

American Sign Language II & IV

Tuesdays 11:00-12:30

Grade Level: 7-12**

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Student Fee: \$35

Class size: 8 max

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.

There will be a scripture assigned for memorization each week. In addition, a fingerseek (wordsearch in the manual alphabet) and an article on Deaf culture/current issues with corresponding comprehension questions will be assigned weekly. As a class, we may also 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:
A Basic Course in American Sign Language,
Tom Humphries, Carol Padden and Terrence J. O'Rourke
ISBN-10: 0932666248
Student Study Guide to a Basic Course in American Sign Language,
Frances De Capite
ISBN-10: 0932666337

ASL II-IV will cover lessons 11-22. Several church families have these sets, which they may be willing to loan or sell, and I have one or two extra copies you may borrow. There are used copies available on the Internet. Older editions are fine, as I own both editions, and the differences are small.

I will provide the translated scripture verse booklet, and a binder with dividers for each student.

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 and develop relationships with them.

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