

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA  
COVID-19 PROTOCOL  
CONFIRMATION GRADES 6-8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Description:** Confirmation classes for middle school youth led by Pr. Jamie. Up to 15 people will participate in a discussion seated in a large circle in Luther Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:45PM. Students will be offered confirmation options for in-person, virtual or hybrid learning.

**Leaders:** Pastor Jamie and Alyssa

**Supplies/Equipment:** Participants will bring their own bibles and materials

**Attendance**

- Up to 15 people, including 2 leaders (Pastor Jamie & Alyssa)
- Persons in quarantine or experiencing any symptoms of illness should stay home
- Indoor confirmation could return to all virtual instruction at a moment's notice, if public health recommendations change

**Set-up:**

- Chairs placed six feet or more apart in a large semi-circle
- Masks will be available for those who arrive without one

**Spacing:**

- Seated in a semi-circle on chairs at least 6-feet apart
- Students will keep social distance of at least 6-feet when moving in/out of rooms and the building, when waiting in a line and when waiting outside to be picked up afterwards

**Masks:**

- Required at all times by staff and participants above the age of 2 years old
- A positive message of care will be consistently expressed urging people to wear mask
- If people refuse to wear a mask, they will be encouraged to participate virtually

**Bathrooms:**

- One person or family at a time, sign posted
- 6 foot spacing while waiting in line
- Sanitizer and waste basket located outside the bathroom doors
- Signs posted to reinforce proper handwashing

**Procedures for Leaders:**

- Symptom screening questions check-off when they arrive.
- Record attendance
- Provide masks for those who arrive without them
- No materials will be shared. Each participant will bring their own
- No group singing
- Participants reminded to leave the building immediately afterwards and maintain social distancing while waiting outside for their rides

**Safety Procedures:**

- Immanuel Lutheran will follow federal, state and local guidelines and WCC and synod recommendations

- Attendance will be taken should contact tracing and follow-up by the health department be needed
- In the event that a participant should become ill during the class, they will be isolated from the group and parents contacted immediately for pick-up
- In the event that a worshipper or worship leader tests positive for COVID19, Immanuel will seek the guidance of the Health Department
- In the event of a positive test, Immanuel will close the building for the amount of time and enact cleaning procedures, as recommended by the CDC and local health officials

#### **Cleaning Procedures:**

- Wipe down chairs, door handles, and frequently touched surfaces with disinfectant afterwards
- Sprayer will be used afterwards and the custodian will clean the next day

#### **Communications with Participants Beforehand:**

- If ill, please stay home
- If exposed to anyone who has tested positive, please stay home
- Contact Immanuel COVID-19 Team if you have any questions about exposure
- Remind everyone that anyone who is high risk due to age and/or underlying medical condition can opt out
- Please understand that confirmation inside the building could be cancelled at a moment's notice, if public health recommendations change
- Parents will sign the COVID release from Church Mutual
- Bring your own bible and materials
- Bring a mask and wear it throughout
- Follow the restroom protocol
- Enter through the front doors maintaining at least 6-feet of social distancing

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#### **Resources:**

- Wisconsin Council of Churches
- ELCA NW Synod
- WI Dept of Health  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- Eau Claire County Community Expectations for Gatherings (Public or Private), 1/25/21  
<https://coronavirus-and-covid-19-information-hub-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/e86da215a6814355b45695a0af7a71e8>
- CDC 'Event Planning and COVID-19: Questions and Answers (Information for Event Planners and Individuals).' 1/5/21
- Eau Claire City County Health Department  
<https://coronavirus-and-covid-19-information-hub-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/e86da215a6814355b45695a0af7a71e8>
- Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
- CDC Faith-based  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html>