

Dear parents of 5th or 6th graders,

Each spring we offer an Early Communion course for students who have expressed a clear interest in things of the Christian faith, and who have also expressed a desire to commune with their parents. Our prerequisites are that the family has been in worship and Sunday School regularly for at least the previous 2 years.

For those eligible families, we offer a series of two parent/child classes that will prepare the child to take the Lord's supper, while working alongside their parent(s) as they learn more about Lutheran theology. Videos, worksheets and discussion guides are worked through by the family before each class, and the Pastor then responds to questions that have arisen in the watching and family discussion along with an active component for all. The family commitment is this:

1. Have at least one parent attend with the Early Communicant for both Session 1 and Session 2. Session 1 is offered at Yankee Hill on March 8, 11:30 - 2:00 OR at Sumner on March 15, 12:00 - 2:30. Session 2 is offered at Yankee Hill on March 22 11:30 - 2:00 OR at Sumner on March 29, 12:00 - 2:30. Both sessions are required.

2. Watch all videos and discuss at home following the guide, and complete all homework and memory assignments between sessions. Upon registration, you can expect to receive all of this on March 3rd.

Registration deadline is March 1st, and the child desiring to go through Early Communion should fill the form out him/herself, as there is a personal faith essay they will be completing.

The registration forms:

Sumner Campus

<https://christne.infellowship.com/Forms/435390>

Yankee Hill Campus

<https://christne.infellowship.com/Forms/435396>

There is no problem in waiting until confirmation (early in your child's 9th grade year) for the first experience of communion; the majority of our families choose this route. But some children are ready now. We want to make that possible.

If you have additional questions, please contact Director of Family Ministries Rebecca Fisher.