

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

April, 2018

Greetings from IGNITE Confirmation Ministries at Incarnation!

Enclosed you will find **four pages that need to be completed** before you and your child come to Confirmation Registration on Wednesday, April 25th, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Incarnation Gathering Space. The first page is the **personalized registration form**, we have bolded the information we know about your son or daughter, please complete all missing information.

The second page is white and titled "Called to Serve Sign-Up 2018 - 2019." There is a section for students and parents. **Students and parents are each required to complete a service opportunity each year of Confirmation.** The third page is ivory and is a required health form. The fourth page is lavender and is an "All About Me" form that should be filled out by your son or daughter. Please read the enclosed IGNITE 9 Confirmation Handbook with your child. You will be asked to turn in the signature page at Confirmation registration.

The registration fee for IGNITE 9 is \$100.00. This covers the cost of the January "I Believe" retreat and materials provided by Incarnation. Confidential financial assistance is available for those that need it. If you require assistance, please fill out a scholarship application, found on the Incarnation webpage and bring it with you to registration night. Please contact Shawna Berg for additional information.

We look forward to seeing you and your child on Wednesday, April 25th sometime during the 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. registration period (your individual registration should take 5-15 minutes). We ask that you bring your child so we can take an up-to-date picture, which helps us and your child's Small Group Guide get to know them.

We look forward to partnering with you during this next phase of your child's faith journey!

Sincerely,

Pastor Joel Vander Wal
*Pastor for Children, Youth
& Family Ministries*

Shawna Berg
*Director of Confirmation
& Middle School Ministry*

Kristin Bloxham
*Director of High
School Ministry*

Julie Durbin
*Confirmation
Support Staff*

IGNITE 9th Grade Registration
Incarnation Lutheran Church 2018 - 2019
Wednesdays, beginning October 10, 2018

Include with registration:

- Registration fee \$ _____
- Student photo
- Health form
- Called to Serve Form
- All About Me



Registration Received: Date _____ Time _____

*Please return all registration materials on registration night April 25, 2018; 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 We will do our best to honor friend requests and service choices (first come, first served on some service opportunities) as long as forms are turned in on Wednesday, April 25. After April 25, friend requests and service choices will be honored only as space allows.*

Please complete using black/blue ink and 10 digit phone #'s

Registration fee: \$100.00 (For confidential financial assistance, please contact Shawna Berg, 651-484-7213.)

Student _____
First Middle Last

Male Female Wishes to be called _____

Birthdate _____ Baptized YES Date _____ NO Communion YES NO

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Parent e-mail _____

Student cell Phone _____

Student e-mail _____

School _____ District _____

Member or active participant of Incarnation Yes No (If you are new to Incarnation, please talk with Shawna Berg before registering.) _____ date _____ initials of Shawna

Parent's Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Parent's Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone number _____

One person I would like to be with in my small group _____

Does your child have any special needs we should be aware of (i.e. Learning disabilities, allergies, etc.)? _____

Does your child have an IEP or 504 Plan? * _____
**If you are interested in putting together an individual ministry plan please contact Shawna Berg*

Incarnation Lutheran Church reserves the right to use photos taken during IGNITE ministries to be used in LifeTimes, on the Incarnation Website, on Facebook or in promotional material.

I have read and understand the IGNITE handbook and its policies.

Parent Signature _____ Student signature _____

Called to Serve – IGNITE 9

Student Sign-up

2018 – 2019

Name: _____

Please indicate one, or more, service choices.

Students must complete four hours of service at Incarnation and two hours in the community.

(Please note that some volunteer opportunities are after the Rite of Confirmation. Students must be registered for Summer 2019 activities by April 25th to fulfill their service agreement.)

_____ **ACOLYTE** – An acolyte assists the pastors and congregation in worship, serving as a cross bearer, or candle lighter. You will serve a minimum of four times a year. Training is required and will be provided in the fall. Once trained, you will continue to serve until you call us and have your name removed from the roster. *Please circle your preferred worship time(s):*

8:45 a.m.

10:05 a.m.

Lent – Wednesdays

_____ **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY** – You will assist the attendants in caring for infants and toddlers. You are asked to serve for a one month period. Assignments will be given in the fall. Training is required and will be provided in the fall. *Please circle your preferred worship time(s):*

8:45 a.m.

10:05 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

_____ **USHERING** – Ushers play an important role in worship. They welcome people, hand out bulletins, collect offering, and assist as needed. You will be assigned a worship team and serve the first, second, third or fourth week of the month. Training is required and will be provided the first time ushering. *Please circle your preferred worship time(s):*

8:45 a.m.

10:05 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Lent – Wednesdays

_____ **SUNDAY TREAT SERVER** – Parents and youth serve Sunday mornings two to four Sundays during the school year, depending on registration. *If this opportunity is chosen, youth and parents serve together.*

_____ **SUMMER TREAT SERVER** – Parents and youth serve treats three Sunday mornings during the months of June, July and August. *If this opportunity is chosen, youth and parents serve together.*

_____ **SPARK SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP LEADER** – You will be assigned a class with other SPARK small group leaders. Training is required and will be provided in the fall.

_____ **SPARK SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY MUSIC LEADER** – Help lead large group time by playing guitar, drums or singing.

_____ **FAMILY EVENTS** – This opportunity will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Assist the Children's Ministry staff with family events. You will be required to serve at two events.

- PRESCHOOL CARNIVAL – Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN – Wednesdays during IGNITE large group from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Training is required and will be provided in the fall.
- SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – Help with VBS or Art Camp. Training is required and will be provided in the summer. *(This fulfills all six hours of requirements.)*
- SUMMER STRETCH – Serve as a leader at Summer Stretch *(This fulfills all six hours of requirements.)*
- MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP *(This fulfills all six hours of requirements.)*
- SENIOR HIGH CAMP AT CAMP WAPO – Attend Camp Wapo as a high school camper. *(This fulfills all six hours of requirements.)*
- ASSIST WITH CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION, APRIL 24, 2019 – This opportunity will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Parent Partnership Service Hours

Name(s): _____

Please indicate one service choice:

- SMALL GROUP GUIDE – Background check required.
- SUBSTITUTE SMALL GROUP GUIDE – Background check required.
- SUNDAY TREAT SERVER – If your child chooses Sunday treats, parents must also choose Sunday treats.
- SUMMER TREAT SERVER – If your child chooses summer treats, parents must also choose summer treats.
- ASSIST WITH CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION, April 24, 2019 – This opportunity will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- ROBE LAUNDERING IN PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATION OF PASSAGE – Wash 10 - 15 Confirmation robes in March before the Celebration of Passage. This opportunity will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

PLEASE CALL THE INCARNATION OFFICE AT 651-484-7213 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Confirmation Health Form – IGNITE 9
Incarnation Lutheran Church
2018 - 2019

Date: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Name of Youth: _____ Grade in School: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

In case of emergency, if the above person cannot be reached please call:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Information

Insurance Co: _____ Insurance ID#: _____

Are there any special diets, allergies, medications, medical conditions or restrictions of activities that we need to be aware of? _____

We both realize that while participating in Confirmation, alcohol consumption, smoking, chewing of tobacco and inappropriate behavior are not allowed. If violated, the youth will call his/her parents and the parents will come and take the child home.

As parent/guardian, I give permission for my child to participate in all of the Confirmation Ministry events this year. I give my child permission to ride in vehicles designated by Incarnation when attending fellowship and servant events. I authorize any medical treatment that may be necessary under the circumstances that I cannot be reached. I furthermore release Incarnation Lutheran Church of any liability in these circumstances.

Signature of Youth: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

*Please return this form along with your registration forms to Incarnation on
April 25, 2018 between 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.*

All About Me – IGNITE 9

2018 – 2019

Please answer all questions.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

What school do you go to and what is your favorite subject?

Who do you live with? (parents, grandparents, pets, siblings) Please include names.

Are you involved with sports or other extracurricular activities? If so, which ones?

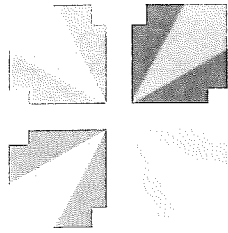
What do you like to do in your free time?

Who is one of your best friends and why do you like them?

What is your favorite movie or book?

What are you looking forward to about Confirmation?

What is one thing you want to learn in Confirmation?



2018 - 2019 Incarnation Lutheran Church IGNITE 9 Confirmation Handbook

WHAT IS IGNITE CONFIRMATION?

IGNITE Confirmation is a three-year program that begins in the fall of the 7th grade year with IGNITE 7 and concludes with a three-part Celebration of Confirmation in the spring of their 9th grade year. At the Service of Confirmation those students who have chosen to be Confirmed will publicly affirm their faith as they respond to the following question:

Do you intend to continue to trust in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear God's Word and share in the Lord's Supper
- To proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus
- And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Confirmation is a process of learning and preparation that is structured around this promise and Incarnation's Mission, Vision, and Values. The goal is to equip young people so they can answer this question of Confirmation faithfully. More than that, the goal is to nurture these young people in their faith development as they explore what it means to live as followers of Jesus Christ and discover the gift of living in God's abundant and forgiving love. We also want to introduce them to some of the essential practices of faithful living, including: reading and studying the Word of God found in the Bible, prayer, service to others, sharing our gifts, talents, and resources, and expressing our faith through words and actions.

As leaders at Incarnation, we have worked hard to build a strong Confirmation ministry for the sake of your child's faith. *Confirmation is a voluntary program, not a sacrament.* By registering your child, you are making a commitment to support them through this process. This handbook is your guide to the elements and expectations of this program. It will help you understand how things work and what is expected of your child and of you as a Confirmation parent. Your child's experience depends on how well we partner together as parents, Confirmation Guides, and Incarnation staff.

THE PURPOSE OF IGNITE 9

The purpose of IGNITE 9 is to help young people begin to learn what it means to have a meaningful faith that translates into their daily lives. We are giving high school freshman opportunities to: engage in a new way, learn about High School ministry opportunities, stay connected to the Church and their small group and be a lifelong learner. We hope that on their Confirmation day, they are confident in making the promise to continue in their faith journey and to live in the promises made at their baptism.

ELEMENTS OF THE IGNITE 9 PROGRAM

When you look at the Confirmation calendar, you will see that there are three types of events that make up our IGNITE 9 Confirmation ministry.

Small Group Meetings

It is our desire, when the small groups are working, to keep them together through the 9th grade year. It is our plan that each small group will meet together at least once a month (typically on the second Wednesday of the month, all dates are indicated on the IGNITE 9 calendar). Groups will meet from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will use that time to check-in, build relationships and continue conversations based on their Confirmation curriculum. Small group time will start in either Incarnation Hall or Grace Hall for an opening and then divide into small groups for the remainder of the evening.

IGNITE 9 Youth Group

IGNITE 9 students are required to attend FLAME Youth group four (4) times, from September 26, 2018 to April 10, 2019. They are encouraged and welcome to come as often as they like.

Special Events/Retreat

Every IGNITE 9 student and at least one of their parents will participate in the High School Milestone on Sunday, September 23rd from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All IGNITE 9 Students are required to participate in the "I Believe" Retreat January 25 - 26, 2019. Retreats are a more intensive time of connecting and learning. It is a chance to break out of the normal routine and focus on a particular aspect of our relationship with God.

Called to Serve: Service in Support of the Ministries of Incarnation & Community

One of the ways that we express our faith as Christians is through service. We want IGNITE 9 students to find ways that they can stay engaged in the Church beyond Confirmation. For that reason we ask students to choose one area to participate in that supports the ministries of Incarnation. *Students are also asked to do two hours of service in the community.*

There are many different ways to serve and we want to help your student find an opportunity that fits their gifts, interests and schedules. Opportunities include: acolyting, working in the nursery, family events, ushering, Sunday treat server, participating in music, Preschool carnival, summer treat server, audio/visual technician on Wednesday nights, assist with Confirmation registration, SPARK small group leader, SPARK Sunday or Wednesday music leader, summer camps for children's ministry, Summer Stretch, middle or high school mission trip, and Senior High Camp at Camp Wapo. Please note that some opportunities are limited and are assigned on a first come, first served basis. For descriptions, read the Called to Serve registration form and have your child choose one area in which they will participate. Students select their service opportunity at registration on April 25th. In the fall, you will receive the schedule of your service assignments, the contact person for your area, and a list of others who are serving in that way. *We depend on our Confirmation students in these important service/leadership roles. If your child is not able to serve on their assigned day(s), you are responsible for finding a substitute from your list.*

To receive credit for service hours for music, ushering, acolyting, Sunday treat serving, nursery or SPARK Sunday, students must sign the clipboard located on the Information Center in the Atrium (near the Sanctuary).

Additionally, Confirmands are expected to do at least two hours of service outside of Incarnation. For example, volunteering for school or local community events. To receive credit for service in the community, students will write a paragraph about what they did and have parents or service coordinator sign it. Turn in that sheet to the Incarnation Office or place it in the Reflection Sheet collection tray in either the Atrium or Incarnation Hall.

Expectations and Requirements

Because Confirmation is a voluntary program, by registering your child you are committing to the following expectations for yourself and your child. In the fall you and your child will receive a form to help you keep track of your student's progress.

All requirements must be completed by April 25, 2019.

Regular Participation

Regular attendance and participation in all IGNITE 9 Confirmation events is so important for your child's faith development and bonding within the small group. They need to be ready with their Bible, pen or pencil.

Worship Attendance/Reflection Sheets

Gathering in worship is central to our faith and life. Because we want to help students develop the practice of worshipping regularly, IGNITE 9 *students are expected to turn in 12 reflection sheets* that indicate their attendance in worship.

Reflection sheets are available on the Information Desk in the Atrium outside the Sanctuary and on a table inside Incarnation Hall. Your child should pick one up before worship and return it to the same location after worship. Please encourage your student to respond thoughtfully. Each sheet will be read and recorded. You can check our website (<http://incarnationmn.org/youth/ignite-confirmation-7-9/reflection-sheets-service-hours/>) weekly to check on your child's progress. You can also download a reflection sheet for use when you are worshipping elsewhere. There are two options for Reflection Sheets, one can be done by your child alone and asks three reflective questions and is worth one sheet. The other invites you and your child to have a conversation about your experience in worship. Since this requires more time it is worth two reflection sheets. **Of the 12 required reflection sheets, 8 must be from worship at Incarnation.** Worshipping here at Incarnation is important for the consistency of the theological message between Confirmation and worship and for how we participate in the life of this community of faith. If worshipping on Sunday morning is a challenge because of sports schedules or other family commitments, remember that Incarnation also has a Sunday evening worship service at 6:00 p.m. in Incarnation Hall.

If your child is worshipping away from Incarnation, they still need to complete a reflection sheet to get credit. Have them save a bulletin and use it to complete a reflection sheet downloaded from the IGNITE 9 web page. Please attach the bulletin to the reflection sheet when you turn it in.

During the season of Lent, Confirmation small groups will not meet so that families can worship together during mid-week Lenten worship. Lent is a great time to get caught up on reflection sheets if your child has fallen behind. IGNITE 9 students will also complete their Faith Project Conversations during Lent.

If your family situation (i.e. shared custody) makes it difficult for you and your child to worship regularly on Sundays, please connect with Shawna so that we can develop an alternate plan together.

Parent Partnership Service Hours

At least one parent is expected to support Incarnation ministry by serving in one of the following ways this year:

Small Group Guide – Background check is required.

Substitute Small Group Guide – Background check is required.

Serving Sunday Treats – This service is done with your child on a Sunday morning. Families will be assigned two, three, or four Sunday shifts, depending on registration, to help serve cookies and provide hospitality for Incarnation families enjoying coffee/cookies after worship services on Sunday morning. You will receive your schedule in the fall.

Serving Summer Treats – This is similar to Sunday treat serving. Parents and children serve together. This service begins on Memorial Day weekend. You will serve three Sundays during the summer and fulfill your service requirement.

Assist with Confirmation Registration on April 24, 2019 – This is a two-hour commitment on Wednesday, April 24th. The time frame is between 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The specific times/dates will be determined next spring.

Robe Laundering in Preparation for Celebration of Passage – Wash 10 - 15 Confirmation robes in March before the Celebration of Passage. This opportunity will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that some service opportunities will be scheduled after your child is Confirmed.

Please prayerfully consider your gifts and skills as you choose among these opportunities. Make your selection on the same "Called to Serve" registration form where your child chooses their service opportunity.

NUTS & BOLTS

Meals

Meals will be offered in Grace Hall to students, their families and guides wishing to participate from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fees for the meals will be \$100 for one person for the entire year. Family meals are \$350, for the year or \$175 per semester, for a family of four or more (immediate family only). Registration and fees for meals will be taken at the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, September 12th and on Wednesday, September 19th. Meals begin Wednesday, September 19th.

Discipline/Classroom Control Issues

We expect students to be respectful of Guides and one another at all times. Our practice for discipline and for managing classroom control dynamics is to first speak with the student about the offending or disruptive behavior. If the behavior persists, the student will be referred to Shawna Berg. Parents may be asked to attend classes with the student for a period of time. If the behavior still persists, the student may be removed from the IGNITE 9 program.

If you are concerned about your child and classroom dynamics, please contact Shawna. We want to work together to create a good learning environment for all participants in the group.

Fees \$100.00

Fees include all necessary materials, books, activities, and retreats.

Faith Project and Conversation

All students are required to complete a Faith Statement Project. The "I Believe" retreat in January focuses on preparing them for this project. The small group class in February will be devoted to giving students time to brainstorm and work on their projects. All students will need to have projects completed and schedule a conversation with a Pastor or CYF Staff person during Lent. IGNITE 9 Faith Project conversations are approximately 30 minutes in length.

Three-Part Celebration of Confirmation

All students will be invited to participate in our three-part Celebration of Confirmation in the spring of 2019.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

March 31, 2019 - Parent Presentation of Confirmands during All Worship Services
(Choose which service to attend)

April 8, 2019 - Celebration of Passage - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

May 5, 2019 - Rite of Confirmation 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

CONTACT US

The staff members responsible for IGNITE 9 are:

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All of us can be contacted by email or through the Incarnation Office by calling 651-484-7213.

I have read the IGNITE 9 Confirmation Handbook and understand what the basic elements, requirements and expectations are for the Confirmation program at Incarnation. We have prayerfully considered our enrollment in this program and we are excited to be involved and participate.

I, _____ (Student Name) understand the expectations of being involved in IGNITE 9 Confirmation ministries at Incarnation. I am excited to continue on my faith journey and will do my best to have a willing spirit, to fulfill the expectations and continue to learn and grow.

Student Signature _____

I, _____ (Parent Name) will support my child in their Confirmation journey by helping them to fulfill their requirements, encouraging them in their faith journey and supporting the IGNITE 9 program at Incarnation in any way I can. I am eager to continue to fulfill the promises I made when this child was baptized (if you or your child has not yet been baptized, please speak to a staff person).

Parent Signature _____

Please sign and return this page with your completed registration forms when registering your child(ren) for IGNITE 9 Confirmation at Incarnation.