

September 23, 2020

Dear Religious Education Parents,

We will be starting RE late this year, but we will begin shortly! Included with this letter you will find the following items:

- ❖ RE calendar 2020 - 2021
- ❖ RE registration form (return via mail or on first day of class)
- ❖ Safe Environment Training info and verification

We will begin our RE school year Oct 11 and Oct 18. I list two days because this year we will break up our RE program in half: **Grades K - 4 on one week, and Grades 5 - 9 another week.** This will allow us to have spacing that is safer while COVID is still a health concern. Please wear masks unless contraindicated for medical reasons. We will meet with lower grades once a month, and older grades once a month. The other two or three Sundays a month I leave it to you and your family's wisdom. Celebrate and learn about our faith as you are able. **We will provide books for each family as a resource on the first day of class.**

We will have some special events available throughout the year, too, that I hope will be very enjoyable for everyone. Bonding us closer to one another and to God.

OCT 24th: please drop off a carved pumpkin from your family for display on the church lawn. Prizes awarded!

OCT 31st: Prayer service for all the dead via Jitsi. Halloween movie watch party to follow!

NOV 29: Advent prayer service via Jitsi or at home

DEC 20: Blue Christmas Service with Immanuel Lutheran (location TBD)

JAN 03: Blessing of Children (at church or at home by parents)

Further events will be forthcoming. I am so hoping that 2021 will see some big progress in terms of a COVID vaccine. Please, in the meanwhile, let me know if you have ideas, questions, or suggestions about how our church can be *Church* better during these unusual times. My prayers have been with your families all during this strange season of life. Stay well and keep praying! I look forward to connecting with you all again soon, in person, whether that is face to face or virtually.

Peace always!

Fr. Matt