

## FIRST IMMANUEL IS NOW AN OFFICIAL “BOOK OF FAITH” CONGREGATION

As of the last Council meeting, First Immanuel is officially a part of the ELCA Book of Faith movement. We’ve signed on to this churchwide effort to increase biblical literacy—that is, to help all of us make scripture a natural and vital part of our faith life. It flows from the basic conviction that *the language of Scripture is our first language of faith, and as we all become more fluent in this language we will be renewed, enlivened, and empowered.* What will this emphasis look like at First Immanuel? Time will tell, and you can help shape it. Already our children’s Sunday School is making the basic Bible stories come alive for our kids. Our Adult Forum is using Book of Faith study materials to explore how to interpret scripture and understand the Bible’s origins. Our Church Council begins every meeting with in-depth Bible study. There are many ways we can grow in keeping the Bible central, and we invite you to join in. To learn more, visit the official Web site at [www.bookoffaith.org](http://www.bookoffaith.org), or sign up for weekly Book of Faith e-mails from Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke at [www.oregonsynod.org/bookoffaith/](http://www.oregonsynod.org/bookoffaith/).