

# FIRST COMMUNION Preparation

2016 - T4

Immanuel Lutheran  
Church, Novar Gardens

*Proposed dates for this  
course:*

*November 6<sup>th</sup>*

*November 13<sup>th</sup>*

*November 20<sup>th</sup>*

*November 27<sup>th</sup>*

*December 4<sup>th</sup>*

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## What will happen at FIRST COMMUNION Preparation sessions?

Our preparation for First Communion includes four one hour teaching sessions plus a rehearsal and first communion service. The teaching sessions and rehearsal will be after our 9.30am worship. You are encouraged to worship at 9.30am and enjoy a cuppa before these sessions.

During the sessions:

- Children and adults will learn together what Holy Communion is and how it helps us to follow Jesus
- Children and adults will share about their own beliefs and experiences
- There will be the opportunity to hold a Communion Cup and to taste a Communion wafer
- Children and adults will have plenty of opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

## Course Outline:

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 11.15am – 12.15pm

① **What makes Holy Communion so special**

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 11.15am – 12.15pm

② **How Holy Communion helps us to grow closer to Jesus**

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 11.15am – 12.15pm

③ **Getting ready to go to Holy Communion**

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 11.15am – 1.00pm

④ **What have we learnt about Holy Communion  
+ 1<sup>st</sup> Communion rehearsal**

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am – 11 am

● **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Service\***

# Some questions you might have about preparing for **FIRST COMMUNION** at **Immanuel:**

## What age should children be to attend this course?

Children are usually in Year 3 or higher who participate in this First Communion Preparation course although this is negotiable.

## Where will the sessions be held?

Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
32 Morphett Rd, Novar Gardens.

## Why do parents have to attend the sessions too?

This First Communion preparation course has been designed to help children prepare for taking Holy Communion for the first time through a collaboration between Christian parents and the Pastor. During the sessions Pastor Nigel will make a short presentation on each topic and then parents and their children are given the opportunity to share together about this. It is hoped that **both** children and their parents will grow in their faith through participating in this course.

## What is the difference between First Communion and Confirmation?

Receiving First Communion is **NOT** the same as the Rite of Confirmation. Many people appear to be confused about this. These are two different rites. They are both valuable milestones in your child's faith journey. **First Communion** focuses on preparing young people to come to receive Holy Communion.

**Confirmation** focuses on helping the student remember their baptism and celebrates the gifts God has given them in baptism.

**Confirmation** helps young people explore what they believe about God and leads the young people to express their personal belief.

**Confirmation** at Immanuel is organised upon request by the congregation for students in years 6-12.

The confirmation program will involve a commitment by students to private study and projects as well as times of meeting together for friendship building and group discussion. These gatherings may be on Friday nights or a night that suits the majority of those who desire to participate. It is intended that these group gatherings be in the homes of participants. Some parental involvement will be required to make the group gatherings work well.

For more information about Confirmation please speak to Pastor Nigel.  
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Please enrol me in the First  
Communion Preparation course

Name of Child .....

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Name of Parents .....

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Address .....

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Phone No. ....

Email .....

Child's Date of Birth .....

Child's Baptism Date .....

School Child attends .....

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Child's Year Level at School .....