Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Dear one, we need to get ready for the next step of making your Affirmation of Baptism (the Rite of Confirmation) before the congregation this fall.

In preparation...

- 1. Remember that **Sunday, October 24, at 9:30 am** you will make your **Affirmation of Baptism**. Be sure to invite your baptismal sponsor(s) and others you hold dear.
- 2. The preceding Sunday, October 17, during the coffee hour that hopefully will follow the 9:30 am service you will share your Faith Project at a Faith Fair in the Fellowship Hall. This doesn't involve public speaking in front of a packed room (unless you choose to do that for your Faith Project). It's simply sharing one-on-one whatever you create to express where you are on your faith journey.
- 3. So how do you prepare your Faith Project?
 - a. Start with honestly reflecting on your faith and life in God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Write down your answers to the questions on the back of this letter and submit a copy (hardcopy or email) to me NO LATER THAN JULY 4. Be sure your name is on anything you turn in.
 - b. Now decide how you're going to **share your reflections with the congregation by considering what you enjoy doing**. Would you like to share your thoughts by writing an essay or story or poem? Or maybe you'd like to compose and/or sing a song? Choreograph a dance? How about creating a skit or a piece of art? Woodworking, anyone? Design a lesson to teach young Sunday School students or a service project to share God's love? The possibilities are endless.
 - c. Create your Faith Project.
 - d. Set an interview time with me to discuss your completed project. Please do this NO LATER THAN September 2. It is your job to schedule an interview time with me.

Questions? Probably many! I'm here to help (including if everything I've just written makes no sense), and your faith mentors are also a good source of help.

In Christ,

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FAITH PRE-PROJECT REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Before you start on your Faith Project, answer the following questions for yourself. Please submit a copy of your answer to Pastor Steve no later than July 4. If you're emailing something, send it to PastorSteve@ImmanuelNegaunee.org.

- 1. Tell me about the HOLY TRINITY.
- 2. Write about a time in your life when you became aware of your sinfulness and aware of JESUS as your SAVIOR and LORD. How does Jesus help?
- 3. What EVENTS (happy or sad) in your life have had the greatest impact on your faith in God? How was God present (or not)?
- 4. If you could ask God ANY QUESTION, what question would you ask?
- 5. What does it mean to you to WORSHIP God? How do you worship?
- 6. Tell me how PRAYER has been a part of your life. How has it helped? Do you ever hear God speaking to you?
- 7. Tell me about a time you've been GENEROUS or full of GRATITUDE with your MONEY, your SERVICE, or care of CREATION. How was God involved?
- 8. Tell me about a CHRISTIAN THAT YOU ADMIRE. What is there about that person that you respect?
- 9. Choose a BIBLE VERSE that you find meaningful. This will be your confirmation verse. You will be asked to recite it from memory at the confirmation service.
- 10. Confirmation is NOT GRADUATION, but an ordination into a deeper Christian life, so WHAT NEXT *AS* CHURCH and *AT* CHURCH...after confirmation?