

**Preparation for Confirmation Sunday,
October 18, 2020, at 2:00 pm**

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee

9th Grade Confirmands



Confirmation

On the day of your Affirmation of Baptism, you will be invited to confess your faith as well as renew your commitment as part of Christ's church.

As a class you will be asked:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

And then Pastor Steve will ask your class:

Do you believe in God the Father?

Response: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Response: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Response: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

And then Pastor Steve will ask you, specifically:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

In preparation for that day and beyond, not only are you to make sure you can **recite the Apostles' Creed from memory**, but I also ask you to **"record" a conversation with God that we will share in whole or in part at your confirmation service on October 18**. It may be done in the form a written letter to God or through some other means that better matches your passions and abilities (e.g., poem, song, dance, painting, woodwork, sculpture, service project, interview, video, etc.). Thinking of your faith life...

- 1) Consider how you will address God? Some possibilities are *Dear God, Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit*, etc.
- 2) What are some key things of which you are convinced? In other words, where do you see God in your life? Please share that with God in your letter (or other method) and, as appropriate, thank God for or ask God about these times/things.
- 3) What are some key questions you would like to ask God? In other words, in what ways does God seem absent from your life? Please ask God about this in your letter (or other method) and ask God's help in finding answers. What's at least one step you could take toward finding answer(s)?
- 4) Considering your promises from the first page, how do you intend to connect more deeply at church to the community and mission of Immanuel? What's your next step as one of Jesus' disciples at Immanuel? How will the rest of us see God active in you?

THE APOSTLES' CREED (ELW)

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Immanuel's Mission Statement: Renewing lives in Christ Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

From now until October 18, I ask you to set up an appointment with me (or Luanne Skrenes) to talk about the above and how you're approaching it. You don't need to have your project done before this conversation, and we'd be happy to consider possible approaches with you. I will be on vacation from September 29 – October 13, but Luanne Skrenes has graciously offered to meet with you during that time. **SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT TO PASTOR STEVE BY OCTOBER 14. ALSO, WE'LL REHEARSE THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE ON OCTOBER 17 (SATURDAY) at 10:00 A.M.**

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