

**Learn-By-Heart Program**  
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Summer 2010**

Over the summer we would like the children to have the opportunity to continue their Learn by Heart memorization program. We have provided a few different verses/prayers/creeds. We have divided them into age appropriate groups, keeping in mind that each child learns differently and at a different pace. If you see that your child has easily memorized the things that are in his/her age group do not hesitate to help them begin to learn the next level. Your child will have a chance to recite their summer verses at the beginning of the fall Sunday school year in September.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Learn by Heart coordinators Dave Hooley, Sue Anderson, and Raven Astrom or Dawn Reed at any time.

The following suggestions per age group are as follows:

Preschool	1 John 4:19 Mealtime Prayer
K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	John 3:16 Bedtime Prayer
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Matthew 7:7 Genesis 1:31a
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Joshua 1:9 The Apostles' Creed The Beatitudes-Matthew 5:3-11

**Preschool**

**1 John 4:19**

*We love because He first loved us.*

**Mealtime Prayer**

*Come Lord Jesus  
Be our guest  
And let thy gifts  
To us be blessed.  
Amen.*

**John 3:16**

*For God so loved the world  
That he gave his only son  
That whoever believes in him  
Will not perish, but have eternal life.*

**Bedtime Prayer**

*Jesus tender shepherd hear me  
Bless thy little child tonight  
Though thy darkness be thou near me  
Keep me safe till morning light  
Amen.*

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**Matthew 7:7**

*Ask and it will be given to you;  
Seek and you will find;  
Knock and the door will be opened to you.*

**Genesis 1:31a**

*God saw everything that he had made and indeed, it was very good.*

**Joshua 1:9**

*I hereby command you:  
Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid,  
for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.  
Amen.*

**The Beatitudes**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**4th/5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**The Apostles' Creed**

*believe in God the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
believe in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord.*