

REVEAL: Know... Own... and Make Known...

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ REVEAL ENROLLMENT FORM

Please fill out each blank space to the best of your ability. Remember, these are handled in the order they are received.

Forms (along with the \$15/yearly registration fee) can be turned in at or after the August orientation meeting

Student's Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address (primary): _____

Phone Number (primary): _____

Address (secondary): _____

Phone (secondary): _____

Grade (going into): _____ School Attended: _____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Baptism Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Parent Name(s): _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Please fill in the form below to enroll for CORE of REVEAL or ELECTIVES of REVEAL courses.
(You will be notified if a class is full. You may choose another course that has an opening.)

Course Name	Date Offered (First day of class)	CORE? (Y or N)	ELECTIVE (A or B and Hours)	Office Use Only: Student #
<i>Tablets (example)</i>	<i>Sept. 7, 2011</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>—</i>	

Pick up a course syllabus / guide for each course for which your student is registered (PRE coursework, if required, is found on those sheets). These forms can be found in the office or at www.gslcglencoe.org/reveal.htm.

Please keep us informed of email/phone/cell changes. ~ Contact a REVEAL staff member with questions.

Received in Office: _____

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General Information about REVEAL

Welcome to REVEAL, Good Shepherd's Confirmation program, where students will learn **to know, own, and make known**. Jesus is the ultimate teacher and we turn to His teachings, as found in the Scriptures, **to know**. Jesus sought the broken, lost, hurt and forgotten with a passion that is unmatched. As the youth **own** their faith journey, they too will seek to be Christ-like. Jesus loved all those He encountered— even the chief of sinners— and eventually died for their sins. Students will make this fact **known** by professing their faith and being equipped to tell others about Christ.

Our confirmation model includes a traditional classroom format. We began utilizing group building nights where smaller groups were able to come together for learning. The smaller group sizes allowed for more learning to take place and benefitted the relationships of students.

REVEAL seeks to build on that foundation, using ALL small class sizes with a module based approach, much like a small group Bible study. The educational experience will be better for all students. These groups will help foster a setting where students can relax, study and grow together. Some of the classroom experiences will take place in retreat format.

The large group element (LIVE) will be met through weekly chances for the students to gather, pray, learn and have fun.

We, the leadership, after much thought and prayer, feel that all of these elements are crucial to the student's faith maturation. REVEAL is an education program aimed to meet the needs of our growing church, but first and foremost, the students! This allows for each student to own and understand the living relationship he/she is in with Jesus Christ, his/her Lord and Savior.

We hope and pray that REVEAL is a wonderful experience for everyone. We are open and willing to answer questions and concerns. This book is meant to help you become better acquainted with REVEAL. So, take a moment and familiarize yourself with its contents, but don't hesitate to contact any of us!

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Planning to Experience REVEAL

These easy steps will help make your REVEAL experience a success!

Planning for courses...

1. Class sizes will be between 6 and 10 students.
2. Review the ELECTIVES of REVEAL descriptions. You **must** take a certain amount of hours from ELECTIVES A and ELECTIVES B (33 in total, of which 18 must be ELECTIVE A). Any ELECTIVES of REVEAL that are labeled "TBD" will be made known to youth and parents as more information becomes available.
3. Families need to consider vacation/sports/school activities so that they can plan around them. A calendar of all classes will be available at the REVEAL meeting or can be found at www.gslcglencoe.org/reveal.htm.
4. **Turn in all registration forms/fees to the church office.**

Planning beyond REVEAL...

1. Encourage your youth to attend Jr. High Student Ministry activities as they arise. You can learn more about these activities by visiting www.gslcglencoe.org. Visit the Youth Board outside the Youth/Education office!
2. Plan to meet with a REVEAL staff member before each year and during the mid-year break for updates. As a parent, this will keep you informed of your child's progress through REVEAL.
3. Keep this booklet for class information, contact numbers/emails, and for the REVEAL calendar.
Encourage your child to invite friends to join him/her for the beyond REVEAL experiences.

Class Attendance and Participation

*The nature of this format and structure is that it relies upon 100% attendance and 100% participation. Since many of the classes are 3-5 weeks long, it stands that missed classes are hard to make up and still finish on time. For this reason, we ask that you clearly check schedules and make any and all arrangements to be at each class, on time and prepared. **If you miss a class due to anything besides sickness or other family emergency, there is only one way to make it up: take the whole course again.***

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Become a part of REVEAL!

The REVEAL staff would love to have you be a part of our exciting team. There are many ways to get involved. The following are just a few...

Teaching a course...

From time to time, the need for substitutes pops up and we would like to have some ready and willing parents fill in for a night. Further, as our numbers grow and more ELECTIVE B courses are needed, we would like you to share your God-given talents while being a teaching witness to our REVEAL students.

Guardian Angel Program...

Each year our 8th grade students are assigned a Guardian Angel. This Guardian Angel will pray for, encourage and gift the 8th grader various items throughout the year. This neat experience is cap-stoned by the Revelation Dinner where the identity of the Guardian Angel is revealed to the student. This meal is a time to continue getting to know each other. They are encouraged to continue communication and support.

Jr. High Student Ministry team member...

Though the REVEAL staff is excited and energized to serve you and your child, we cannot do it all. As opportunities arise for activities, outings and events, the Board of Education and REVEAL staff will need additional team members for Jr. High Student Ministry. We hope you will prayerfully consider serving Good Shepherd and the youth at this capacity. We are an equal opportunity provider! Let the office know if you are interested in serving as a Jr. High Student Ministry team member.

Prayer and Encouragement...

With any ministry endeavor (especially one in its infancy) comes challenges, barriers and growth points. As we implement and evaluate, we ask that each parent would be constantly praying for and encouraging the REVEAL staff and students. God never promises the path will be easy; rather, we are called to take up our cross and follow. We humbly request that you be a REVEAL Prayer Warrior asking God to use this ministry to its fullest and to keep the Enemy at bay. If you would like specific things to pray for, contact a REVEAL staff member.



Are you interested in helping with REVEAL? Please fill out the following information and return it to the church office. A REVEAL staff member will contact you soon!

Name: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address(es): _____

How would you like to be involved? _____

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2017-2018

We have laid out a suggested plan for core and elective A classes. Many times we get asked what classes they should take and even though it is a 'take at your own pace' program, we find that some are taking too many too soon, or not completing them until last minute when it is too late.

Please follow this guide to get the most out of the confirmation experience and ensure success. The classes have also been laid out in an age appropriate way (to the best of our ability).

5th Grade

Old Testament (Core)

Worship (Core)

New Testament (Core)

Creation and Evolution (Elective A) (6)

LIVE (Elec A) (1 or 2)

6th Grade

10 Commandments (Core)

Apostles' Creed (Core)

Reformation (Elective A) (4)

Lord's Prayer (Core)

LIVE (Elec A) (1 or 2)

7th Grade

Acolyte Training (Elec B) (1)

Baptism (Core)

Office of the Keys (Core)

Cults, Sects and Denominations (Elective A) (4)

LIVE (Elec A) (1 or 2)

8th Grade

The Lord's Supper (Core)

Ethics: Beginning (Elective A) (3)

Ethics: End (Elective A) (3)

Advanced Bible Study (Elective A) (4)

LIVE (Elec A) (1 or 2)

This model gives the student all of the required Core classes and 24 Elective A credits. This will leave the student with 9 credits left to obtain through Elective B opportunities (which includes: any offered Elective B class and speakers). They can also obtain more Elective A credits through the Missions category (which includes: Fuel, Camp, and LIVE attendance).

*Remember: This part of completion for Confirmation = ALL Core Classes, 18 or more elective A classes and 15 of a combination of Elective A & B classes of your choosing.

**Your student will have to pass Questioning in the Fall of their 9th grade year in order to be confirmed. It is not in their best interest to rush them through the program in the 5th & 6th grade years. They may not be prepared for this questioning after such a long break in classes.

***Above all, a steady progression through this program not only allows your student to learn, but to build long lasting relationships with their peers and church family.

Yearly, the student is responsible for:

Completing and turning in 10 sermon reports.

2 separate service projects, each lasting at least 1 hour. They are required to complete and turn in the summary form.

Attending LIVE ministry weekly when they do not have a class.

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During REVEAL

REVEAL includes many facets of the Christian life. Two of those facets that are "self-directed" and to be completed outside of class are worship reports and service projects.

Worship Reports...

These integral parts of REVEAL encourage the students to do two things: attend worship and be observant. Each student is required to complete a **minimum** of 10 worship reports a year. Blank worship reports can be picked up outside the church office. These are periodically graded and tallied.

Students who do not complete this requirement will not be confirmed. Why? We require this because it encourages attendance, church family and active membership. We also grow in Gods' Word, when we learn to be attentive.

Service and Care Experiences ...

In response to God's love towards us, we are called to love, care for and serve others. Each student is asked to complete **two separate** service experiences a year, each lasting at least 1 hour. There is a short form to document the activity. If it was not completed with other REVEAL students, parents are asked to "sign off" on the experience. Please turn these forms in as soon as the service is completed. One standing option to complete these service experiences is to help serve the Thanksgiving dinner at First Congregational Church. Look for the "Service and Care Experiences" bulletin board located across from Ted's office for more information.

Upon Completion of REVEAL

Though the bulk of "work" prior to being confirmed at Good Shepherd is to successfully complete the REVEAL experience, there are a couple other components that students will be required to complete before Confirmation.

*Note: Confirmation Sunday is Reformation Sunday **following completion** of REVEAL.*

Confirmation Summer Retreat...

For students going into the 9th grade to help the students prepare for Confirmation. This is required and will greatly benefit your student in understanding Confirmation. This is an overnight.

Faith Statement...

The Faith Statement is 200 words about what you believe. It should reflect what you know and believe about God, your salvation, and your responsibility as a Christian. You are asked to prepare this (with help from Pastor and Ted) and share it on Questioning Night and then on Confirmation Sunday. More information will be given regarding the Faith Statements.

Confirmation Verse Selection...

Each student will be asked to choose and memorize a Bible verse that will be their Confirmation verse. These can be the basis for the faith statement or a verse that speaks to the gifts/qualities God has given the student. A list of possible verses will be provided, but families are encouraged to work together.

Making a Stole...

A stole is a colorful, scarf-like accessory, which you will wear for Confirmation Sunday. These red stoles symbolize a work of the Holy Spirit and the traditional liturgical color for Confirmation. Further, a stole symbolizes the Christian's servant heart (think: "yoke" or "towel over shoulders"). They will display the student's name, student's Confirmation verse, and other symbols/decorations representing the student and Confirmation.

Questioning...

Questioning Night is not a public spectacle and not meant to grill the students; however, it is a neat way for the students to start verbally defending and explaining what they believe and what the Bible says. This is usually done in a panel format with the REVEAL staff and the Board of Deacons and Board of Education. Content will include the CORE of REVEAL material, explaining the plan of salvation and the Bible Literacy Quiz. More information will be given out regarding Questioning Night the year your child is to be Confirmed.

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Additional notes about REVEAL

During REVEAL, we ask that you be patient and ask any questions that arise. Before doing so, please revisit this booklet to ensure the answer is not already covered.

Junior High Student Ministry...

REVEAL is just one portion of Jr. High Student Ministry at Good Shepherd, but it is a very important part. We ask that families strive to place high value on REVEAL and other Jr. High Student Ministry functions.

Parents' role...

The role of parents is, first and foremost, to provide and care for their child, especially by teaching them the faith. We ask that you would reinforce the content and materials taught at REVEAL so that they might have a lasting impact on your children. Your involvement is crucial in raising children up in the faith. The amount of time a parent spends with a child is far more than the amount of time the REVEAL staff will be with your child. Treasure those moments and let them be times that include discussion of faith and life, family devotions and prayer, and mutual sharing and support. For resources to accomplish these things, please contact the REVEAL staff. It is your responsibility to keep record of your students progress. Binders will be given to each student as a tool to organize their materials.

Parent courses...

In an effort to better equip you to be Christian parents, the REVEAL staff will offer courses for parents. We hope you see the high value of the classes. As you attend, your students will have a vivid model of participation and study of God's Word as it pertains to the life of a Christian. You *will not* want to miss these opportunities! A list of classes will be offered at a later date. Topics will include, but are not limited to: parenting, boundaries with teens, teens and sexuality, teen culture, guy issues, girl issues, etc.

Enrollment...

Good Shepherd keeps records of students' ages and year in school. Materials will be sent which will include course information, enrollment forms, a parents' guide, and information on the fees for REVEAL. Students are encouraged to invite friends and may request more REVEAL information at anytime. Registration for individual classes happens when families fill out and return the registration form. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Students need to pick up a syllabus for each class they will be taking *BEFORE CLASS BEGINS*. (**Some courses require pre-work!**) These can be found in the church office or retrieved from the website at www.gslcglencoe.org/reveal.htm.

NOTE: Some courses include pre-class work that should be finished before class begins.

Syllabi...

Each course comes with its own identity, but always requires 100% attendance and 100% participation. When the student is planning to take a course, the **syllabus must be acquired** (See enrollment above). There will be pre-class work, outlined in each syllabus, to complete before the first day of a class. Please, plan ahead, get the syllabus and complete pre-class work in a timely manner. Many classes include post-class work, too. Always consult your syllabus to find the answer first.

Resources...

The REVEAL staff honestly and whole-heartedly care about your child. We are here to nurture their faith. In doing so, we ask that you see the REVEAL staff as resources for questions or concerns that come up for you, your family or your child. Alongside the human resources of the staff are the tangible resources of this book, a catechism (to be referenced in class), a Bible, a writing utensil and paper (you provide these resources). There is a strong correlation between being prepared and succeeding. Please help your child adequately prepare by reviewing this book, looking over class syllabi and completing pre-class work and dialoguing with your child about what he/she is learning. You are your child's greatest resource...and not just for money!

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Additional notes about REVEAL—continued

Attendance and Participation...

REVEAL is built upon the expectation of 100% attendance and 100% participation. We ask that each child arrive to their class on time (or a little early) and stay until the end (please check the class times on each class syllabi). The learning environment is hindered for each student when these requests are not met. To reiterate, if your child misses a class due to anything besides sickness or other family emergency, there is only one way to make it up: take the whole course again. We kindly request that you contact your child's instructor or the church office (320-864-6157) if your child will not be at class. This helps the instructors better prepare and eliminates spending time waiting on a student who will not be attending that class.

With courses offered at a variety of times, we hope that each student will find and commit to the time required for each class.

Parent & Student Responsibility:

- ◆ Parents: To commit a few hours of your time during the year helping supervise and enjoying a class, a LIVE evening or a FUEL class. Sign-up and yearly schedule will be available outside the church offices. We are dependent on your help to make this program reach it's full potential and be successful. We can not do this with out you.
- ◆ To obtain each class syllabus and come prepared for each class.
- ◆ 100% attendance and 100% participation.
- ◆ Attend class and/or LIVE weekly.
- ◆ To keep updated record of your child progress.
- ◆ To turn in YEARLY required worship reports and service hour forms.



As part of the REVEAL requirement we have added a special program to enhance the experience. Weekly on Wednesdays students grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend LIVE (Live It Fully Everyday). Here the students will participate in devotions, lessons and explore everyday life issues. If you are not attending a REVEAL class we strongly encourage you to participate in the weekly LIVE meeting. Attendance will earn elective A credits. You will have to earn at least 4 LIVE credits to meet the confirmation requirement. Credits are based on attendance. 100-75% = 2 credits, 74-50% = 1 credit, below 50% = 0 credit.

*2017-2018: 8th grade must earn 1 credit, 7th grade must earn 2 or more credits, 6th grade must earn 3 or more credits and 5th grade must earn 4 or more credits, in the time they have left until confirmation.