

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Confirmation: A Journey of Faith

2014-2015

Schedule

Classes begin Wed. Sept 10th 3:30pm-4:30pm for all students not attending Immanuel School. Please register your student online at <http://www.immanuelrapids.com/greenhouse/#!/ministries/confirmation>. Acolyte training will be provided for anyone who has never been an acolyte before or for those who would like a refresher course. The following is a list of required materials that are available for purchase in the church office. There is also a \$15.00 Confirmation Registration cost that is for all students due before the end of September.

Luther's Small Catechism \$12

Faith Alive Bible \$26

First Quarter

All students attending public schools begin the first quarter of confirmation Wed. Sept. 10th beginning in the afternoons at 3:30pm-4:30pm and will continue this schedule until Wed. October 15th. Parents are encouraged but not required to attend classes with their child.

All Students attending Immanuel Lutheran School begin the first quarter of confirmation the week of Sept. 10th during one of the class periods.

During the First Quarter, all students are strongly encouraged to attend the 2014 Fall Confirmation Retreat at *Camp Luther* on the weekend of **Sept 26-27** (Fri & Sat.). As part of the pre-confirmation program we require that students attend at least one retreat during their time in confirmation, but they are welcome and encouraged to attend each year. These are fun-filled weekends at camp that allows us to grow together as a family of believers as well as learn about Christ in an outdoor setting. This year, due to the schools being closed for a professional development day, we will be able to depart for Camp already on Friday morning, giving more opportunity to explore camp and partake in some outdoor activities.

The cost to attend the retreat is \$85 (1 night, 3 meals at camp(included) and 2 meals on our own*)

*cost of additional meals not included in above price

Second Quarter

The second quarter of confirmation begins on Wed. November 5th for all Public school students and that same week for ILS students. The second quarter like the first will meet for 6 weeks, however there will be no class on November 26st in observance of Thanksgiving, as a result the second quarter will end on December 17th.

A Confirmation Christmas Party for all students will be held in Kuechle Hall at ILS on Friday December 19th from 6-8pm. Each grade is asked to bring something to share with the rest of the group. Also please bring a wrapped gift to be exchanged during the gift exchange. The gift should not cost more than \$5.

What food to bring?

6th grade: Something Salty...

7th grade: Something Sweet...

8th grade: Something to Drink...

Third Quarter

Happy New Year!!! We will have hit the half way mark when classes resume on Jan. 7th. The third quarter runs for six consecutive weeks between Jan 7 – Feb. 11th. During the third quarter all students will be invited back to Camp Luther for the annual Jr/Sr High Deep Freeze camp. This is a two night weekend retreat at camp that includes outdoor winter activities such as: broomball, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, tubing, and more. This is also an opportunity for both our Jr. High and High school students to get to know each other better. Dates and costs will be announced when they become available.

Fourth Quarter

The final 6 session quarter of classroom instruction for all grades begins March 4th - Mar.25th and April 8th-15th (No class April 1st... seriously, its Spring Break) For students in the 6th and 7th grade this will complete instruction for the year until next fall. 8th graders will continue to meet as needed to complete Faith Statements, Final Exam and other Confirmation Day preparation.

Confirmation Day Preparation (8th Grade Only)

At this point you have completed all of your instruction, now it's time to make the final preparations for the Rite of Confirmation. This includes:

- A Final Exam
- Finalizing your *Faith Statement*
- Speaking your *Faith Statement* before the congregation
- Meeting with the Pastor(s)