

CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK

2025-2026

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I. Faithful in Worship

A. Your family

Family is encouraged to attend worship often at 9am Sunday and during Lenten midweek services and special worship days. Confirmands are active participants in worship through acolyting and other special opportunities.

Acolyting Guidelines:

1. The

schedule for Acolytes and Ushers is found on the church website. Also, emails with the links will be sent to the families. Kathy Nordby has been preparing the schedule.

1. Please dress appropriately wearing clean clothes and shoes

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1. Please

arrive 15 minutes before the worship service so that you have time to prepare.

1. If you cannot fulfill your

responsibility, please find your own replacement THEN call the church office (328-5522) to notify us. By email you will receive a class list, so that you can find your own substitute.

II. Faithful in Confirmation Study

Each confirmand is responsible for making it to class each Wednesday from **6pm –7:15pm** (subject to change during the Lenten season). **Regular health appointments (doctor, dental, eye, etc.) should not be scheduled during appointed class times. Sporting events and practices are not excused absences.** A number of unexcused absences could result in a delay in the student's confirmation. In case of illness it is the parent's responsibility to notify Pastor before class time on Wednesday. In case of bad weather, cancellation of classes will correspond with the GSL school district. For those students & parents who are in a different school district than GSL, please pay close attention to cancellation notifications for GSL and please notify the church office if your child will be unable to attend class.

Classroom work responsibilities:

A Each confirmand is to bring a Bible, Catechism, writing instruments, and a Pocket Folder (I will supply the Pocket Folder) to every class. (If you cannot find your Bible or Catechism, contact the Pastor.) Also, a list of class meeting dates and topics for the day are provided in Appendix B.

A. It is expected that each confirmand will participate as needed in the classroom activities (Memory Work Quiz, Bible Study, discussions, prayer, etc.) for the day and will respect the prop

erty and persons of the teacher and the other students in the class.

A. Failure to respect the property of others may result in a delay in the student being confirmed in the faith and the possibility of expulsion from class for the year.

Sermon Notes (14 total, a packet is provided) is to be completed by the student during the class year. The purpose of this activity is to equip each confirmand with the ability to tie the worship service to what is being experienced in confirmation class and the world around them. Sermon notes must be taken at Immanuel-Brownton. Sermon notes will not be graded, but failure to perform this responsibility will cause a delay in the student being confirmed. In place of 6 sermon notes, Confirmands may elect to do another activity in the church. Examples include- **Being an aid or assistant with the Sunday School classes. Helping with preparations, serving, and clean-up for German Dinner. Attending Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning after worship. Assisting with Lenten Suppers (does not include Youth Group dinners). Working the live-stream area for worship services on Facebook Live. And more ...**

Evaluation of Performance.

A. No grades will be given for any work done for Class.

A. As part of the evaluation process, the 2nd year students will be expected, upon completion of five chief parts of the catechism, to be in worship on the specific dates given in Appendix A. As a group they will answer questions from that particular part of the catechism. The 1st year class is also required to be present at the worship service. If for any reason a 2nd year confirmand misses a scheduled Sunday Examination (Appendix A) then an alternate time for questioning will be scheduled. Failure to comply can result in a delay in the student being confirmed.

A. Evaluation of each student is determined first of all by the work completed and given to the Pastor. Second, while no grades are given to the student, the quality of work will be closely examined. If concerns should arise regarding quality of work, parents will be notified, and a meeting scheduled with all concerned (student, parent, teacher and deacon). All work must be completed and turned in to the Pastor before each student is eligible to be confirmed and/or passed to the next grade level. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.**

Absentee work responsibilities:

A. Upon any absence, I will email the quiz and the Family Talk Sheet to the parent so that it may be completed by the student and turned in to Pastor the next Wednesday class period.

A. Memory work is the only homework for this class to be checked by parents and signed off on the Family Talk Sheet provided.

A. Continuous absences and the neglect of homework responsibilities can result in a delay in the student being confirmed.

III. Faithful in Prayer, Fellowship, and Stewardship

Prayer is communication with our Father in heaven. We talk to with Him almost as if we were talking on the phone. Prayer also includes listening as God speaks to us. We open each class together in prayer.

And, we belong in God's family with other believers. We need this family as we grow in our faith. The fellowship we share began in Christ Jesus around the Word and Sacraments and extends to our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Christians are not "islands," they are church (together). If there are fellowship activities that you would like to organize and participate in please let the Pastor know and he will check on the arrangements.

Also, Jesus not only told us to love our neighbors, He modeled His entire life after serving others. Through serving others Christians respond to the redeeming love Christ has shown for us. The blessing of serving others is a privilege! Confirmants are strongly encouraged to give of their time, talents, and treasures to the ministry of Christ's church in this congregation.