

MIDWEEK HANDBOOK



SAINT PAUL Lutheran Church LCMS Proclaiming Christ to Wisner and the World!

*Train a child in the way
he should go, and when he is old
he will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

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2018 - 2019 MIDWEEK HANDBOOK

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Midweek School

This handbook will supply you with helpful information. It will guide you and your child through the coming year. Please keep it available for easy reference. It's also available on our website under "*Midweek Information.*" It is truly a privilege that you are giving us, to share with your child the wonderful message of salvation in Jesus Christ. As much as we consider it a privilege to teach your child, we never want to give the impression that we are able to replace your responsibilities as Christian parents. Indeed, we cannot do this. As your brothers and sisters in Christ, the strength of your faith and that of your child's is most important to us. Therefore, we are working as a team. If you ever have any questions about what we are doing or why we are doing it, please do not hesitate to call and talk to us.

Our program is a very well-rounded program. It is designed to teach your children, beginning in the third grade, Bible stories and Catechetical statements which will nurture their growing faith. By the time they have reached the last class, they will have been taught the following sections of study:

PRE-CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Grade 3 & 4 - Bible Stories (Emphasis: Old and New Testament)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Grade 5 through 8 – 60 Lesson Catechism Study plus a Bible Overview and Apologetics, (120 lessons, total) which is how to defend our faith to others.

As you can see, it is a very well-rounded program designed to supplement the teaching that is done at home through Bible devotions, time in worship as a family and Sunday School attendance.

Again, if you have any questions about our program, please call me and I will try to answer them the best I can.

2018 - 2019 Midweek School Schedule

- * Midweek School will meet each Wednesday beginning September 12, 2018 and will continue through April 24, 2019, unless otherwise noted.
- * Snacks will be served from 3:45 p.m. to everyone.
- * Classroom time will be from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with music from 4:40 until 4:55.

In the service of Jesus,
Pastor Jared Hartman

Important Dates to put on Your Calendar

Wed, Sept 12, 2018	First midweek class
Sunday, Sept 9, 2018	Rally Day
Wed, November 21, 2018	*No* Midweek class Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wed, November 28, 2018	Children's Christmas Practice
Wed, December 5, 2018	Children's Christmas Practice Advent Worship
Wed, December 12, 2018	Children's Christmas Practice Advent Worship
Sunday, December 16, 2018	10:30a.m. Children's Christmas Service (9:15 Report time for Costumes and Line-Up)
Wed, December 19, 2018	Midweek Class Advent Worship
Wed, December 26, 2018	*No* Midweek Classes
Wed, January 9, 2019	4:00 p.m. Midweek Classes resume
Ash Wed, March 6, 2019	Class/Congregational Lenten meal (TBA) Lenten Worship
Wed, March 13, 2019	Class/Congregational Lenten meal (TBA) Lenten Worship
Wed, March 20, 2019	Class/Congregational Lenten meal (TBA) Lenten Worship
Wed, March 27, 2019	Class/Congregational Lenten meal (TBA) Lenten Worship
Wed, April 3, 2019	Class/Congregational Lenten meal (TBA) Lenten Worship
Wed, April 10, 2019	Class/Congregational Lenten meal (TBA) Lenten Worship
Sunday, April 14, 2019	Palm Sunday
Wed, April 17, 2019	*No* Midweek Classes - Holy Week
Thurs, April 18, 2019	Maundy Thursday
Fri, April 19, 2019	Good Friday
Sunday, April 21, 2019	Easter Sunday
Wed, April 24, 2019	Last Day of Class for 3 rd – 4 th Grade
Wed, May 1, 2019	Last Day of Class for 5 th & 8 th Grade
Sat, May 4, 2019	Confirmation Questioning Service
Sun, May 5, 2019	Confirmation Day

ADVENT AND LENTEN MEALS

Advent will be done differently this year. We will not be having class from this year during Advent, so we can have Christmas Practice starting at 4:00pm and ending at 5:30pm starting on November 28th. Church services will follow. The Children's Christmas Service will be on **Sunday**, December 16th with a Snow Date of December 23rd.

Lenten meals are served by several of the organizations at St. Paul. Proceeds are used to support the project of their choice.

CLASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO BAD WEATHER

In case of bad weather, we will follow the cancellation of the Wisner-Pilger Schools. When Wisner-Pilger Schools are canceled, we will also cancel our midweek classes for the day.

In the event that it is necessary to cancel midweek classes at a time when school is held according to its normal schedule, we will have the schools announce it to the children and put the announcement on the **West Point radio station**. Please contact the church office, 402-529-6583, at the time of bad weather if you have any questions.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES

It is very important in our midweek school that basic common courtesies be extended to everyone. The Golden Rule of Jesus is always in effect whenever His people gather. Any physical violence, verbal abuse, or name calling will not be tolerated because these things are not fitting for a Christian to do. In addition to this rule, listed below are some general policies that will help guide us in our time together.

- * Students who do not cooperate in class will meet with the teacher to resolve a behavioral or work problem.
- * If the above step proves unsuccessful, the teacher will notify the parents to inform them and ask for their cooperation.
- * If the problem persists, the teacher will meet with the parents, the child, the Chairman of the Board of Education, the family's Elder, and the Pastor, to work toward a solution.

- * If the behavior continues to be a problem, the child will be dismissed from the midweek program.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Since we are preparing your child for active, communicant membership in the church, it is important that your child attend all classes of the midweek school throughout the year. Of course, exceptions will be made for those who are ill or injured, but the basic rule is to be in attendance. This will ensure that your child does not fall behind in the instruction that is being given and will greatly benefit from our teaching.

In regard to attendance at Church and Sunday School, it is imperative that your child learn the *"habit"* of receiving God's gifts in worship and learning the life of God and His people in Sunday School instruction. Therefore, again, the basic policy is that your child be at *all* church services and Sunday School classes. **If attendance falls below the 75% mark, you will be contacted to correct the problem. This 75% mark isn't a minimum standard, but a percentage that we will use to contact parents about non-attendance.** *"Christians worship and study God's Word"* - this is privilege Christians enjoy! Please take time to worship and study God's Word as a family. If the attendance does not improve, it may mean the repeating of that year of study. Again, the purpose of this policy is to train our young people to be active, worshiping, studying Christians. The best method we have found for this policy is to have parents attend Church and Bible Class with their children. **The 3rd through 8th grade students will need to personally fill out the Ritual of Fellowship sheet at the worship service they attend.**



Change for 2018-19:

Each week, all 5th-8th graders are expected to turn in a neatly completed service report card for each weekend service. The cards are available on the small table to the left of the sanctuary entrance, are brightly colored, and brief to fill out. On the Sundays which are missed for any reason, the card can be filled out by watching the service and reading the bulletin online, however, using the internet is the exception and not the rule. Watching the service online is not the same as fellowship in the body of Christ. If physical attendance at weekend services falls below 75% out of concern for your faith, pastor will be in touch with you. As a thank-you for filling out the card, each week, the congregation has graciously provided a small treat for you to enjoy.

Additional Information & Memory Work Guidelines can be found in Pastor Hartman's Christian Education Presentation Meeting Notes.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Megan Hassler	922-1724	Chair
Lia Raabe	529-3253	Vice-Chair
Russ Breitreutz	529-6174	Board Member
Stephanie Rasmussen	529-3222	Board Member
Melanie Kindschuh	529-3802	Board Member
Kristie Borgelt	529-6842	S.S. Superintendent
Kim Cornett	380-3168	Church Secretary

MIDWEEK SCHOOL STUDENTS

** denotes members of Another Congregation*

Grades 3 & 4

Teachers: Sharon Goeller 402-529-6953/Kellie Kimble 402-529-3257

Swing/Sub: Cindy Bloedorn 402-529-6541

Grade 4

Laura Borgelt	529-6842	Al & Kristie Borgelt
Lindsey Borgelt	529-6842	Al & Kristie Borgelt
Bria Hassler	922-1724	Jeremy & Megan Hassler
Dylann Ott	529-3410	Adam & Tiffani Ott

Grades 5 through 8.

Teacher: Pastor Jared Hartman 317-691-5892 (cell) 402-529-3468 (parsonage)

Co-Teacher: Kimberly Cornett 402-380-3168

Swing/Sub for all levels: Traci Ebel 402- 529-6567

Grade 5

Maggie McCarthy	529-3285	Nic & Jenny McCarthy
Regan Raabe	529-3253	Nate & Lia Raabe
*Austin Hatterman	529-6299	David & Sarah Hatterman
Brooklyn Siebrandt	380-4528	Matt & Rebecca Siebrandt

Grade 6

Sidney Feyerherm	380-1758	Clay Feyerherm
Walker Ott	529-3410	Adam & Tiffani Ott
Wyatt Wolff	841-3827	Charlotte Wolff

Grade 7

Ethan Buhrman	529-6392	Brad & Amber Buhrman
Allie Hassler	922-1724	Jeremy & Megan Hassler
Lillian Nitzsche	529-6228	Jerry & Maria Nitzsche
Alea Rasmussen	529-3222	Greg & Stephanie Rasmussen
Braxton Siebrandt	380-4528	Matt & Rebecca Siebrandt
Karl Steinmeyer	529-6026	Russ & Amy Steinmeyer

Grade 8

Marshall McCarthy	529-3285	Nic & Jenny McCarthy
Maggie Schweers	529-6633	Jason & Tammy Schweers

MIDWEEK SNACKS

Midweek snacks will be served each week start at 3:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. *If you are unable to stay and serve the snack please have it in the kitchen by 3:00pm.* All Midweek parents will serve at least once during the year. You will need to prepare for approximately **30** students, this is including the teachers. If you are unable to serve please call the church office **before** your scheduled day. Some suggestions for snacks: cheese, sausage, and Crackers, sandwiches, nachos, ice cream sandwiches or sundaes, hot dogs and chips, etc.

Date	Families to provide snacks
9/12/18	Board of Education
9/19/18	McCarthy
9/26/18	Schweers
10/03/18	Buhrman
10/10/18	Hassler
10/17/18	Nitzsche
10/24/18	Rasmussen
10/31/18	Cornett
11/07/18	Steinmeyer
11/14/18	Feyerherm
11/28/18	Ott
12/05/18	Board of Education
12/12/18	Board of Education
12/19/18	Board of Education
01/09/19	Wolff
01/16/19	McCarthy
01/24/18	Raabe
01/23/19	Hatterman
01/30/19	Borgelt
02/06/19	Siebrandt
02/13/19	Hassler
02/20/19	Kindschuh
02/27/19	Board of Education
03/06/19	Board of Education
03/13/19	Board of Education
03/20/19	Board of Education
03/27/19	Board of Education
04/03/19	Board of Education
04/10/19	Board of Education
04/25/18	Teachers Provide Snacks



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