

## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

### Confirmation Overview 2014-2015

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! Immanuel Lutheran Church & School has a proud history of instructing her members in the faith in which one was baptized. When your child has reached the end of their fifth grade year, we begin the process of teaching the faith according to Luther's Small Catechism. Classes are held both for our day school students and our public school students on a weekly basis throughout the school year. The catechism classes which begin at the end of the fifth grade year with instruction in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper leads to the Rite of Confirmation at the conclusion of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

In addition to the classroom study, students will also learn service both within the church and throughout the community. **Beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and continuing through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade**, students will be expected to serve as acolytes during our weekly worship services in which they will receive (1) hour of service time per occurrence. The student is expected to complete a total of 10 hours of service both within and outside of the church per year. In addition each student is expected to complete (15) sermon reports per year to be turned in and reviewed by Pastor Ritter. They will be recorded and returned to you with comments from the Pastor. The road to confirmation is as follows.

#### **The Road to Confirmation**

**Fifth Grade:** In the Spring of the student's fifth grade year, we welcome parents and child to our *Welcome to the Lord's Table* class that teaches your child about the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper often times referred to as Holy Communion. The classes meet a total of 8 times during which time we study Luther's Small Catechism and the workbook *This is the Feast* by Rev. Dean Nadasdy.

Class Requirements:                      Luther's Small Catechism    \$12

   This is the Feast workbook    \$6

   Bible (any Bible is ok, but it is recommended the student use the **Faith Alive Bible**, available for purchase for \$26)

**Sixth and Seventh Grade:** During these two years, students begin to explore key passages either from the Old Testament or the New Testament as they pertain to the Small Catechism. Classes will meet in (4) six-week sessions throughout the year studying the book *A Bible History*. In addition to the classroom study, students will also learn service both within the church and throughout the community. Students will be expected to serve as acolytes during our weekly worship services in which they will receive (1) hour of service time per time. The student is expected to complete a total of 10 hours of service both within and outside of the church. In addition each student is expected to complete (15) sermon reports to be turned in and reviewed by Pastor Ritter. They will be recorded and returned to you with comments from the Pastor.

Students will also have the opportunity to attend a Fall Confirmation Retreat at Camp Luther, more details below.

**Requirements:**

Students are expected to attend all 24 class sessions or make up any class sessions missed due to unforeseen circumstances. Students are also expected to complete the above mentioned service hour and sermon report requirements as outlined above. The following is a list of program costs and required materials.

Confirmation Registration: \$15

Required books and materials:

A Bible History (will be checked out to each student, please cover the book to protect the cover)

Luther's Small Catechism

Bible (The **Faith Alive Bible** is recommended)

Notebook

Pen or Pencil

**Seventh Grade:** For students entering the seventh grade, they will spend the majority of the year studying key passages from the Bible as they pertain to Luther's Small Catechism. As they complete the survey of the Bible towards the end of the year, students will begin their study into the 6 Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism, which will continue into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students will also have the opportunity to attend a Fall Confirmation Retreat at Camp Luther, more details below.

**Requirements:**

Students are expected to attend all 24 class sessions or make up any class sessions missed due to unforeseen circumstances. Students are also expected to complete the service hour and sermon report requirements as outlined above. The following is a list of program costs and required materials.

Confirmation Registration: \$15

Required books and materials: A Bible History (will be checked out to each student, please cover the book to protect the cover)

Luther's Small Catechism

Bible

Notebook

Pen or Pencil

**Eighth Grade:** This is the final year of the confirmation program at Immanuel, but it does not mean it is the last year one should continue to study about their faith. For students entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year, they will attend (4) six-week sessions that will cover all six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism, though some may be in review from the previous year. Students will also write a faith statement answering the questions "What my faith means to me?" & "Why I desire to confirm my faith?" These faith statements are to be a minimum of two-pages in length (one page per question) , double spaced with a 12 point font. The Faith Statements are to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> to be reviewed and returned for any revisions. Students will then select one of the worship services between April 8<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> to read their faith statements.

Before reading the faith statement, the confirmand will meet with Pastor Ritter or Pastor John to review their faith statement and also answer additional questions in preparation for the Rite of Confirmation.

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Families should also anticipate an additional cost of \$40 for Confirmation pictures, flowers and gown.

Confirmation Sunday is May 3, 2015