

2019-2020

7th Grade

Mentor Book

Name: _____

Mentor: _____

You Are My Disciples

Welcome!! This booklet is meant to be completed with your mentor in correlation with confirmation at Bethel Lutheran. You choose your mentor, it should be a trusted adult who is not a relative, who you admire, and who you see living an active, vibrant faith. You will have the same mentor for the three years of confirmation. This booklet is designed to facilitate conversation and help you both learn about aspects of your faith life. Here's what is expected of you:

Expectations of Mentors

*Attend future mentor meetings at the church – **Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 pm**

* Meet with your student at least two times during their 7th grade year to complete the two modules and attend the mentor event on March 11.

*Be the adult in the relationship – if you have not heard from the student - check in with him or her.

*Research for the Baptism Module.

*Realize that the student has picked you as an important, trusted and admired Christian adult. Please, take that seriously. If you can, attend their extra-curricular events at school, write them a letter or postcard to encourage them (7th grade is not an easy time), take them out for ice cream, pray for them, etc.

Expectations of students

*Ask a trusted and admired Christian adult (not a relative) to be your mentor.

*Meet with your mentor at least two times during your 7th grade year to complete the two modules and attend the mentor event on **Wednesday, March 11, at 5:30pm.**

*Call to set up the two times to meet.

*Research for the Baptism Module.

*Realize that your mentor may be unsure how to be comfortable with a junior high youth. Greet them when you see them, smile and wave. Keep your mentor in your prayers.

*Return your completed mentor booklets to Lisa by April 29.

There are two “modules”—conversation guides and short projects, to complete in 7th grade. They are listed below with a short description of each step. There could be some prep involved with each, so read this overview first before you dive in.

Modules – 7th Grade Year

1. Getting To Know You

*A short interview of questions about likes, dislikes, matters of faith

2. Baptism: God's Claim on Us

*For this exercise, you will need to do some pre-work before your time together. Do some research about what your baptism was like: bring photos and stories to share.

*You will need an ELW, that's the red book we use in worship. You can borrow one from the church pew; just make sure to return it.

We appreciate you! Thank you for your willingness to share and learn together. May God bless your conversations.

GETTING BETTER AQUAINTED

1. Who knows you the best?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

2. What is your favorite animal?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

3. Are you a clean or messy person?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

4. Do you collect anything? What?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

5. What's your favorite movie?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

6. What is your favorite game or sport to watch or play?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

7. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

8. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

9. Would you rather win the lottery or work the perfect job? Why?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

10. What would you sing at Karaoke?

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

➔MODULE TWO – BAPTISM: GOD’S CLAIM ON US

(Our Call to Discipleship)

IMPORTANT: For this module, both the student and the mentor will need to do some research before the meeting:

- ➔Bring pictures
- ➔Find out who was present: aunts, uncles, friends, siblings, cousins, godparents, grandparents....
- ➔Where was the baptism held?
- ➔Do you still have the candle, towel, and certificate that were presented to you?
- ➔Did your family celebrate afterwards?

1) Tell the story of your baptism;

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

2) What happens at a baptism? Refer to page 227 in the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal) for more insight.

Mentor: _____

Student: _____

3) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (From “The Small Catechism by Martin Luther) – Read together.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God’s Word and by his command.

WHAT IS THE WORD?

In Matthew 28 our Lord Jesus Christ says, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

WHAT BENEFITS DOES GOD GIVE IN BAPTISM?

In Baptism, God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what he has promised.

WHAT IS GOD’S PROMISE?

In Mark 16, our Lord Jesus Christ says, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

HOW CAN WATER DO SUCH GREAT THINGS?

It is not water that does these things, but God's Word with the water and our trust in this Word. Water by itself is only water, but with the Word of God, it is life-giving water, which by grace gives the new birth through the Holy Spirit. St. Paul writes in Titus 3, "He saved us...in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN FOR DAILY LIVING?

It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance: and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever. St. Paul writes in Romans 6, "We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

What gifts are we given in baptism?

What calling are we given in baptism?

Close your time together with the following prayer:

Dear God, we ask that the Holy Spirit guide and direct our relationship. Help us develop a relationship that is grounded in you. Thank you for this time together. Be with us each day, at school, at play, at home, at work. Keep us safe until we come together again. Amen.

THE END

Congratulations on completing this mentor booklet for the 7th grade year! Thank you to both of you for your time and energy in beginning this very important relationship. Be sure to thank each other for the time you had together, and for the ways each of you were gifted by the other's presence.

Students: Your final task is to return only your booklet to Lisa by April 29. Please remember to put your name on the cover!