



# IMMANUEL

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## LUTHERAN

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To: Immanuel Lutheran Church Catechism students (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders) and parents

Dear family in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Catechism (instruction leading to confirmation) is a long-established program in the Christian Church. Your child is of the age when he/she can and should be part of this instruction. This instruction is a study of the faith given to your child in their Baptism and is leading to a time when each person publicly professes their Christian faith in front of the Church and God. All baptized members of Immanuel are encouraged to take this next step in becoming communicant members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. For our Jr. High students, this is also a wonderful time of bonding with their church family! Retreats, service projects and youth group activities all serve as wonderful ways to unite and strengthen bonds with God's family. We hope you will help us make this a significant time in your child's life by prioritizing confirmation in your home.

Confirmation is just one steppingstone along the path of a life that is continually being formed by God's Word within the Church family. This time of study will help strengthen faith, bring understanding to God's work in and through us all and equip the students with the knowledge and skills to continually confirm their faith throughout their lives. In other words, *catechism class seeks to give students the tools to stand strong in their faith and cling to God's Word and promises in the midst of a chaotic life.*

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

There will be an introductory meeting on either on **Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, in the sanctuary or at 10am or Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall** where we will go over all the requirements as set forth by Immanuel, the schedule for achieving those requirements, our covenant agreement outlining expectations for all involved (pastor included!) and any questions you may have.

- This year, instruction will take place in the classroom for Immanuel Students.
- For the Public-School Students, it will take place Thursday evening at 7:15pm after Worship November through April 2022/23. We will meet in the **Fellowship Hall**
- Confirmation Sunday (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will be May 7<sup>th</sup> during Service
- Faith Essays will be read in the prior 2 Sunday services before confirmation on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in our Sunday Service. All Faith Essays should be conducted during the Sunday Service.

Please do all you can to attend either the November 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> meetings, and I pray I'll see you in worship before then. May God bless your family and your growth in the faith throughout these months and years.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Mark Peters