

8th Grade Capstone Project

In the Third Article of the Apostles Creed we confess, “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church...” You can be assured that by your baptism you are a member of the holy Christian church that the Creed speaks of. You have been made holy through the washing away of your sins by the blood of Christ at the time of your baptism. Your Capstone Project will be a creative way for you to demonstrate what you have learned during your time in confirmation and a way to exhibit your faith to your parents, pastors and church.

This is not a simple project. It’s a major project because the gift of faith that your Heavenly Father has bestowed on you is an enormous blessing. Below are some specific examples of past projects, but yours can look like whatever you want. This is your chance to let your creativity take over. This project will be whatever you want it to be. It simply needs to reflect your gift of faith. Oh, and we hope it will be fun too!

In order to help you be accountable for completing this project, you’ll need to share your project idea and plan for how you’ll complete it by **Sunday, December 17th, 2023**. Once it is approved, you will have until **Sunday, May 12th, 2024** to complete the project. We’ll take a look at each other’s projects in class and then all projects will be displayed for family and friends on Confirmation Day, May 19th, 2024. We’ll talk much more about this in class, but put on your thinking caps and begin to discuss ideas with your parents.

If you are stuck, a good place to start is Luther’s Small Catechism. Review the Six Chief Parts and recall the promises of God and the way in which He continues to deliver His gifts to you through Word and Sacrament. The explanation of Christian Symbols in the Catechism on page 387 can also be helpful if you are planning on doing a type of art project. There are many symbols that can be worked into your project. Of course God’s Word, the Bible, is the paramount place for help. Perhaps pick a Bible story or a specific verse that you can form your idea around. However, if you really get stuck, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stengl. But do not put it off too long!

Examples from past students:

Wood carving

Cement “faith stepping stones”

Painting

Banner

Make a quilt to donate

Welded metal artwork

Work of art to be displayed at church

Picture collage of service project

Compose tune and/or text for a hymn

Written reflection on volunteering/serving

Sculpture/pottery

Research a notable Lutheran Theologian