

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

# CONFIRMATION



## Handbook 2017 - 2018

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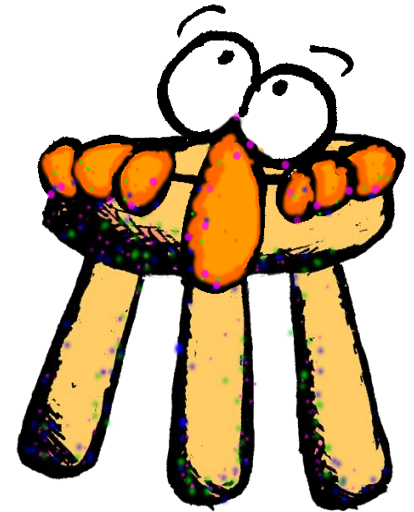
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# *What is Confirmation Ministry (Affirmation of Baptism)?*

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 (October 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**
  - **Weekly worship** (8:30am & 10:30am Sundays; 6pm Mondays)
  - **Individual service** to others
  - Daily home huddles as family (see **FAITH5** description below)
  - **Memory work** (from Bible & Small Catechism)
  - **Summer Camp** at Fortune Lake, although not required, is highly recommended (scholarships are available)



- As you enter your **8<sup>th</sup> 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 beginning in November. 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. 14, 2018)
  - **Make Affirmation of Baptism** during worship on Confirmation Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018)
  - **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 or Pastor Steve know!**
- **Respect** for God, others, the building, and the process
- **NO cell phones** during our class events (even for electronic Bibles)

## ***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 out basic Christian disciplines.**
- **During each confirmation year, a minimum of 40 participation points are expected of each confirmand. Points are reported via Connection Cards or other written note to the church office. A point is gained with...**
  - **Worship** – as Christ’s body we gather for worship
  - **Worship Note** – written reflection about worship (forms are available at the sanctuary entrances)
  - **Worship Leadership** – includes acolyte, greeter, usher, lector (reader), communion assistant, Altar Guild, musician, Praise Band, etc.
  - **Service beyond Worship** – consider creative ways of serving others in your community without getting paid (e.g., CROP Walk, Project Keep Kids Warm, raking leaves for an elder, etc.). Rule of thumb: If you’re paid for it, you don’t gain a point.
  - **Memory work** – Pastor will offer options from the Bible and Small Catechism appropriate to the year’s themes

### **Ministry of Acolyting**

***In order to bless you with the experience and our worshipping community with your visible worship participation and service, acolyting will be done on an assigned basis. Please honor the date & time you’re assigned. Exchange with someone else if your assigned date & time are an issue.***

## *More Opportunities for Service, Fun & Points*

### **Project Keep Kids Warm (start at Immanuel)**

- Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6 pm (bag assembly)
- Saturday, Sept. 23, at 10 am (bag distribution)
- Saturday, Sept. 30, at 10 am (bag pickup)
- Thursday, Oct. 5, at 5 pm (this one's at Ishpeming Armory)

1 points +  
per task

### **CROP Hunger Walk (starts at First Presbyterian Church, 120 N. Front St., Marquette)**

**Sunday, Oct 1, at 2:00 pm (arrive by 1:30 pm)**

25% of funds raised stay local; 75% used worldwide  
Call Pastor Steve (458-2145) to join our walk team

1 point +

### **Jr High Retreat – Ref Fest! (at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp)**

Friday/Saturday, Nov 3-4<sup>th</sup> (Friday, 6 pm CT – Saturday, 2 pm CT)

Cost is \$45 (to FLLC) - \$20 scholarships available

RSVP to the church no later than Oct 30

4 points

### **MARKED! Events**

Are youth events of our Northern Great Lakes Synod that combine games, learning, food, and service, all with Bishop Katherine Finegan. This year's events are Sunday, Feb. 18, from 4-7pm in Hancock and Sunday, Feb. 25, from 4-7pm in Gladstone. We'll do one or the other, not both.

3 points

### **Youth Trip in March**

Planning Meeting: Monday, October 9, at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall with Stacy McEachern and Sherry Ulvila

Possible destinations are Traverse City, MI, March 1-4 or Minneapolis, MN, March 15-18

Check it out at [www.quakeevent.com](http://www.quakeevent.com)

5 points



## *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](http://vibrantfaithathome.org)
- [faith5.org](http://faith5.org)
- [fortunelake.org](http://fortunelake.org)
- [immanuelnegaunee.org](http://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 confirmation page – [www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org). 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!**

# 2017-2018 Confirmation Working Calendar

9/18	FALL ORIENTATION with Parents
9/25	<b>NO CLASS</b> ( <i>Guide Training</i> )
10/2	First Class Event
10/9	Class Event
10/16	Class Event
10/23	Class Event
10/30	Class Event
<b>11/3-4</b>	<b><i>A JR HIGH GATHERING at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls</i></b>
11/6	Class Event
11/13	Class Event
11/20	Class Event
11/27	Class Event
12/4	Class Event
12/11	Class Event
12/18	Class Event
12/25	<b>NO CLASS</b> (Christmas)
1/1	<b>NO CLASS</b> (New Year's)
1/8	Class Event
1/15	Class Event
1/22	Class Event
1/29	Class Event
2/5	Class Event
2/12	Class Event
<b>2/18</b>	<b><i>MARKED EVENT! (4-7pm in Hancock)</i></b>
2/19	Class Event (may be cancelled because of MARKED)
<b>2/25</b>	<b><i>MARKED EVENT! (4-7pm in Gladstone)</i></b>
2/26	Class Event (may be cancelled because of MARKED)
3/5	Class Event
3/12	Class Event
3/19	Class Event
3/26	Class Event
4/2	<b>NO CLASS</b> (Spring Break)
4/9	Class Event
4/16	Class Event
4/23	Class Event
4/30	Final Class Event

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



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