

LOGOS 2022-2023

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Welcome to LOGOS!

Dear LOGOS Students, Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to LOGOS, the Christian faith and discipleship growth ministry for youth at Zion Lutheran Church. As the pastoral intern of Zion Lutheran, I am glad to be a part of this ministry, and to have the opportunity to teach and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with you in LOGOS during this coming year. We have a dedicated team of adult mentors and volunteers who are committed to this ministry of faith and discipleship growth for young Christians. I am grateful for their participation in the LOGOS program, and am looking forward to working with them.

Our learning focus this year will be **Ancestors (Old and New Testament)**. In addition to the learning sessions, there will also be opportunities for worship, sharing meals together, service to the church and community, and fun activities. A calendar with the planned schedule of LOGOS dates and activities for the coming year is included in this manual. Please keep it where you can refer to it as needed. We will try to keep you informed of any changes in this schedule in a timely way. **Please note that when there is no school, there is no LOGOS.**

LOGOS is designed to engage our young people in thought-provoking presentations and discussions, activities and service projects as it presents them with the Good News of Jesus Christ and what it means to live as followers of Jesus, in the Lutheran tradition and pattern. It seeks to equip them to live out their faith in their daily lives both now and into the future, wherever their life's journey takes them. LOGOS relies heavily on the help and support of our adult mentors, parents/guardians, and the congregation as a whole, as we seek to build relationships that nurture faith and discipleship. We believe that the Christian faith and life are "more caught than taught;" so the purpose of LOGOS is to create a variety of opportunities for the young disciples of our congregation to "catch" the faith, or to be caught by it. This happens through building relationships with one another and with authentic, available, affirming adults who model their own faith.

At Zion Lutheran, LOGOS is a 3-year program, usually between grades 6 and 8, which culminates in your Confirmation (i.e. the Affirmation of Baptism), typically in the fall of 9th grade year. During this service of Affirmation of Baptism two things will happen: First, you will stand before your church, family, and friends and say "Yes" to your faith in the Triune God in whose name you were baptized; second, your pastor, family, and mentors will lay their hands on you, praying that the Holy Spirit will be stirred up in you, as he affirms that you are God's child forever.

Parental involvement in LOGOS is essential to successfully accomplish the mission and objectives of Zion's LOGOS ministry. The pastor, church council, LOGOS mentors, and the entire congregation support this LOGOS program, and see it as a way to assist you in fulfilling the promises you made at your child's baptism. The promise "**(To) . . . faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the 10 Commandments. As he/she grows in years, you should place in his/her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.**" As your mentors and pastor, it is our hope and prayer that this time of confirmation instruction will be a time of deepening and growing in faith for your entire family!

On behalf of the LOGOS Leadership Team, thank you for allowing us the privilege of sharing our own faith and ways of living out our faith with you and your family. It will be a journey of learning and growing as followers of Jesus.

Blessings,
Sarah Gunderson, Pastoral Intern

Weekly Wednesday Schedule

How is all of this going to work?

5:00 pm	Gathering/Activity time
5:10 pm	Mini-Worship in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm	Fun and Games with Greg
6:15 pm	Large Group Learning Time & Mentor Groups
7:00 pm	Say good bye with the Lord's Prayer

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, instead of a lesson after dinner, we will have a mini-lesson/activity before dinner, and all LOGOS students will be attending Mid-Week Services beginning at 6:15 p.m. either with their families or their mentor group. Parents and family members are especially encouraged to attend these mid-week worship times along with your student.

No School-No LOGOS: If school is canceled or ended early, for weather or any other reason, LOGOS will be canceled as well.

LOGOS Calendar 2022-2023

September 2022	February 2023
21-Welcome with Families--Adam & Eve	
28-Noah	1 – Syrophoenician Woman
October 2022	8 – Judas Iscariot
5 – Abraham & Sarah	15—Pontius Pilate
12 –Jacob	22–Ash Wednesday- 6:15 Worship (no lesson)
19 – Joseph	March 2023
26– Moses	1–Lenten worship (mini-lesson)
Confirmation Celebration on Sun, Oct. 30 th .	8–Lenten worship (mini-lesson)
November 2022	15 – No LOGOS (Spring Break)
2 – Ruth & Rahab	Lenten Worship 6:15
9– David	22 –Lenten Worship (mini-lesson)
16 – Elijah	29—Lenten Worship (mini-lesson)
23 – No LOGOS (Thanksgiving Break)	April 2023
30—Advent worship (mini-lesson)	5 – No LOGOS/Holy Week/Prep for Easter
December 2022	Breakfast Sat. April 9 th .
7 – Advent Worship (mini-lesson)	12—Mary Magdalene
14 – Advent Worship (mini-lesson)	19– Thomas
21 – Advent Worship/Christmas Party	26 – Saul/Paul
28– No LOGOS (Christmas Break)	May 2023
January 2023	3–Lydia
4 –Mary the Mother of Jesus	(5 th Grade Preview Night)
11 – John the Baptist	10- Last Day of LOGOS Party—Culvers, meal,
18 – The 12 Disciples	and trivia challenge
25 – Simon Peter	

Requirements for Confirmation

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) is an important decision that is made by a LOGOS student, his/her family and the Pastor. It centers on a desire to reaffirm the baptismal promises that were made for the student by his/her parents at the time of baptism. It signifies a commitment to serve and worship in the Body of Christ—the church. Confirmation is not a sacrament and is not required by the ELCA church. However, if the decision is made to desire confirmation, which can happen as early as 9th grade in our congregation, there are some expectations that must be met, allowing the student to demonstrate commitment to this step in his/her faith life.

Attendance: Regular attendance at LOGOS is expected. However, because we know other commitments and family situations may make it difficult to attend at times, we ask that each family make every effort to attend as often as possible, for as much of each LOGOS session as possible. **Come even if you can only be present for part of a session.** Meals are an important part of our program and are where a lot of relationship building takes place. Absences may also be made up through written take home work found in the re:form "Anti-Workbook."

Worship Notes: 20 Worship Notes are expected during each year of confirmation. (Sept. – May) These notes are to be turned in to the box in the back of the Sanctuary. Because we know students will sometimes attend church elsewhere, we will allow worship notes taken from a different church. Please attach a bulletin from the church you attend to your worship notes in order for credit to be given. The Logos Worship Note form must be filled out completely in order for credit to be given. The pastor and small group mentor will review and record worship notes.

Regular Involvement in the life of the congregation: Students who want to be confirmed should demonstrate that they are an active and engaged member of the congregation. You can do this by regularly volunteering in activities that happen at the church (worship, learning, and serving) like: being an acolyte, greeter, usher, communion assistant, or reading lessons for worship, singing with the choir or sharing special music, collecting food for our food shelf, serving in the kitchen during coffee hour or meals, or helping care for the church building and grounds. Being a regular volunteer out in the community or at school is also an important way of living out our faith. By the end of your LOGOS time, you should be able to share with pastor about the many different ways you have been active in the congregation and community as a part of your life of faith beyond Wednesday evening LOGOS gatherings, and how you plan to continue to be involved in the life of the congregation when you are a confirmed member.

Faith Statement and Interview with Pastor:

- As their final preparation for affirming their baptism, each confirmand is asked to write a personal faith statement. The assignment is to write a one - two page statement of your faith, expressing what your Christian faith means to you at this time in your life, and how it applies to your daily life. A more detailed guide to aid in writing the faith statement will be given out before students begin writing. Faith statements are to be turned in to the pastor prior to the final pastoral interview.
- Upon completion of the confirmation program and the faith statement, each student will be required to schedule an interview session with the pastor prior to the last Sunday in October.
- The service of Affirmation of Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, October 30, 2022.

Behavior Covenant

Keep one copy for your records.
Sign and return one copy with your registration.

In order to have LOGOS be an enjoyable experience for all, we are asking the parents and youth to sign the following Behavior Covenant:

1. I will be respectful to myself, other youth and all adult/youth helpers.
2. I will participate in class discussions, but will not side talk during class.
3. I will sit in my assigned seat and go into my assigned small group.
4. I will be respectful to the church and will not steal, vandalize, or otherwise abuse the privilege of being in the church building.
5. I will use common sense at all times while on the church grounds and on the way to and from church.
6. I will attend class each week (unless excused) and will be on time and ready to learn when class begins.
7. I will participate in as much of each night of LOGOS as I possibly can, including Mini-Worship and dinner.
8. I will NOT use my cellphone or other electronic devices during LOGOS time so that I can participate fully with those around me.

If these rules are not observed, the following consequences will result in the order listed.

1. A warning will be given.
2. Removal from the group.
3. Youth will be asked to call their parents to explain what is going on.
4. A letter will be sent home and a parent will be asked to join youth in class.

These rules apply to friends attending as well. If I bring a friend to class, I am responsible for their behavior.

*I understand the rules and the consequences listed.
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