

## Confirmation Program Overview (2017-2018)

**Participants:** 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students

**Leadership:** Mark Nothdorf, John Gray, Cindy Collado, Nicole Storz, Kevin Koenig, James Waclaw, Pastor Bob, and you (parents)!

**Classes:** Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:45am in the multi-purpose room beginning August 27 (weekly).

**Curriculum: Faith Inkubators *Head to the Heart***

Helps teenagers to discover that learning about God can be fun! *Head to the Heart* (H2H) helps revolutionize Confirmation from lecture/classroom to the very best relational/experiential model of Confirmation. H2H is based on the latest in adolescent brain research helping kids retain the info and helping churches retain the kids!

H2H combines current life with Biblical truths. It features art, music, skits, and gameshows, while building lasting caring relationships at church. It blends learning, Christian service, and fellowship with time-tested methods.

**Cost:** \$50 per student (covers the cost of a new catechism, curriculum materials, supplies, and equipment)

**Trips:** One in the fall, one in the spring, and the Confirmation retreat in the summer.

**Service:** the expectation is that participants and parents will each provide 10 hours of volunteer service during each year (to the Confirmation program, to Immanuel, and/or to the community - we'll provide a list of possible opportunities or you can provide your own).

**Opportunities to celebrate Confirmation:**

Immanuel will offer two times per year for participants to be Confirmed during services — the Easter timeframe and around Reformation (end of October/beginning of November).

Faith statements will continue to be a part of the Confirmation process.

**Changes:** a greater emphasis on parental involvement, families worshiping together, our Lutheran understanding of Scripture, and our service to others in need.

**Goals for Immanuel's Confirmation program:**

- Have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Be disciples engaging in the mission and ministry of Christ both within and outside of Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- Know they are saved by grace through faith.
- Have knowledge of Christian history.
- Have greater understanding of the Bible, how to use it, and its key themes.
- Understand and live out what it means to be a Christian.
- Understand basic theology and Lutheran tradition and doctrine.
- Identify and share the Church's confession of faith.
- Understand more about the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the

Sacraments, and what it means to be forgiven and to forgive.

- Understand what it means to be a steward and how to live out that calling.
- Have strong relationships with caring adults in the congregation.
- Have strong relationships with peers and be able to talk about their faith with them.
- Be able to see the difference their faith makes in their daily life and apply what they have learned.
- Be ready to affirm/ confirm their faith.
- Have a solid foundation in faith that will help and guide them throughout their life.
- Continue to learn and grow in their faith after they affirm their Baptism.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Confirmation meetings with parents:

Monday, August 21 at Immanuel (part of the school open house)

Tuesday, August 22 at Immanuel at 7:00pm

Confirmation Begins Sunday, August 27 at 9:30am