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A NOTE REGARDING RELIGION CLASS THIS YEAR

Dear Parents of 7th & 8th Graders,

This year in religion is the Year of the Bible (alternating with the Year of the Catechism). While the students already know many Bible stories, they probably don't have a good grasp on the big picture – how all of those parts fit together into one grand story, the unfolding of God's plan of salvation. **My goal this year is to help your child gain a good understanding of story of salvation as it flows through Scripture and history.**

You'll find a link for a **"See Through the Scriptures"** course outline on my bulletin board. You will note that there are Bible reading assignments throughout. Most of these will be assigned as homework, and that's where you come in. **Students will get the most out of this course if they are faithful about reading the assigned material. Even better, you can read and discuss it with them to ensure they understand the material.** The readings will be discussed in class, and there will be quizzes on the reading assignments to ensure they are being read.

There is also a link on my bulletin board for **Catechism Memory Assignments**. Each week we will cover one part of the Small Catechism. Typically, we will briefly discuss each week's Catechism lesson on Monday and quiz for memory work on Wednesday. Please help your child in this as well.

Please print these schedules, or go online often to refer to them or the calendar of assignments. **And thank you for your support in the Christian cultivation of your child.** Along with regular worship attendance (3rd Commandment), this is an important part of fulfilling the promise we make at our children's baptisms, to raise them in the fear and love of the Lord. May God bless you in this holy endeavor. Please call if you have any questions.

See next page for list of materials students will need for class.

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See Through the Scriptures Materials List

- Bible (NIV will be used in class)
- Copy of the Small Catechism (available in bookstore)
- Pocket catechism (to take home for memory work; first one provided; replacements available in bookstore)
- 3-ring binder, 1 inch (pockets helpful)
- Ruled paper in binder for taking notes (available in bookstore)
- Pencils or pens
- Curriculum: lesson and work books and timeline (provided)