

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Midweek School

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In Proverbs 22:6 we are told, *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* The apostle Peter exhorts Christians, *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (2 Peter 3:18). In order to strengthen the faith of our children and to encourage a life of discipleship in the redemptive grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd Midweek School has been organized for children in Grades 3-8. Through instruction in the Old and New Testaments and Luther’s Small Catechism, children will be prepared for 8th Grade Confirmation at Good Shepherd.

ATTENDANCE: Regular attendance is expected of all students who are enrolled in the Midweek School. If a child is absent due to illness, the respective teacher must be called in advance of the class. If a child has an unexcused absence, the parents will be called by the teacher.

BEHAVIOR: Appropriate and respectful behavior is expected from the students at all times. If a child becomes disruptive, the teacher will notify the parents that evening. If inappropriate behavior persists, the parent shall attend the session with the child. This includes rude and unkind behavior toward other students. We ask parents to assist in any necessary adjustments that need to be made so that appropriate behavior is maintained by each student.

CANCELLATIONS: If the Gretna Public School is cancelled or dismissed early because of the weather, there will be no Midweek School classes that day. Cancellations during the day will be announced at school and also on radio station KFAB (AM 1110).

SAFETY: The safety of our children is always a primary concern. If children play outside before Midweek School, we ask that there be no pushing, shoving, fighting, throwing rocks, or snowballs. Children will not be allowed to run in the church and school and are also required to stay out of the balcony area and always away from the balcony rail. For safety and security reasons, parents are asked to come into the child’s classroom to pick up the child at the conclusion of Midweek School.

MATERIALS FEE: The suggested materials fee for each Midweek School child 3rd grade to 5th grade is \$10. The suggested material fee for each Midweek School child 6th grade to 8th grade is \$20. Checks may be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and given to the church office. Additional costs for the confirmation class will be announced in the spring (robe rental, flower expense and pictures.).

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Parents are asked to make sure that their children arrive at church in a timely manner so that they are ready for class at 5:30 PM. If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, please contact the church office. **CHECK THE MIDWEEK CALENDAR TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE PICKED UP ON TIME.** Parents are asked to be sure to encourage their children by taking an interest in their lessons and any homework assignments that may be given. It is most important that parents worship each week with their children thereby reinforcing spiritual growth and commitment in the family setting.

EXPECTATIONS FOR TEACHERS

All teachers in Midweek School are expected to:

- ◆ reflect the love of our Lord Jesus Christ in every teaching session
- ◆ regard each student as a precious child of God
- ◆ safeguard any confidences shared by any student
- ◆ remember that no two children learn at the same level but that every child can learn at some level
- ◆ take into consideration the fact that each child comes from a unique family situation that impacts the child’s life in a variety of ways
- ◆ be prepared to teach each week
- ◆ make every effort to worship each week

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

All children are expected to:

- ◆ be in their class and ready to begin by 5:30 PM
- ◆ be respectful of teachers
- ◆ be considerate of other students
- ◆ bring their Bibles and any other assigned materials to class each week
- ◆ complete any assigned homework each week
- ◆ not be disruptive during class time
- ◆ not run in the church building
- ◆ make every effort to attend worship and Sunday School each week