

Heritage of Faith

Freshman Religion at Great Plains Lutheran High School
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Course Description

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Heritage of Faith is a year long course required of all freshmen. It is a survey of the Old Testament (Genesis through David) utilizing the WELS Christ-Light curriculum. Attention will also be given to Christian decision making and witnessing for Christ. This course is to lead to a deeper understanding of the foundation of the world in which we live and how God chose his special people and kept the promises he made to them so that the Savior of all would come from them.

Course Objectives

With God's blessing we will strive to:

1. Grow in our understanding and appreciation of God's Word, its teachings, and its usefulness;
2. Apply God's Word and promises to our lives;
3. Turn to the Scripture as the primary source of guidance for life and daily decisions;
4. Be able to use the gifts God has given us to share the saving faith with others and to nurture fellow Christians in this faith;
5. Maintain a core of memory passages for lifelong use; and
6. Be equipped and eager for a lifetime of personal and group Bible study.

Course Methods

During this course we will use class discussion, lecture, individual study, pair and small group study, audio and visual aids. A study guide will be provided for each Bible portion under consideration. Additional exercises and activities will be used to apply the material in class and/or be given as homework assignments.

As we view one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, we will demonstrate respect for our Lord, his Word, and each other. We will maintain an atmosphere of respect and learning where everyone can use and cultivate the gifts God has given. Students are to have their own NIV Bible for daily use. Study guides will be handed out throughout the course and should be kept in a three ring binder dedicated to this class.

Course Evaluation

Student progress and understanding will be assessed as study guides are discussed in class, homework assignments are discussed and/or collected and graded, units are reviewed through open and closed note quizzes, and tests are given. Grading will be based on homework/activities (15%), quizzes (30%), tests (30%), student participation (10%), and semester exams (15%).