

February 24, 2020

Dear Parents of children ready for First Communion instruction and 4th grade acolyte training,

Mark your calendar for **these 3 sessions:**

- 1) **We begin on *Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm Teaching & Seder Meal;***
- 2) ***Monday, March 30 at 6:30pm Acolyte Training for 4th Graders;***
- 3) ***Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm Making communion bread and decorating chalices.***

Again, these classes are for those children whose parents sense a readiness for their child to participate in a First Communion Instruction class. Although age is the criterion used for mailing this letter, it may not be the best indication of Spiritual readiness of your child. Please have a discussion with your son or daughter about this significant event in their life. I, then, encourage you to make the decision as to whether you will register your child this year for these important classes or wait another year. *In years past, we have limited classes to be offered to 4th graders and older. For the past several years, it has been opened up to younger ages, based on parents' discretion.*

We will celebrate a Seder/Passover meal together, design personal chalices, make communion bread to share with the congregation, and prepare ALL 4th graders to be an active participant of our Acolyte program. Parents are expected to participate in the class with their child/children. **First Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 9th, during our 7:00pm worship service with a reception to follow.** This is a service where we encourage you to invite your child/children's sponsor to attend and take part in. Most classes will make use of the Bible so students are expected to bring their Bible and if they have Luther's small catechism that will also be a valuable resource to have along. There are discussion questions and activities for the family to participate in at home. Be sure that you plan a regular time for those elements of First Communion instruction.

Contact the church office secretary via stolafsecretary@gmail.com to register attendance.

You may also contact Clara Birkel at 262-622-3191 to register or to have any questions answered. For planning purposes, please register your child by **Sunday, March 1st**. Attached is the registration form to be turned in via mail, dropped off in the office, or e-mail.

Thank you very much for your interest in your child/children's spiritual growth.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Tom Pietz