## Mission Statement and Course Descriptions

"To enrich young lives with service, learning, and Christian values."

**7th Grade - Old Testament:** The aim of this course is to journey through the Pentateuch, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets to gain a better understanding of God's redemption plan for the Israelites and the world.

**8th Grade - New Testament:** The aim of this course is to engage the Gospels, Epistles, and other books of the New Testament to discover Jesus as the Savior of the world. We will also wrestle with key understandings in faith, love, and the end times.

**9th Grade - Christology:** The aim of this course is to uncover Jesus Christ as proclaimed through the Scriptures. We will dig deeper into the key Lutheran doctrines surrounding Christ and how He has been understood throughout Church history.

**10th Grade - Ethics:** The aim of this course is to understand Christian Ethics and their origin from the Bible and other writings. We will wrestle with contemporary issues and how to answer society's questions from a Christian perspective.

**11th Grade - World Religions:** The aim of this course is to discuss various major religions from around the world and analyze their beliefs. We will discover how these religions are related and how they answer basic philosophical questions.

**12th Grade - Apologetics:** This aim of this course is to prepare students for the "real world". We will revisit some key understandings from previous classes and will dive deeper into Lutheran theology than ever before. We will prepare ourselves to defend our faith.

I chose these courses because they build ideas on top of each other as students advance in grade level. We start with the Old and New Testament because it is important that the Bible is our foundation for the rest of the theological concepts. We move from Ethics to World Religions and then to Apologetics because it's a logical progression of thought. Students should understand their own beliefs, then others, and then how to defend their beliefs against others. These courses are designed to revisit concepts, but not to repeat information.