

**Bethlehem Lutheran School, Lakewood, CO**  
**Faith Curriculum Grade Eight (revised 09/03)**

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*The faith curriculum at Bethlehem Lutheran School is designed to equip each student for a lifelong faith walk through a Christ-centered program which encourages relationship-building with our Lord. Instruction within each classroom will encompass the following goals.*

**Goal 1**

*Teaching the demands of God’s Law and the comfort and assurance of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. (law/gospel)*

**Classroom objectives**

Through the Word and Spirit of God, the student will

- 1.1 Know God, especially His seeking and forgiving love in Christ.
- 1.2 See themselves as the reconciled, redeemed child of God and individual members of Christ’s body, the church.
- 1.3 Recognize God’s law as a curb, mirror, and guide for their daily living.

**Goal 2**

*Modeling and encouraging an active knowledge of His Word (memory/mind geared to seeing God at work).*

**Classroom objectives**

Through the Word and the Spirit of God, the student will

- 2.1 Find knowledge, wisdom, and understanding for their life from the Word of God. (Proverbs)
- 2.2 Make conscious decisions in their lives based on God’s Word.

**Goal 3**

*Enabling students to develop a meaningful prayer life (how, when, where, what of prayer).*

**Classroom objectives**

Through the Word and the Spirit of God, the student will

- 3.1 Increase their personal prayer time.
- 3.2 Understand the power of prayer and recognize that Jesus, our example, prayed every day.
- 3.3 Lead classroom prayers which reflect all occasions and kinds of requests.

**Goal 4**

*Equipping students to respond in faith and growing maturity (living actions and words; change to individual lives, reactive to faith).*

**Classroom objectives**

Through the Word and the Holy Spirit, the student will

- 4.1 Respond in faith and grow up into Godly wisdom.
- 4.2 Value all of God’s creative work in His world and church.
- 4.3 Grow in their acceptance of others as individuals and members of the body of Christ.
- 4.4 Grow in honesty, loyalty, and integrity.
- 4.5 Responsibility use their gifts and talents from God.

**Goal 5**

*Fostering peaceful living with others (self-control, life with others, proactive, initiating peaceful living, modeling love of Christ).*

**Classroom objectives**

Through the Word and the Spirit of God, the student will

- 5.1 Live happily in peace with God, themselves, and their fellow human beings.
- 5.2 Openly respect and defend the rights of others.
- 5.3 Demonstrate compassion in every area of their lives.

- 5.4 Respond positively to adults who genuinely care for them, try to understand their feelings, and accept them as valuable people.

**Goal 6**

*Modeling expression of joy in worship (worship).*

**Classroom objectives**

Through the Word and the Spirit of God, the student will

- 6.1 Express their joy in worship of God.
- 6.2 Participate actively in God's mission to the church and world.
- 6.3 Participate in leading daily devotions.
- 6.4 Assist in planning and leading a chapel service.

**Goal 7**

*Encouraging student to continue in their walk of faith until Jesus returns.*

**Classroom objectives**

Through the Word and the Spirit of God, the student will

- 7.1 Express joy in loving service to others.
- 7.2 Witness openly to Christ as the Savior of all people.
- 7.3 Live in Christian hope.
- 7.4 Write and publicly deliver their faith testimonial.