

American Sign Language II & IV

Tuesdays 1:00-2:30*

Grade Level: 7-12**

Teacher: Pat Bonnet

**Student Fee: \$30 (payable to Pat Bonnet)
Copy Fee \$5 (payable to Sovereign Grace Church)**

Class size: 10 max

Course Description: This is a continuation of ASL I & III***. Class will meet for 1 1/2 hour each week with additional home practice. Students will add to their vocabulary base and acquire knowledge of the basic structures of American Sign Language through drills and exercises, vocabulary, dialogues, and translations. We will work towards improving both expressive and receptive skills.

Students will be provided with a booklet: Faith Speaks! Expressing God's Word In Sign Language. There will be a scripture assigned for memorization each week. In addition, articles on Deaf culture/current issues and corresponding comprehension questions will be assigned weekly. As a class, we may translate various worship songs into ASL format.

Students will prepare a short research project for display at the Year End Event. As a class, in the spring we will translate a song or skit to perform at the YEE.

Internet access that allows for video clip viewing is needed. Homework assignments may include these. There are also several sites that I will recommend for online dictionaries.

Required Texts: We will continue with the text we are using this year* and I will supplement with additional materials from the updated edition.

*I have additional used copies which new students can borrow.

Suggested Resource: The Gallaudet Dictionary of American Sign Language

Clayton Valli (Editor), et al.

ISBN-10: 1563682826

Includes searchable DVD

Not required, but recommended for students who intend to pursue ASL as their second language, and desire to serve in the church's deaf ministry.

Goals: My goal is to build students' skill and confidence such that they may be able to reach out to our Deaf members and visitors by developing relationships with them.

Helper Information: None needed

*Talk with me if this time slot doesn't work for you. Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 is another possibility.

**7th & 8th graders must be disciplined to complete work regularly and independently.

***A student interested in this course who has not completed ASL I may be considered for class if they are willing to complete work via DVD at home over the summer.