

# **St. Philip's Lutheran** **Religion Content Standards**

## **Introduction and Rationale**

St. Philip's Lutheran School exists to assist families in the Christian training of their children; therefore, everything done at school must be in accordance with what God's Word teaches us. Fundamentally important to this objective is to train students in the truths of God's Word. At St. Philip's, this is carried out through the Christ-Light curriculum in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade and through Catechism instruction in grades seven and eight.

The study of what we, in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, believe is imperative to training and equipping Christians who are ready to carry out the great commission of telling others about God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus.

Through this study, students are able to recognize how God's plan of salvation has been carried out throughout history as they examine the Old Testament prophecies and New Testament fulfillment of those prophecies. They will study the lives and examples of men and women of the Bible who demonstrated great faith and leadership. They will focus on the example of Jesus Christ and work to become imitators of Him. Students will also recognize the effects of sin throughout history and in our world today as well as see the need for sharing and understanding both law and gospel. As students spend time in God's Word, the Holy Spirit is able to work and strengthen faith in their hearts allowing them to grow as young Christians and future leaders.

St. Philip's wants its students to strive to use their talents and abilities to lead lives that reflect the love of Christ. In order to accomplish this, St. Philip's also offers its students opportunities to demonstrate leadership in the church, school, and community.

If it is God's will, students will not only learn what the Bible teaches, but also have faith worked inside of them through the Holy Spirit to believe what they are reading and studying. It is the prayer of all of us at St. Philip's Lutheran School that God, the Holy Spirit, will work saving faith in each of our students and that they are then able to tell others about God's plan of salvation for all who believe.