**2018/2019**

**SECOND YEAR STUDENTS – PASTOR ZIEMANN**

**SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**Sundays - (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.) – Youth Room**

**Selected Wednesdays - (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)**

Home Visits-Pastor meets with each confirmand as needed.

**Wednesday, September 5**

 Covered in class - introductions, Bible book review

 Covered in class – Topic – “The Best Selling Book in the World is Not Just Another Book”

 Homework – paper #1 (Bible) OR (Ten Commandments)

 Memory Assignment – Books of the Bible

Sunday, September 23

 Topic – “The Truth about Angels”

 Homework - paper #2 (Angels)

 Memory Assignment – Books of the Bible - Ten Commandments

Sunday, September 30

 Covered in class – Topic – “Adam, Eve, and…Lucy?”

 Homework – paper #3 (Creation/Evolution)

 Memory Assignment – Ten Commandments and four meanings (your choice)

Sunday, October 14

 Covered in class – Topics – “Believe It or Not”

 Homework – paper #4 (Lutheran Worship) OR (Apostles Creed)

 Memory Assignment – First Article and meaning

Sunday, October 28

 Covered in class – Topic – Luther and the Reformation, view movie

 Homework – paper #5 (Being Lutheran) OR (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

 Memory Assignment – Second Article and meaning

Sunday, November 11

 Covered in class – Topics - Telling the Good News and Mid-Term Review

 Homework – study for Mid-Term exam

 Memory Assignment – Third Article and meaning

**Sunday, November 18 -** **times to be scheduled**

 Mid-Term Oral Exams for all confirmands at church.

 These exams will be a half hour in length and will be held privately with pastor, elders, and

 parent/s. Discussion will center on the class expectations. These include knowing the material studied,

 class attendance, and church attendance.

Sunday, December 2

 Covered in class – Topic – “The End Will Come-Are You Ready?’

 Homework – paper #6 (The New Millenium)

 Memory Assignment – Lord’s Prayer and five petitions of your choice

Sunday, December 16

 Covered in class – Topic – “Life and Death in the United States”

 Homework – paper #7(Abortion) OR (Death/Dying)

 Memory Assignment – What is baptism? What benefits does baptism give? and Bible verses

 Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:16 - Take Home Practice Test (Merry Christmas!)

Sunday, January 6

 Covered in class – Topic – “God’s Ideas About Sex”

 Homework – paper #8 (Homosexuality) OR (Living Together)

 Memory Assignment – How can water do such great things?

Sunday, January 20

 Covered in class – Topic – “So What Can I Do in the Church?”

 Homework – paper #9 (Women’s Ordination) OR (Pastors)

 Memory Assignment – Confession – What is confession? Which sins should we confess?

Sunday, February 3

Covered in class – Topic – “A Little Water and a Little Word Does A Lot of Good”

 Homework – paper #10 (Baptism)

 Memory Assignment – What is the Sacrament of the Altar? What is the benefit…?

Sunday, February 17

Covered in class – Topic – “Given for You-The Perfect Supper”

 Homework – paper #11 (Sacrament of Altar) OR (Fellowship of Altar)

 Memory Assignment – How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday)

 **First hour of class – attending Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.**

Covered in class – Topic – “The Other Guys” –learning about other churches – Part 1

 Homework – paper #12 (Mormon, ELCA)

 Memory Assignment – Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Wednesday, March 13

 **First hour of class – attending Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.**

 Covered in class – Topic – “The Other Guys” – learning about other churches – Part 2

 Homework – paper #13 (Jehovah Witnesses, Islam)

 Memory Assignment – Review all memory work.

Wednesday, March 27

 **First hour of class – attending Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.**

 Covered in class – Review essay topics

 Homework – Review for tests.

**Sunday, April 7 –** **1:00 p.m.**

 Take essay test

 Homework – Review for tests.

**Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 p.m.**

Following church – take practice test

 If you score 95% or over on the practice test, you won’t have to take the test at the retreat.

Wednesday, April 24

 Make-Up (only if needed)

**Friday through Sunday – April 26-28**

 **Confirmation Retreat at Stony Glen Camp**

 **Final test taken at camp – if needed**

Saturday, May 4

 Confirmation Presentations - 6:30 p.m. – during church

 Reception and pictures

Sunday, May 5 – Confirmation Sunday

 9:00 a.m. service

**Confirmation Program**

**2018-2019**

August - 2018

Dear Parents and Confirmation Class,

We are excited to announce this year’s confirmation schedule and program for the upcoming year.

Purpose – to assist parents and sponsors in carrying out their promise to bring their child up *“in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer; and that as he/she grows in years, place in his/her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him/her to the services of God’s house, and provide for his/her further instruction in the Christian faith, that he/she come to the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood and thus, abiding in his/her baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, he/she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.”* (from “Sacrament of Baptism” – Lutheran Worship)

At Zion we are committed to partner with you in fulfilling what began in baptism. Confirmation will be held on Wednesday nights this year. The first year students will meet weekly as scheduled while the second year students will meet for two hour sessions every other week. See the schedule attached.

We would also like to visit with you and get to know you better. Therefore we will have a Parent/Confirmand Orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. If you are not able to attend, one of the pastors or an elder will call you and schedule a home visit. We look forward in working with you.

The following expectations were adopted by the pastors, elders, and council for this year’s program:

1. All confirmands must attend class as scheduled along with one of their parents. If the parents are unable to fulfill their responsibility, they can appoint a sponsor to take their place. (Sponsor = another confirmed family member or relative or baptismal sponsor).

2. All confirmands must attend the Confirmation/Youth Retreat. This is an annual tradition which many attend even after confirmation. If you are unable to attend, you will need to make up the time in special make-up sessions. Trust us, the retreat is so worth it. So plan to attend. The retreat is scheduled for April 26-28 at Stony Glen Camp. Cost for the whole weekend is just $40 (non-members who attend-$50).

3. All confirmands must score a 70% or higher on their final exam and average 70% on their work. First year confirmands will need to successfully pass one oral exam (November 18) while second year confirmands will need to pass one oral exam (November 18) and do a special topic presentation at church on May 4).

4. All confirmands must successfully recite memory as assigned. Quizzes should be expected.

5. Because confirmation eventually leads to becoming a communicant member of our church, it would naturally follow that all confirmands would be interested in attending church and serving in any way they can. Therefore, we expect to see you in church.

Confirmation Retreat

This retreat is important and represents 5-6 hours of instruction. This includes several sectional classes with various pastors on the topic chosen and time in worship and in taking the final test.

Absences

If your child is sick or cannot attend class for some reason, a make-up class will need to be scheduled. Exception – If the child is absent, but the parent/sponsor is present, no make-up class is needed since parents can bring home what was learned and help their children complete the missed work.

We are going to have another great year. If you have any questions, please contact either pastor.

Pastor Kurt Ziemann Pastor Jimmy Riley

(Second Year Instructor) (First Year Instructor)