

GOD SAVED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. TITUS 3:5

CONFIRMATION



Handbook 2019 - 2020

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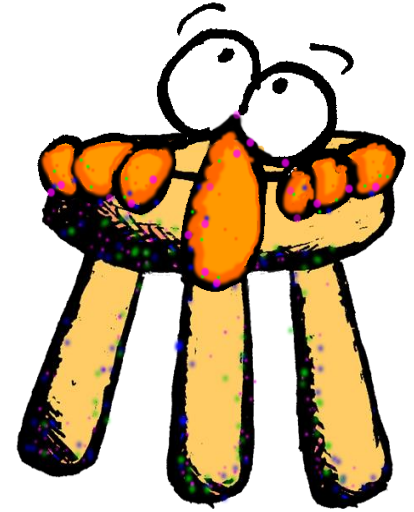
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What is Confirmation Ministry (Affirmation of Baptism)?

1. **Learning** – the Scripture as well as Lutheran Christian tradition, claiming more for self
2. **Fellowship** – connecting together in caring relationships, prayer, and worship
3. **Service** – ordination into ministry now and beyond confirmation as a disciple of Jesus Christ, connecting faith with life



The Process:

- **A 3-year program** that covers the Biblical story, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, Luther & the Reformation, Worship, and other important faith/life connections
- **Monday Nights** from 7:00 to 8:20 pm (September through April) that include...
 - **Class Events** with a mixture of large and small groups
 - **Fellowship/Servant Events** as both small and large groups
 - **Field Trips** as a large group
- Confirmation also goes **beyond class** time and includes...
 - **Online Class Preparation**
 - **Memory work** (one verse each week from the Bible)
 - **Weekly worship** (9:30am Sundays or 6pm Mondays)
 - **Service** to others, including your church
 - **Family Home Huddles** (see **FAITH5** description below)
 - **Summer Camp** at Fortune Lake, although not required, is highly recommended (scholarships are available)



- There are **some hoped-for connections not yet nailed down** for the calendar. We may participate in these events in lieu of Monday class:
 - **Christmas Caroling** to some of our homebound elders, bringing great cheer and intergenerational connections.
 - **Synagogue Visit** to Temple Beth Shalom in Marquette, participating in a Sabbath service (on a Friday evening) with our Jewish neighbors
 - **MARKED! Events** are youth events of our Northern Great Lakes Synod that combine games, learning, food, and service, all with Bishop Katherine Finegan. These 2020 events have yet to be set, but have taken place on a Sunday in February or March from 4:00-7:00 pm.
 - **Youth Trip to Minneapolis QUAKE** for a weekend of great music, great speakers, great service, and great fun! Stay tune for details on this fantastic event coming in 2020 for Grades 6-12. You won't want to miss it.
- As you enter your **8th Grade year...**
 - **Select and meet with a Faith Mentor** – This will be with a non-relative of your choosing, with monthly conversations throughout the year. The objective is to give another support and connection into living maturing faith and even help you develop a faith project expressing your faith.
 - **Share your faith through a Faith Project** with the congregation at a Faith Fair (Oct. 11, 2020)
 - **Make Affirmation of Baptism** during worship on Confirmation Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020)
 - **Grow your ministry** as a confirmed member of Immanuel, a disciple of Jesus Christ



Behavioral Expectations:

- **Come on time, equipped** with your Bible, Small Catechism, a pen and highlighter
- **Not able to make class because you're sick? Please let your Small Group Guide and Pastor Steve know!**
- **Respect** for God, others, the building, and the process
- **NO cell phones** during our class events. Electronic Bibles are OK, but phones will be confiscated if used for texting, etc.)

Discipline Progression if Expectations Ignored:

1. **Verbal warning** to confirmand by pastor or guide
2. **Parent(s) will be contacted** by pastor or guide
3. **Parents(s) will participate** with their child in a small group of just them

Participation Point System

Participation points are required as an encouragement to practice and test basic Christian disciplines.

This year's system is simplified, requiring 7 points each (21 altogether) as follows:

- **7 Worship Note Points** – these are written reflection about worship (forms are available at the sanctuary entrances)
- **7 Family Home Huddle Points** – these are simple daily at-home family conversations that include check-in, a Bible reading, conversation, prayer and blessing (see p. 7 in this manual)
- **7 Servant/Service Points** includes acolyting and other service here at Immanuel and beyond. Anyone for ushering, operating tech during worship, or caring for an elder neighbor? (*BTW: This is service/servanthood without pay.*)

Some Upcoming Opportunities for Service

Negaunee St. Vincent de Paul Walk (starts at the Iron Ore Heritage next to Bjork & Zhulkie Funeral Home in Ishpeming, 400 N. 3rd St.)

Saturday, Sept 28, at 10:30 am (registration begins at 10:00 am)

Walk as an individual participant. \$10 minimum entry fee per person.

More information and registration at www.fopwalk.org/event/2385.

100% of funds used to care for people in the Negaunee area.

CROP Hunger Walk (starts at Marquette Hope Connection Center, 927 W Fair Ave, Marquette)

Sunday, Oct 6, at 2:00 pm (registration begins at 1:30 pm)

Walk as a part of Immanuel's Team. No minimum donation required.

Call Kay Korpi (360-2132) to join our walk team. Or register at

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/marquettemi/ImmanuelNegaunee/>.

25% of funds for St. Vincent de Paul and NMU Food Bank; 75% used worldwide.

Project Keep Kids Warm (Sorting of Donated Clothes for Local Kids)

Thursday, Oct. 10, at 5 pm (at Ishpeming Armory)

Signs of a living, supportive faith life at home

1. Eating together: especially the power of Sunday meals and holidays
2. Family conversations
3. Praying: bedtime rituals; grace before meals; turning to God for support, guidance and strength
4. Resolving conflict with prayer, repentance, and forgiveness
5. Engaging in family devotions and reading the Bible
6. Displaying sacred objects and religious images, especially the Bible
7. Celebrating holidays
8. Nurturing faith values through example, teaching, discussion, and encouragement, even abstaining from proscribed activities and substances
9. Sacrificing time, money, comfort and convenience for faith reasons
10. Serving others in the family, church, and community



For great faith formation ideas, go online to:

- vibrantfaithathome.org
- faith5.org
- fortunelake.org
- immanuelnegaunee.org



What is the FAITH 5™?

There is a simple faith practice built into the core of our confirmation year. It's called the **FAITH 5™**, or **Faith Acts In The Home**.

The **FAITH 5™** connects church to home, faith to life, and parents to kids in a powerful way. The five steps of the **FAITH 5™** are:

1. **Share** highs and lows. Name something good and bad you experienced today. Can't think of a personal one? Check out the headlines from the news and teach empathy and compassion for the broader world.
2. **Read** a verse from your Bible. (Use the verses supplied on the church website, starting 9/16—<https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/faith5-home-huddles.html>. Talk with Pastor Steve if you need a different form.)
3. **Talk** about how the verse relates to highs and lows. Unpack the verse a bit. What does it mean in your own words? How might it relate to where you are today in your highs and lows?
4. **Pray** for one another's highs and lows, for your family and for the world. Simply talk to God, bringing your highs and lows and the concerns of others along. Praise God, thank Jesus for the good, and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in specific problems.
5. **Bless** one another. Trace the sign of the cross on one another's forehead or palm as a reminder that you belong to God and to one another.



God wants to impact your family life positively!

2019-2020 Confirmation Working Calendar

9/9	FALL ORIENTATION with Parents
9/16	First Class Event
9/23	Class Event
9/30	Class Event
10/7	Class Event (+ 8 th Grade Mentoring @ 5pm)
10/13	FAITH FAIR SUNDAY for 9th Graders
10/14	Class Event
10/20	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY for 9th Graders
10/21	Class Event
10/28	Class Event
11/4	Class Event
11/11	Class Event
11/18	Class Event
11/25	Class Event
12/2	Class Event (+ 8 th Grade Mentoring @ 5pm)
12/9	Class Event
12/16	Class Event
12/23	NO CLASS (Christmas)
12/30	NO CLASS (New Year's)
1/6	Class Event
1/13	Class Event
1/20	Class Event
1/27	Class Event
2/3	Class Event (+ 8 th Grade Mentoring @ 5pm)
2/10	Class Event
2/17	Class Event
2/24	Class Event
3/2	Class Event
3/9	Class Event
3/16	Class Event
3/23	Class Event
3/30	NO CLASS (Spring Break)
4/6	Class Event (+ 8 th Grade Mentoring @ 5pm)
4/13	NO CLASS (Easter Monday)
4/20	Class Event
4/27	Final Class Event

A typical Class Event starts at 7:00 pm and concludes at 8:20 pm.



This is a working calendar. There will probably be classes cancelled due to Synagogue Trip, MARKED! Event, QUAKE Trip, and bad weather, of course.

Weather cancellation policy: Class will NOT NECESSARILY be cancelled if school is cancelled. We'll communicate cancellations via