

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION

KNOWING – GROWING - BEING



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST FOR LIFE



# Immanuel Confirmation

## Foundation for Immanuel Confirmation

- Knowing (**What we believe and why we believe it**)
- Growing (**In our faith and relationships with Jesus Christ and our Brothers and Sisters**)
- Being (**Being Christ to others**)

## Overall Goals

The overall goal of Immanuel Confirmation is to help students:

### Know Jesus Christ as their Savior

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18

### Grow in faith skills and relationships with other students

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. “

Colossians 1:9-10

### Be Christ to those they interact with in their everyday life

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 5:1-2



# General Information

## Confirmation

Confirmation this year begins September 2020. Students meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays (Enter door 4). Please make sure that each week students bring their Bible, Catechism, pen/pencil.

There are two options for attending Confirmation:

- Wednesday Evenings (5:30-6:45)
- Alternative online home lessons (only if absolutely necessary).

## Summer Confirmation

- Students are asked to attend one of the two sessions either on July 14 or August 6
- Things to bring: Omega Bible & pen or pencil.
- Make sure to wear comfortable summer clothes.
- Please let us know which day you are planning on attending so we can plan ahead of time.
- Learning how to acolyte and looking at Worship Reflection Sheets will be covered for Alpha students.
- Choosing a Life Verse and Faith statements will be covered for Omega students.

## Retreats

Students will get a chance to grow together as brothers and sisters in Christ through two retreats. The first retreat is for both Alpha and Omega students. Parent volunteers are needed for the first retreat. The second retreat is for Omega students.

## Monthly Confirmation Updates

Every month you will receive an update as to how your student is doing at confirmation

## Website

Please check out our website [www.immanueljhm.com/confirmation](http://www.immanueljhm.com/confirmation) for updates, schedules, and forms throughout the year.

## Text Remind

To stay updated with Confirmation weekly, please send a text to the number 81010 with the message @immanuelc Messages will only be sent for weekly reminders, special events, or cancellations.



# General Expectations

## Attendance

Each time we get together for confirmation is important, both for learning the content and for growing together with other member of your confirmation class. To commit to Immanuel Confirmation is to make attendance a priority. If you have a time when you know you will miss confirmation in advance, please let Josh Wold or Andrea Davis know ahead of time if you will be absent that week.

## Worship

Worship is an important part of the Christian life. We encourage and expect families to be in worship/church as often as possible. We keep track of attendance by the burgundy fellowship pads. Please remember to write your name in them including your child. If you are not in worship regularly we will follow up with you to see what can be done.

## Worship Sheets

Students are asked to complete 20 Sheets during the two years of confirmation.

## Service

**20 total hours** of service should be completed during the 2 years of confirmation by students. Service is going above and beyond your everyday responsibilities to help others. Chores at home, helping family members, or anything you get paid for are great, but NOT service above and beyond and don't count for service hours.

A service form should be filled out each time you serve. Forms are available at the church office, youth website, and connection center.

## Worship Involvement

Being involved in the life of worship is important. There are many opportunities for you to help including:

Acolyting  
Greeting  
Reading

You can sign up every other month for one of those, however you can always help more than that. Those that don't sign up will be assigned to acolyte at a service they have put as their preference.

If you cannot make when you are scheduled, please switch with someone else and notify Andrea Davis.

Students are asked to dress appropriately.

Students are asked to participate in the worship service.

Students are encouraged to complete Worship Sheets during the worship service.

Schedule is available online.



# Behavioral Expectations

## Respect Each Other

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." **1 John 4:19-21**

## Respect Leaders

"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **1 Peter 5:5**

## Respect the Building

"I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells." **Psalms 26:8**

## Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

These expectations are meant to guide you on what we expect from your student to help them and us continue to learn about God's gifts and love for us ...

- If a student engages in inappropriate and disruptive behavior they will be given some type of verbal warning. If that behavior is continued they will be removed from that class and parent(s) will be contacted ASAP. If the parent(s) would like to discuss the issue, they are encouraged to call Josh Wold.
- We have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons. Parent(s) will be contacted immediately and a meeting with Josh Wold must be set up before that student is allowed back into Confirmation.



# Additional Information

## Faith Statements – Omega students

- During their Alpha year, confirmation students will choose a Life Verse that they will be blessed with on their confirmation.
- Each student will use their Life Verse to write their Faith Statement. Beginning in February, each student will present their Faith Statement to the congregation during a worship service. Each student will be given a date to give their Faith Statement on either a Weds, Sat, or Sun non-communion worship service.
- The first draft of each student's Statement of Faith is due the first Sunday of October.
- During Summer Confirmation students will receive instructions and guidelines on how to complete their Faith Statements.

## Night of Witness – Omega students

- At the beginning of their Omega year, confirmation students are questions and answers which will be used for the Night of Witness questioning at the end of the Omega of confirmation. These questions are primarily taken from Luther's Small Catechism. Night of Witness is part of a Weds 7pm worship service in which all of the Omega Confirmation students will be examined publicly by Pastor using the questions and answers from the handbook. A rehearsal is held a week prior to the Night of Witness.
- We do this Night of Witness to help the students learn to answer questions about their faith in front of others and to see how they have developed from their first year through the time of their confirmation.
- Pictures are taken for the bulletin for Confirmation Service. (Taken before service begins)

## Night of Witness Reception – Alpha students

- Alpha families are asked to host the Night of Witness reception following the Night of Witness service. The items are provided. The families are responsible for set up, serving, and clean up of the Fellowship Hall for the reception.



## Confirmation Dates for 2020-2021

Parent Information Meeting	June 14 12:15-1:15pm June 17 5:30-6:30pm
Summer confirmation	July 14 (1 <sup>st</sup> session) 10am-2:00pm August 6 (2 <sup>nd</sup> session) 10am-2:00pm
Confirmation Retreat (Alpha & Omega students)	August 29-30
Confirmation class begins	September 16
1 <sup>st</sup> draft of Faith Statement due (Omega only)	October 1
Hometown Christmas <b>Service Event*</b>	December 4
Super bowl Sub Assembly/Handout <b>Service Event*</b>	February 6/7
Night of Witness recordings/parent meeting (Omega only)	TBD
Easter Breakfast <b>Service Event</b>	April 20-21
Night of Witness & Bulletin pictures (Omega only)	TBD
Night of Witness reception (Alpha host)	TBD
Confirmation pictures & rehearsal (Omega only)	April 28
Last day of Omega confirmation class	April 22 (offsite)
Rite of Confirmation worship service (Omega only)	September 26, 2021





# Immanuel Service Hours

We ask that your student spend at least a total of 20 hours for the length of the Confirmation. In addition to the hours, you will need to turn in a Service Hours Reflection Sheet for each service activity that was completed. Helping a family member does not count.

## Service Hours Reflection Sheet

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do while you were serving?

Whom did you serve?

What did you like about serving?

What didn't you like about this service?

How did this service help others? What is something you learned about yourself/God taught you?

Person you Served or Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_





# Worship Sheets

At Immanuel we expect each participant in confirmation to be regular in attending Worship. We ask that your student fills out a total of 20 worship sheets. If you are worshipping on vacation or at another church, we encourage you to fill out a Worship Sheet for that service too. Sheets are available in the narthex, church office and online.

**Please fill out completely. Incomplete sheets may not be counted.**

## Worship Sheet

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*First & last name*

LOCATION AND TIME OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_ PREACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ex. Immanuel Belvidere 11am*

*The pastor giving the sermon.*

Bible Text/s: \_\_\_\_\_ SERMON TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Include all text (usually 2-3 readings) If there is no title, write down main idea of sermon.*

What color is the altar cloths/what church season is it? \_\_\_\_\_

**Blue** = Advent Season (before Christmas)

**White** = Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas & Christmas Season (after Christmas), Epiphany Sunday, Easter Season (after Easter); Christ's Baptism, Transfiguration, Ascension

**Green** = Epiphany Season (after Christmas) or Pentecost Season (summer)

**Purple** = Lenten Season

**Black** = Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Sometimes Ash Wednesday

**Red** = Pentecost Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Observances of Apostles

1. What did you learn from today's sermon?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What parts of today's sermon stood out to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How can it change your week?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What song/hymn did you like the most?

Parents are encouraged to help students as well as promote they write a few "notes" on the back during the message to help them in remembering what was said.

## Feel free to write notes on back



## Worship Sheet Due Dates

1 <sup>st</sup>	August 31
2 <sup>nd</sup>	September 30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 31
4 <sup>th</sup>	November 30
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	December 31
7 <sup>th</sup>	January 31
8 <sup>th</sup>	February 28
9 <sup>th</sup>	March 31
10 <sup>th</sup>	April 30

## Notes



# 2020-2021 Payment Worksheet

## Cost Information

Immanuel Confirmation includes opportunities for students to go beyond just studying the Bible and Catechism. It includes service projects, retreats, and other activities outside of a classroom.

If the ministry cost is too much financially for you and your family, please contact Josh Wold for scholarship assistance. NOBODY stays home because of money!

## 2020-2021 Fees for Alpha Students

**\$70**

**Cost Covers:** Bible, Materials, Summer Confirmation, Retreat, and end of the year celebration.

## 2020-2021 Fees for Omega Students

**\$70** (If you already have a Catechism)

**Cost Covers:** Materials, Summer Confirmation, Retreat, Omega Retreat, and robe for confirmation.

\*Does not include stole rental or pictures.

Students Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fees:

Number of Alpha Students: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Omega Students: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Catechisms needed (Omega only): \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I paid online with a credit card.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am including a check made payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church (Check Number) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying with Cash (Signature of person receiving cash) \_\_\_\_\_

