



# St. John's Lutheran Church

**Dear 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families (2021-2022),**

The new school year is right around the corner and with it comes a new year for confirmation at St. John's Lutheran Church. I am pleased to welcome those who will be beginning confirmation with us this year, as well as welcoming back those students who will start their second year of the program. Our confirmation program is one of the biggest and most important ministries in which our congregation takes part. Not only do students spend two years learning about the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism, but it is also a time in which they will develop friendships with classmates and small group leaders, take part in service projects, and have meaningful conversations with a mentor of their choosing.

**Class for the 2021-2022 program year begins the week of September 19, 2021. There are options for class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am or on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. Class is 45-50 minutes long. Our time together will be in person with lots of active learning and fun! Our emphasis for class is on building community.**

Our program continues to change and adapt to fit the needs of the families in our programming. The goal is to be flexible while building community as we learn and grow in our faith together. While we understand that life is busy and multiple commitments compete for our attention, at St. John's we believe that rooting ourselves in regular worship of God as well as spiritual practices such as prayer, service projects, and scripture reading connect us deeply to God and to one another. With this in mind, we ask that whenever possible, families worship together and parents be involved in the confirmation program with their students. (There are a wide variety of opportunities for worship, both online and in-person that you may take part in, as well as a variety of ways for parents to be involved.) You as parents are their best teachers of faith and love of God, as well as examples to be people of God in the world. Please know that pastoral and program staff are available to equip and support you in this journey. Please see updates on worship times and opportunities at [www.stjohnskasson.org/worship](http://www.stjohnskasson.org/worship).

Registration is available at [www.stjohnskasson.org/confirmation](http://www.stjohnskasson.org/confirmation). This allows us to update our records at the beginning of each school year to assure we can connect with you! If you prefer a paper copy, please let me know. You do not need to complete a paper copy if you fill out the online form. You may contact me at any time regarding questions and/or concerns. You can reach me at [lindsay@stjohnskasson.org](mailto:lindsay@stjohnskasson.org) or by call/text at 507-319-4930.

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