

Confirmation FAQ's

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the basic teachings of the Christian faith with a Lutheran understanding of Scripture. Confirmation is important because the students learn what the Bible says about various tenants of the faith including what is taught in Luther's Catechisms and in the Lutheran church. Confirmation is also a time to learn what it means to live out the life of faith as a confirmation of their baptism. Unlike baptism, confirmation is not a sacrament in the Lutheran church, however we recognize its importance.

Who should be confirmed?

Anyone who is baptized and old enough to understand what they are studying. At Immanuel we invite students who are entering the 5th grade or older to begin our Confirmation Instruction.

Why should a person be confirmed?

One should become confirmed to continue to learn about their faith, and to publicly announce their faith to God and the world. It is also important to announce to the Immanuel community that you desire to be a member and part of this community.

When will Confirmation be held?

11 Pods will be scheduled. Each pod will be offered at least once a year and the pods will be held at various times throughout the year.

What will be taught in Confirmation?

We will be using a curriculum that has been specifically written for the students of Immanuel. The Bible and Luther's Small Catechism are the main resources to instruct in the core teachings.

How is class time structured?

The students and parents meet together for an interactive instruction time led by a member of the lead staff.

What if my child has to miss a class?

All pods will be offered each year and need to be attended by the student and parent. If a pod is missed, it can be taken in another year. The pods will be offered each year and the student will not be confirmed until all pods are completed.

What is the parent's role in Confirmation?

Parents are to attend the pod with their child.

Are there any other requirements for my child other than the pods?

- 75% Worship Attendance at Immanuel throughout the Confirmation experience,
- All 11 Pods need to be completed,
- Three Apprentice Services completed
- All Pod prerequisites completed, including memory, worship reports and service projects,
- Faith Testimony Paper, Confirmation Verse banner completed.

Confirmation students are also on Immanuel's Apprentice Team:

This is part of our training for God's people to serve in His house. We ask all confirmation students to serve throughout their Confirmation experience. Scheduling will be done through our planning center platform.

What about Worship attendance?

Confirmation and Worship go hand in hand. During the Confirmation experience, students are expected to worship 75% of the time at Immanuel. Attendance at Immanuel is tracked by the filling out of the "CONNECT CARD."

What is the fee for Confirmation?

A one-time fee of \$150.00 will include all materials and expenses associated with this program.

What materials will be given to the student?

The Small Catechism and Bible are the core of our curriculum and will be needed every week for class. Students will receive both as a part of their registration fee. There are also materials that will be introduced at given during different pods that are included in the fee.

When can my child start taking Communion?

The Confession and Lord's Supper Pod is a requirement for all students and their parents. After this lesson, students and parents set up a meeting with one of Immanuel's Pastors to be interviewed to see if they are prepared to participate in communion. First communion is on Palm Sunday weekend. It is a special service during which the students are recognized, prayed for and are able to commune with their family for the first time.

Isn't Confirmation taught in the Day School?

Not at Immanuel. This enables parent involvement which enhances learning and understanding. This paradigm also promotes unity within our congregation, bringing together all students from various schools including Immanuel.

I'm planning on my child to go to a Lutheran High School. Is Confirmation required for the scholarship to attend?

Students must be Confirmed members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in order to be considered for the LHSA scholarship.

More questions?

At any time throughout your child's confirmation experience please don't hesitate to call the church office 586.286.4231 and ask for Karen Reincke (kreincke@immlutheran.org) or Kelly Mlynarek (kmlynarek@immlutheran.org). To make it easier, you can always email confirmation@immlutheran.org.