

St. James Lutheran Church – Verona, Wisconsin

Confirmation Ministry Outline for 2009-2010

HERE WE STAND: SEVEN CENTRAL COMPONENTS

Note: Number in parenthesis indicates required attendance total.

- **Family Time Matters** (7) First Sunday of the month, easy to remember, just think God first/first Sunday – Sanctuary. 9:40 – 10:30 am.

Parent and child will meet in a large group setting in the sanctuary with the pastor for group instruction. *Small groups will not meet during the week of Family Time Matters.* Family Time Matters takes the place of small group during this week. If you miss FTM you may download the lesson www.stjamesverona.org click on the Student Site then click the date you missed on the calendar to the left.

Complete the assignment and email it to your small group leader.

Family Time Matters dates please mark your calendars.

4-Oct	Creation Family Time Matters	9:45
1-Nov	Moses & Pharaoh Family Time Matters	9:45
6-Dec	Israel - Family Time Matters	9:45
10-Jan	The Return Family Time Matters	9:45
7-Feb	The Wilderness -Temptations Family Time Matters	9:45
7-Mar	The Good Samaritan Family Time Matters	9:45
18-Apr	Resurrection Family Time Matters	9:45

- **Weekly Small Group Study** Meet each Sunday or Wednesday (large group (FTM) meets the first Sunday class of the month – due to Easter and Spring break, please note April’s FTM date).

You will meet weekly at the same day-time-place with the same group and group leaders.

It is in weekly small group relationships where we slowly shape our faith and understanding of God at work in the world. The church is not just a building, but a community in which we connect with one another and experience the simplest yet profound impact God's grace and love has on our daily lives. We will use the **Here We Stand** curriculum.

Absences: If you cannot make a small group meeting, call your leader **before the class**. Your first option would be to call the Wednesday 6:30 group and ask if you could join them for this week, Mary Moldenhauer - 845-6946 or Chris Schulz -848-9100. If that is not a possibility for you, then you may go to our website (www.stjamesverona.org) and download that week's assignment. Complete the assignment online and email it to your leader!

- **Faith Enrichment for the Family** (2) Sundays, dates vary, 10:45 - 11:45 am.

Pick two out of the three offered during the year. Refreshments served! ☺

1. TBD
2. TBD
3. TBD

- **Service** (5 hours) Times and locations vary.

We will have many opportunities to serve through out the year. Options include:

Rally Day September 13th, 9:40-10:40: Sunday school arts and craft supervisors.

CROP Walk preparation, 4:00-after school, at St. James on September 23rd. We will make baggies of dry rice with a World Hunger statistic.

CROP Walk in Verona, October 11th at 1:30

Sunday School Preparation - Cutting out shapes ahead of time.

Volunteer to host a dinner and eat with homeless families at Midvale Lutheran Church.

Cook a meal for the Ronald McDonald House.

Help at the Souper Bowl Sunday, Blood Drive, Christmas Shoe Box, and Boxcar loading and many more opportunities will be emailed to you through out the year.

My goal is for us to stop counting service hours and joyfully serve wherever we can fill a need.

- **Faith Conversations** (1/2 hour) Schedule with Su, Pastors Kurt or Peter.

Informal conversation discussing your faith journey. We will start scheduling them after Easter.

- **Worship** (20) We expect all members to worship every week. For confirmation, we ask that you **sign in at the Welcome Center** a minimum of 20 times a year.

☺ No sermon notes are required. ☺

All confirmation students are required to attend one **Wednesday evening Lent worship service**, and one worship service during **Holy Week** (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday). This counts toward your 20 worship services.

- (1) Sign up for a date to be a **Sunday school shepherd** on the bulletin in the narthex, have Su assign you to a class (you will find her in Fellowship Hall getting ready for Sunday school opening) have her sign the yellow form. All forms and worship sign-ins can be found at the Welcome Center. Please turn all forms in to your small group leader. Being a shepherd for Sunday school **does** count as a class attendance. In order to receive credit for shepherding you must turn in the yellow form to your small group leader. You may only shepherd one time during this school year.

We ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit stirs up love and faith in all of our hearts so that we may *Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.* (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)