



First Communion at Zion Lutheran Church

Dear First Communicant and Parents/Guardians,

First Communion is an important step in faith development. At Zion, students in fourth grade or approximately age 9, as well as children who have not had the opportunity previously, will celebrate First Communion with their family on **Palm Sunday, March 16th at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.**

First communion is a highlight in the year for Zion and the participating families. To help your family feel well prepared for the special day at the Lord's Table, please plan on attending the following events:

- 1) **First Communion Introduction Class**—for first communicants and their parents—Sunday, February 10th from 12 noon – 2 p.m. We'll be starting in The Gathering; lunch will be provided.
- 2) **Family Lessons**—between February 10th and March 9th—we ask parents and students to work together to complete the lessons in the family study book, *Come to God's Table*. Books will be distributed at class on February 10th.
- 3) **Second First Communion Class**—for first communicants and parents—Sunday, March 9th from 12 noon – 2 p.m. Again, we'll meet in The Gathering and lunch will be served.
- 4) **The Feast of Passover/The Seder Meal**—for first communicants and all of their family (ie: siblings, godparents, grandparents, etc.) Saturday, March 15th from 5-7 p.m. in Piper Hall.

A fee of \$25.00 per family is requested to defray the cost of books, lunches, and the Seder meal. Please make checks payable to Zion and note First Communion in the memo line.

We look forward to having all families engage in this significant event! Please check the boxes where your family can assist. When each family selects two or more areas, the event is easily managed and more fun! At our first meeting, we will finalize who can help where. Please return the registration sheet and payment to the church office by February 7th, just prior to our first meeting.

Occasionally, families have conflicts with a session. Please speak with Michelle Clifford (668-6309 or tm3clifford@yahoo.com) to work out an alternative solution. We want you to enjoy the benefits of a family-centered approach to your first Lord's Supper! Thanks for your support and enthusiasm for our Zion community of faith. It's a joy to share with you a growing commitment to Christ.

In His Service,

Barry Ludwig
Senior Pastor

and

Michelle Clifford
Interim First Communion Director