drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons. Parent(s) will be contacted immediately and a meeting with the leaders must be set up before that student is allowed back into the program.

## **Confirmation Requirements**

### **Age**

Confirmation is open to those in 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

A typical Confirmation student would begin in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and should finish within two years. At the completion of the 12 modules, the student will be confirmed. However, if a student begins in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or if a student needs 3 years to complete the program, the module format will accommodate them.

### **Classroom Modules**

The modules may be taken in any order, with the exception of the Faith Application Module, which is the capstone to the entire program, and must be taken last. Each of the following modules will be offered for seven weeks on Wednesday evenings:

- Ten Commandments
- Sacraments
- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit
- Faith Application (Capstone – must be taken last)

### **Take Home/Online Modules**

These modules may be taken at any time, but must be completed before taking the Faith Application Module.

- Word of God
- Discipleship

### **Practical Modules**

The additional modules are done at your own pace, outside of classroom.

- Worship Notes
- Service Hours
- Mentor
- Fellowship

## **When should my child begin Confirmation?**

### **Purpose of Confirmation**

- Learn the basics of the Christian faith through the study of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.
- Reaffirm the statements of belief identified at our baptism.
- Develop lifelong habits of spiritual disciplines.

### **When should my child begin Confirmation?**

- When your child is ready to learn more about their faith in order to speak the statements of belief on Confirmation Sunday and integrate that faith into their life.

### **Starting in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Generally, the kids in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade have a less busy schedule and can fit Confirmation into their schedule easier.
- Some kids are ready for the deeper content offered in Confirmation.
- Offers 8<sup>th</sup> grade as a 3<sup>rd</sup> year if your schedule is very difficult to fit in the required modules.

### **Starting in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- An additional year of development allows the kids a deeper understanding of the Confirmation materials.
- Taking Confirmation in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade provides a smooth transition into high school without a gap year.

### **Starting in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- For those who have not been a part of Redeemer's activities prior to their arrival in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Will be considered on an individual basis.

### **Pre-Confirmation Meeting**

In order to help facilitate conversations of readiness, all Confirmation students and parents must meet with a Redeemer staff member (Pastor Phil or Jen) during the summer, prior to starting the Confirmation process.

## Class Schedule

Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm in Miller Hall and in the Basement Lounge. During Advent and Lent, worship starts at 6:00 with Confirmation class beginning once the service is over, running from approximately 6:45-7:45 pm. Sunday School is held every Sunday from 9:40-10:35 am in the Basement Lounge.

### Important Dates

- August 23 Information Meeting and Registration @ 6:15 pm
- Aug 30 – Oct 11 Quarter 1
- Oct 18 – Dec 6 Quarter 2
- Jan 3 – Feb 21 Quarter 3
- Feb 28 – Apr 25 Quarter 4
  
- October 8-9 Great Oaks Retreat
- October 26 Confirmation Dinner and Practice for 8<sup>th</sup> grade class
- October 29 Confirmation Sunday and First Communion for 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- November 10-11 CID Junior High Lock In
- November 23 Thanksgiving Break – No class
- December 13, 20 and 27 Christmas Break – No class
- January Youth Quake
- February 14 Ash Wednesday – No class
- March 10 (Or April 14) St. Louis Day Trip
- March 28 Holy Week – No class
- March 29 Maundy Thursday – First Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students
- April 4 Spring Break – No class
- April 26 Confirmation Dinner and Practice for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students
- April 29 Confirmation Sunday

## Module Schedule

### 2017-2018 Schedule

Quarter 1 (Sept-Oct)	God the Holy Spirit	Sacraments	Faith Appl. *
Quarter 2 (Nov-Dec)	God the Son	God the Father	
Quarter 3 (Jan-Feb)	God the Holy Spirit	God the Father	
Quarter 4 (Mar-Apr)	Ten Commandments	Faith Application	

### 2018-2019 Schedule

Quarter 1 (Sept-Oct)	Ten Commandments	God the Father
Quarter 2 (Nov-Dec)	Ten Commandments	Sacraments
Quarter 3 (Jan-Feb)	God the Son	Sacraments
Quarter 4 (Mar-Apr)	God the Holy Spirit	Faith Application

*The \* denotes the classes the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will need to take.*

Please note that “God the Son” and “Faith Application” are only offered twice within every two year cycle, whereas the rest are offered three times.

### Possible Pathways – For incoming Year 1 students

	<u>Q1 Online</u>	<u>Q2 Online</u>	<u>Q3 Online</u>	<u>Q4 &amp; Q3 Online</u>
Q1	Word of God (online)	Sacraments	God the Holy Spirit	Sacraments
Q2	God the Father	Word of God (online)	God the Son	God the Son
Q3	God the Holy Spirit	God the Holy Spirit	Word of God (online)	God the Holy Spirit
Q4	Ten Commandments	Ten Commandments	Ten Commandments	Word of God (online)
Q1	Discipleship (online)	God the Father	God the Father	God the Father
Q2	Sacraments	Discipleship (online)	Sacraments	Ten Commandments
Q3	God the Son	God the Son	Discipleship (online)	Discipleship (online)
Q4	Faith Application	Faith Application	Faith Application	Faith Application

While other pathways are possible, we cannot guarantee you will complete the program in two years by following a different pathway. The module schedule was designed to accommodate the most common scheduling situations.

## More Module Information

### Classroom Module Attendance

Each module will have its own requirements for completion of the course. Anytime class is missed, the student must make up any homework for that session. Please notify Pastor Phil and/or Jen if you know you will miss a class session. If a student misses **3 or more** of the class sessions, they will need to take the module over again.

### Take Home/Online Modules

The take home modules will be done online through the use of Edmodo. These may be completed at your own pace. However, if you begin within a given school year, you will need to complete it by the end of April of that school year. Otherwise, you will need to restart it again the following year.

### Faith Application

The Faith Application capstone module takes place during Quarter 4, just prior to being confirmed. Each student will need to have completed all other classroom and take home/online modules, as well as being close to completing the practical modules, in order to begin this module. For example, if a student has yet to start their service hours by the time they want to start the Faith Application module, they will need to show how they will have time to complete that module by the time Confirmation Sunday arrives, or they will need to wait until next year to take the last module and be confirmed the following year.

The Faith Application module will include the writing of the Confirmation Reflection Paper, taking pictures for the Confirmation bulletin, and taking care of all other remaining details needed for Confirmation Sunday.

### Mentor

Each 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation student is matched with an adult mentor in order to discuss their faith as it applies to their life. We will begin asking for potential mentors during the spring of their 1<sup>st</sup> year in Confirmation. After being matched with a mentor, you will meet with them a **minimum of 3 times** during the following year. These relationships are meant to help strengthen your faith by speaking with and learning from an additional adult figure.

### Worship Reflection Notes

Each Confirmation student will need to complete a **total of 20** worship notes. Forms may be picked up and turned in the back corner of the gym, where baskets are labeled and hanging on the wall. You may also print out a form from the Confirmation page on the Redeemer website.



## **Service Hours**

Each Confirmation student will need to complete a **total of 20** service hours. For each service activity completed, you will need to turn in a Service Hours Reflection sheet.

Often students wonder about the various ways in which they can serve. A couple rules of thumb to keep in mind: The activity should not be part of normal household chores, and you should not get paid for what you do. Here are some ways in which people have served:

- Vacation Bible School
- Food Pantry
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Single Moms Morning Out
- Babysitting
- Visiting Shut-Ins
- Mowing lawn/Raking leaves/Shoveling snow for neighbor
- Loaves and Fishes
- Sophia's Kitchen
- Food drive
- Assisting in a school activity (you are not a participant)
- Many more....

## **Fellowship**

Each Confirmation student will need to attend a **minimum of 2** of the following fellowship activities during their two years in Confirmation:

- Great Oaks Retreat
- CID Lock-In
- Youth Quake
- St. Louis Day Trip
- Summer Trip
- Other eligible activities may be announced during the year

Possibilities include attending two activities within the same year, such as the attending the Lock-In and Summer Trip; or you may attend the same activity for two years in a row, such as going to the Great Oaks Retreat for two years. We also highly encourage attending other fellowship activities throughout the year.

For those who are not enrolled in Confirmation, they are still welcome to attend any fellowship activities.

## How will I keep track of everything?

### Registration

At the beginning of each school year, we will have a sign up for the modules that you will take for that year, so that you will be able to plan your calendar accordingly. If something comes up and you need to change that schedule, we can make the necessary modifications.

Planning ahead will increase the chances of completing in two years. Please refer to the possible pathways listed with the schedule.

### Online Platform and Gradebook Program

Each student and parent will need to create an account with Edmodo ([www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com)). For each module, the student will be entered into a “group” with the same name. In each group, you will be able to access all homework for missed classes and online classes, submit various assignments, and check what has been completed in the gradebook.

### Paper Return

The return crate will be available on Wednesday evenings during class, and in the junior high Sunday School room on Sunday mornings.

## Payment

Redeemer Lutheran Church is committed to offset a portion of the expenses for 10:27 Ministry. Through the generous support from our Redeemer Lutheran Church members and friends, we are able to offer a tremendous amount of ministry opportunities to you and your child for a fraction of the actual cost. The church covers the cost for: materials such as curriculum, catechism, Bible, Confirmation dinner, and so forth.

**Each Confirmation student will need to pay for the fellowship activities in which they would like to participate.** A minimum of two fellowship activities is required to complete the Fellowship Module. Payments may be made at the beginning of the school year or by the sign up deadline. You may make your payment online at [www.redeemerlutheran.com](http://www.redeemerlutheran.com) or send in a check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

If the cost for this ministry causes any hindrance in participation, please contact Jen Roettjer or Pastor Phil for scholarship assistance, and/or to set up a payment plan. **NOBODY** stays home because of money!

## **Additional Confirmation Topics**

### **Junior High Youth Group**

All junior high kids in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend any of the social activities, including the trips offered in the fellowship module. The cost of attending any of the trips will be the same for those in Confirmation and those not in Confirmation.

### **Sunday School**

The junior high Sunday School class gives the junior high kids an additional opportunity to learn about the Bible. Sunday School class runs from 9:40-10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. While class on Wednesday night mainly focuses on the catechism and application of faith to everyday life, Sunday mornings to deepen their Biblical knowledge and enrich their faith.

### **Worship**

The worship of God flows from a living faith. Worship is the primary time to gather as a family of God and encourage each other in our life of faith. It is expected that Confirmation students and families are regular in worship participation.

### **Confirmation Dinner**

The Confirmation Dinner is a night for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation students, their parents, and mentors in order to celebrate all the Lord has done in and through the lives of the Confirmation students! On the Thursday evening before Confirmation Sunday from 6-8 pm, we will eat dinner together and then practice for Confirmation Sunday.

### **Rite of Confirmation**

The Service of Confirmation will seek to guide each student to make meaningful, deliberate step forward in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** and **April 29<sup>th</sup>**. When your student's name is called, family members, friends, and mentors please stand in support of your Confirmand. After the Worship Service is over, a group picture will be taken, and then families will have the opportunity to take individual pictures at the altar.

### **Students with Learning Disabilities or an IEP/504 Plan**

It is our desire for all students to successful in 10:27. Accommodations will be made for students with learning disabilities. These accommodations may include, but are not limited to: outcome modifications, independent study options or tutoring. Parents of students with learning disabilities should notify the program director to request a family advisor who will assist with program modifications. If a student has an IEP or 504 Plan, it is beneficial for us to have a copy so we can try to help the student succeed by using techniques already employed at school.

## **Safe Church Policy**

At Redeemer we value making sure that your child is safe. If you would like to learn more about how we do this, please take the time to read through the Safe Church Policy at [www.redeemerlutheran.com/safe-church.html](http://www.redeemerlutheran.com/safe-church.html). If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Jen or Pastor Phil as soon as possible.

Parents if you willing to volunteer your time to help with Confirmation, you will need to read through the Safe Church Policy and complete the Safe Church Training by filling out the application online. Within a few days after completion of the form you will receive an email with a link to watch a training video (about 35 minutes) with a quiz (70% competency required). We recognize this takes a time, but it's worth it to provide a safer community for our youth and adults!

## **Redeemer Contact Information**

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

In order to make a smooth transition for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, we will make the following modifications for them to complete the program:

### **Classroom Modules**

- God the Father – Quarter 1 2016
- Ten Commandments – Quarter 2 2016
- Sacraments – Quarter 3 2017
- God the Holy Spirit – Quarter 4 2017
- Faith Application Module – Quarter 1 2017
- If a student is not able to complete the laid out program in the timeframe given, they will be confirmed once all of the listed modules are completed.

### **Practical Modules**

- Worship Notes – Total of 20 notes, taking in consideration all worship notes turned in during the last year
- Service Hours – Total of 20 hours, taking in consideration all service hours turned in during the last year
- Mentor – Pick a mentor this spring to meet with throughout all of next year.
- Fellowship – Attend at least 1 fellowship activity during the upcoming year.

### **Important Dates**

- Confirmation Dinner and Practice – Thursday, October 26, 2017
- Rite of Confirmation and First Communion – Sunday, October 29, 2017

### **Payment**

- The cost of attending one fellowship activity.